



5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

Sermon: Throw Your Coat And Burn The Plow

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Day 1: Finding True Joy

Devotional: In our pursuit of happiness, we often chase after things that seem to promise joy but leave us feeling empty. True joy and contentment come from walking in the path God has laid out for us, even when it doesn't seem like the easiest or most appealing route. Elijah's story reminds us that following God's plan, even in times of rebellion and moral confusion, leads to true fulfillment. Elijah ministered during a time of great rebellion in Israel, much like the moral confusion we see today. Yet, he found his purpose and joy in following God's call. We, too, can find joy and peace by aligning our lives with God's will, trusting that His plan is greater than our own. 'If I try to do what looks like it will make me happy, then I will be a miserable person the rest of my life. But if I will try to walk out the plan that God has laid before me, even if it doesn't look like it's what's going to make me happy, that's where I will find joy. That's where I will find contentment. That's where I will find peace.' Reflect on your life and consider where you might be chasing temporary happiness instead of lasting joy in God's plan.

Bible Verse: 'So he departed from there and found Elisha the son of Shaphat, who was plowing with twelve yoke of oxen in front of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and cast his cloak upon him.' - 1 Kings 19:19

Reflection Question: Are there areas in your life where you are pursuing temporary happiness instead of seeking the lasting joy that comes from following God's plan?

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Prayer: Lord, help me to trust in Your plan for my life. Guide me to seek true joy and contentment in Your will, even when it seems difficult. Give me the strength to follow Your path and find peace in Your purpose. Amen.

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Day 2: Embracing God's Orchestration

Devotional: When God orchestrates events in our lives, it's crucial to recognize His hand and move in obedience. Elijah's encounter with Elisha was divinely orchestrated, and Elisha's response set the stage for his future ministry. Similarly, we must be attentive to God's guidance and ready to act when He calls. Elijah's obedience in casting his cloak on Elisha symbolizes the passing of spiritual responsibility and mentorship. This act wasn't just about Elijah; it was about God's greater plan for Israel. When we see God's hand at work, we must be willing to step out in faith and follow His lead. 'When the Lord orchestrates things together, you better move in it and you better walk in it.' Consider how God might be orchestrating events in your life and how you can respond in faith.

Bible Verse: 'And he left the oxen and ran after Elijah and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." And he said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?"' - 1 Kings 19:20

Reflection Question: How can you be more attentive to God's orchestration in your life and respond in faith when He calls?

Quote: When the Lord orchestrates things together, you better move in it and you better walk in it.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, open my eyes to see Your hand at work in my life. Give me the courage to move in obedience when You orchestrate events and guide me to follow Your lead with faith and trust. Amen.

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Day 3: Using What You Have

Devotional: God can use anything and anyone to accomplish His purposes. Elijah's story shows us that it's not about our abilities or resources but about our willingness to be used by God. Just as Jesus used loaves and fishes to feed thousands, He can use whatever we have to offer. Elisha was plowing with oxen when Elijah called him. He wasn't a prophet or a priest; he was an ordinary man doing ordinary work. Yet, God saw potential in him and called him to a greater purpose. We, too, can be used by God in extraordinary ways, no matter how ordinary we may feel. 'If Jesus can use the loaves and the fishes, he also can use hot dogs and ice cream.' Reflect on the gifts and resources you have and how God might use them for His glory.

Bible Verse: 'And he returned from following him and took the yoke of oxen and sacrificed them and boiled their flesh with the yokes of the oxen and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he arose and went after Elijah and assisted him.' - 1 Kings 19:21

Reflection Question: What ordinary gifts or resources do you have that God might use for His extraordinary purposes?

Quote: If Jesus can use the loaves and the fishes, he also can use hot dogs and ice cream.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the gifts and resources You've given me. Help me to see how I can use them for Your glory and to further Your kingdom. Use me in extraordinary ways, even in my ordinary circumstances. Amen.

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Day 4: Mentoring the Next Generation

Devotional: Mentorship is a vital part of our spiritual journey. Elijah's act of casting his cloak on Elisha was a powerful symbol of passing on spiritual responsibility. As mature believers, we have a responsibility to mentor and raise up the next generation of leaders. Mentoring isn't always easy, and it can get messy. But it's essential for the growth and continuation of our faith. We must create an environment where the next generation can thrive and do even greater things than we have done. 'Winning is raising up someone to take my position. Losing is never giving someone the opportunity that is called an anointing to thrive.' Think about how you can invest in the next generation and help them grow in their faith.

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Reflection Question: How can you invest in the next generation and help them grow in their faith and calling?

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Prayer: Father, help me to see the potential in others and invest in their spiritual growth. Give me the wisdom and patience to mentor and guide the next generation, so they can thrive and continue Your work. Amen.

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Day 5: Declaring God's Word

Devotional: The power to transform our world lies in declaring God's word. Elijah's ministry was marked by bold proclamations of God's truth, even in the face of opposition. We, too, are called to declare God's word over our families, communities, and challenges. In a world filled with moral confusion and rebellion against God's design, our voices must be clear and unwavering. Declaring God's word brings light into darkness and has the power to change lives and circumstances. 'The only thing that is going to change the world, the only thing that's going to change your school, the only thing that's going to change your home, the only thing that's going to change your workplace is declaring the word of the Lord.' Consider how you can boldly declare God's word in your life and the lives of those around you.

Bible Verse: 'And he said, "I have been very jealous for the Lord, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.'" - 1 Kings 19:10

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life do you need to boldly declare God's word and truth?

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Prayer: Lord, give me the courage to boldly declare Your word in every area of my life. Help me to be a light in the darkness and to speak Your truth with love and conviction. Amen.

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