

From Running to Revival Week 4 Devotional

Day 1: Responding to God's Second Chances Reading: Jonah 3:1-5

Devotional: God's love for us is persistent and patient. Just as He gave Jonah a second chance to fulfill his calling, He offers us renewed opportunities to align our lives with His will. Reflect on areas where you may have been running from God's call. What fears or doubts have held you back? Remember that God's grace is sufficient, and His power is made perfect in our weakness. Today, listen for God's voice calling you to "get up and go." What mission might He be rekindling in your heart? Pray for courage to step out in faith, trusting that God will equip you for whatever He calls you to do.

Day 2: Overcoming Fear with Faith Reading: 2 Timothy 1:6-7

Devotional: Fear can be a powerful force that suppresses the gifts God has placed within us. Paul reminds Timothy to "fan into flame" the gift of God, assuring him that we have been given a spirit of power, love, and self-discipline. Consider the talents or callings you may have neglected due to fear or insecurity. How might your life look different if you fully embraced these gifts? Spend time in prayer, asking God to help you rekindle His gifts in your life. Challenge yourself to take one small step today towards using your gifts for His glory, trusting in His power rather than your own abilities.

Day 3: The Power of Repentance Reading: Joel 2:12-14

Devotional: True revival begins with genuine repentance. The prophet Joel calls us to turn to God with all our hearts, through fasting, weeping, and mourning. This isn't about external shows of piety, but a deep, internal change of heart. Reflect on areas in your life where you may have grown complacent in your faith or compromised your values. What would it look like to "tear your heart" in repentance over these areas? Remember that God is "gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love." As you confess and turn from sin, trust in His forgiveness and transforming power. Consider fasting from something today as an act of seeking God more earnestly.

Day 4: Awakening to God's Mission Reading: Psalm 67:1-7

Devotional: God's blessings in our lives are meant to overflow to others, that "all peoples on earth may know your salvation." As we experience personal revival, it should naturally lead to a burden for those who don't yet know Christ. Reflect on your neighborhood, workplace, or social circles. Do you have an "agony" for those who don't know Jesus? Ask God to give you His heart for the lost. Pray through Psalm 67, personalizing it for your community. How might God want to use you to make His ways known on earth? Consider one practical step you can take this week to share God's love with someone who doesn't know Him.

Day 5: Breaking Up Unplowed Ground Reading: Hosea 10:12

Devotional: Spiritual growth often requires hard work, like breaking up unplowed ground. There may be areas of your life that have become hardened or neglected over time. What "unplowed ground" exists in your spiritual life? Perhaps it's a neglected spiritual discipline, an area of unforgiveness, or a long-ignored prompting from the Holy Spirit. Breaking this ground may be challenging, but it's necessary for new growth. Ask God to show you where you need to "break up your unplowed ground." Commit to taking steps to cultivate this area, trusting that as you seek Him, He will "rain righteousness" on you. End your devotional time by writing a prayer of commitment to pursue deeper spiritual growth, even when it's difficult.