

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

Day 1: Rest in the Mercy That Starts It All

****Reading:**** Romans 12:1; Ephesians 2:4-5; Lamentations 3:22-23

****Devotional:****

Every search for God's will must begin in the same place: the mercy of God. Before Paul says a single word about surrender or transformation, he anchors everything in what God has already done. You are not approaching a volatile, unpredictable judge when you seek His direction. You are approaching a Father whose compassions are new every single morning. The paralysis and anxiety you feel when searching for His will often trace back to a distorted view of who God is. Settle this truth first: His love for you is not conditional on your perfect choices. You already have His approval in Christ. Start there.

****Reflection:**** In what area of your life are you seeking God's will from a place of fear rather than a place of security in His love?

Day 2: The Altar of Everyday Life

****Reading:**** Romans 12:1; Luke 9:23; Galatians 2:20

****Devotional:****

A living sacrifice is the most demanding kind, because it keeps wanting to climb back off the altar. Total surrender sounds dramatic, but in practice it happens in the smallest, most ordinary moments of your day. It happens when you choose honesty in a conversation where a lie would be easier. It happens when you release control of a relationship you have been white-knuckling for months. Paul did not call you to one dramatic moment of surrender; he called you to a daily dying to self. The will of God is not revealed to people who are still negotiating the terms of their surrender. It is revealed to those who have already said yes.

****Reflection:**** What specific area of your life are you still holding back from God, and what would it look like to place that fully on the altar today?

Day 3: Uninstalling the World's Software

****Reading:**** Romans 12:2; Colossians 3:2; Philippians 4:8

****Devotional:****

The world has been running its programming in your mind for years. It has defined success, worth, beauty, and purpose in ways that are completely contrary to the Kingdom of God. You cannot simply add a layer of Christian language on top of a mind that has been shaped entirely by comparison, self-preservation, and performance. Transformation requires uninstalling the old operating system. This is why daily immersion in Scripture is not optional for the believer who genuinely wants to know God's will. The renewing of your mind is not a one-time event; it is a continuous, daily process of replacing the world's definitions with God's truth.

****Reflection:**** What specific thought pattern or cultural definition of success has most deeply shaped the way you make decisions, and how does Scripture challenge that pattern?

Day 4: The Will You Do Not Have to Guess About

****Reading:**** Romans 12:2; Micah 6:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

****Devotional:****

Much of the anxiety surrounding God's will is spent on questions He has already answered. Scripture is not silent on what God requires of you. He has called you to act justly, love mercy, walk humbly, rejoice consistently, pray without ceasing, and give thanks in every circumstance. These are not suggestions for the spiritually advanced; they are the revealed will of God for every believer in every season. When you faithfully do what God has already made clear, you position yourself to receive clarity on the things that remain open. Obedience in the known opens the door to guidance in the unknown.

****Reflection:**** Which of God's clearly revealed commands have you been neglecting while searching for answers to questions He has not yet addressed?

Day 5: Follow the Guide Through the Fog

****Reading:**** Psalm 23:3; Isaiah 30:21; Philippians 1:6; Proverbs 3:5-6

****Devotional:****

You do not need to see the summit to take the next step. You do not need the blueprint for the next five years to be faithful in the next five minutes. God is not hiding His will from you; He is walking ahead of you, and your assignment is simply to keep your eyes on Him. The

fog of an uncertain future is not a sign that God has abandoned you or that you have missed your calling. It is an invitation to trust the Shepherd more deeply than you trust your own ability to navigate. He who began a good work in you has not lost interest in finishing it.

****Reflection:**** Where in your life do you need to release the demand for a complete roadmap and simply trust the next step the Shepherd is showing you today?