



Five-Day Devotional 25
Devotional: You Have the Advantage
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From the Pastor's Desk

Devotional Inspiration
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Introduction: As a follower of Jesus Christ, you start each day with an advantage. No matter what challenges, pressures, disappointments, or uncertainties may stand before you, you begin the day with a greater plus over every minus because of your new identity in Christ. Jesus declared in John 10:10 that He came so we may have life more abundantly, and throughout Scripture we see the power of a life anchored in God's presence, promises, and purpose.

This advantage does not mean the absence of hardship. It means hardship is no longer the final authority over your life. Because God is with you, you are never without hope, strength, peace, or direction. What you face may be real, but so is the sustaining power of God working within you.

That is why Hebrews 11 is so powerful. The faithful endured suffering, delay, uncertainty, opposition, and impossible situations, yet their testimony remained victorious. Their advantage was not found in perfect circumstances, but in steadfast faith in a faithful God. The advantage testimony is always on the side of the faithful.

Over these next five days, this devotional will encourage you to see yourself through the lens of God's promises and to live with confidence, endurance, and expectation. Whatever you are facing, you are still at the advantage because of God in your life.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

Note to reader: This five-day devotional is designed to encourage and reaffirm that when you pray, you are deepening your walk with God. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.



Day 1 — You have the advantage because of your new Identity in Christ

Key scripture: II Corinthians 5:17: “If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation...”

Devotional thought: The beginning of spiritual advantage is identity. Before circumstances change, God changes the person. In Christ, your past no longer has final authority over your future. Your worth is not determined by failure, fear, or public opinion. God calls you redeemed, chosen, forgiven, and alive in Christ.

This identity does not mean life becomes easy. It means you no longer face life alone or powerless. The believer starts from acceptance, not striving for acceptance.

Additional scriptures: Romans 8:1; Ephesians 2:10; John 1:12.

Reflection: What labels or past experiences compete with God’s definition of who you are?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me walk in the identity You have given me through Christ rather than the identity fear or failure tries to assign.



Day 2 — You have the advantage because of the abundant life.

Key scripture: John 10:10: “I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.”

Devotional thought: Jesus did not promise a life without hardship, but He did promise fullness of life. Abundant life includes peace in chaos, joy in difficulty, wisdom in confusion, and hope during uncertainty.

The enemy seeks to steal purpose, destroy peace, and kill faith. Christ restores what darkness attempts to remove. Spiritual advantage is living from God’s presence rather than reacting only to circumstances.

Additional scriptures: Psalm 23:1-4; John 16:33; Philippians 4:7.

Reflection: Where do you need Christ’s abundance to replace anxiety, emptiness, or discouragement?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, teach me to live from the fullness of Your presence and not from fear or lack.



Day 3 — You have the advantage because of faith in the middle of a challenge

Key scripture: Hebrews 11:1: “Faith is the substance of things hoped for...”

Devotional thought: Hebrews 11 reminds us that faith is not denial of hardship. Noah faced ridicule. Abraham faced uncertainty. Moses faced opposition. Many endured suffering without seeing immediate fulfillment.

Yet their testimony remained victorious because they trusted God beyond what they could presently see.

Faith gives endurance when circumstances give no evidence of immediate change. The advantage of faith is confidence that God remains faithful even in unfinished seasons.

Additional scriptures: Romans 4:20–21; II Corinthians 5:7; James 1:2-4.

Reflection: What situation is testing your ability to trust God beyond visible results?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, strengthen my faith to trust You even when the outcome is still unfolding.



Day 4 — You have the advantage because of strength through weakness

Key scripture: II Corinthians 12:9: “My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness.”

Devotional thought: The kingdom of God often works opposite to human expectation. Weakness becomes the place where God demonstrates strength. Trials become opportunities for perseverance. Dependence becomes a doorway to grace.

Paul learned that victory was not self-sufficiency but God-sufficiency. Your advantage is not merely personal ability — it is God working through surrendered humanity.

Additional scriptures: Isaiah 40:31; Romans 8:26; Philippians 4:13.

Reflection: How might God be using a place of weakness to reveal His strength in your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me rely on Your strength instead of exhausting myself trying to carry everything alone.



Day 5 — You have the advantage because of the testimony of the faithful.

Key scripture: Hebrews 11:39–40: “These were all commended for their faith...” v39 NIV.

Devotional thought: The final message of Hebrews 11 is not perfection but faithfulness. The faithful endured battles, disappointments, delays, and suffering — yet God honored their trust.

Your story is still being written. Temporary setbacks do not cancel eternal promises. Faithfulness becomes a testimony not only to others but also to future generations. Because God is with you, challenge is never the entire story.

Additional scriptures: Romans 8:37; Galatians 6:9; Revelation 12:11.

Reflection: What testimony might God be building through your current season?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help my life become a testimony of perseverance, faith, and trust in Your promises.