



**Five-Day Devotional 43: A Five-Week Journey Expressing the Heart of Christmas**  
**Week Three — December 15-19, 2025**

From the Pastor's Desk  
Devotional Inspiration  
**A Five-Week Journey Expressing the Heart of Christmas**  
**One Affecting All**

Introduction: Welcome to the third devotional in **A Five-Week Journey Expressing the Heart of Christmas**. Something happened on that first Christmas that changed the world forever. A young virgin conceived and gave birth to the Savior — **Jesus Christ, the Son of God**. Though the times were difficult and uncertain, Mary chose to trust and submit to God's will. In that moment, the promises spoken long ago through the prophets came to life: The first devotional week prepared our hearts to see that God works through the unusual to accomplish His extraordinary plan. The second devotional continued our journey with focus on "Submission Over circumstances." This third devotional emphasizes how the obedience of one Virgin affected all.

The Christmas story reminds us that God often works through one person to bless many. In His divine wisdom, God chose the Virgin Mary to conceive and give birth to the Savior—Jesus Christ—who would lift us all from the weight of sin.

We should not be jealous or envious when God chooses to do something *to* and *through* another person. His choice is never random or exclusive; it's purposeful and redemptive. The birth of the Savior through Mary was not just for her blessing but for ours. God's actions always carry a collective purpose—even when His work begins with an individual.

Just as "*God so loved the world that He gave His only Son*" (John 3:16), His love and plans are meant to touch the whole world. Every divine assignment, though it may rest on one person's shoulders, has ripple effects meant to reach many.

When God develops you, it's not only for your personal growth but for the strengthening of the entire body of Christ. And when He blesses or disciplines another, it may very well be for your benefit too. His plans are interconnected, working all things together for good. "**One Affecting All**" captures the heart of God's redemptive plan revealed in Christmas.

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.*



## Jesus

### Day 1 — God works through one to bless many

**Scripture:** *Luke 1:30–31; John 3:16*

“You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus... For God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son.” ---NLT

**Insight:** God chose one young woman—Mary—to carry the Savior who would redeem the entire world. Her obedience set in motion a plan that would touch every generation. God often begins His greatest works through one person whose faith and surrender affect countless others.

**Implication:** God’s calling on one’s life is rarely for that person alone; it is designed to release blessings to many.

**Application:**

- Don’t underestimate how your obedience can influence others.
- Recognize that God’s work in you is meant to flow through you.
- Celebrate the way God uses you and others as channels of His grace.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for working through individuals to bless many. Help me see the bigger picture of Your plan and use my life as a vessel of Your love and purpose. May my obedience today serve someone else’s deliverance tomorrow.



## Day 2 — God's choice is purposeful, not partial

**Scripture:** *Romans 9:15–16*

“I will have mercy on whom I have mercy... So then it *does* not *depend* on the man who wills or the man who runs, but on God who has mercy.” --NASB.

**Insight:** God's choices are rooted in purpose, not preference. He chose Mary not because she was superior, but because she was surrendered. When God raises someone up or uses them uniquely, it is for His divine plan, not personal promotion.

**Implication:** God's favor toward others is not a rejection of you—it's part of a greater design that will ultimately include you.

### **Application:**

- Resist envy when God blesses or elevates another person.
- Rejoice that His purpose in them also benefits you.
- See yourself as part of God's interconnected plan, not isolated from it.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, free my heart from jealousy and comparison. Help me to celebrate the ways You use others. Let me find joy in knowing that Your favor on one is meant to bless all, including me.



### Day 3 — God’s development in you is for the good of others too

**Scripture:** *Philippians 2:13; 1 Corinthians 12:7*

“for it is God who works in you both to will and to do for *His* good pleasure.”

“A spiritual gift is given to each of us so we can help each other.”—1 Cor. 12:7 NLT.

**Insight:** God never develops you in isolation. Every lesson, trial, and triumph carries a purpose beyond yourself. The Spirit’s work within you is designed to strengthen others in the body of Christ.

**Implication:** Personal growth in God always produces corporate impact. Your obedience, growth, and healing become instruments of grace for someone else.

**Application:**

- Ask God how your current season can bless others.
- Share testimonies of what He has done in you to encourage faith in others.
- Remember: your development is not wasted—it’s multiplied.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for working in me for the good of others. Shape me through every season so that my life becomes a testimony of Your faithfulness. Help me to pour out what You pour in.



#### **Day 4 — God's work in others can also benefit you**

**Scripture:** *1 Corinthians 12:12–14; Romans 12:4–5*

Just as a body, though one, has many parts... so in Christ we, though many, form one body.

**Insight:** When God blesses, disciplines, or refines another believer, it's not isolated—it's connected to your growth as well. Every part of the body is affected by the development of another.

**Implication:** The growth of others strengthens the whole. God's blessings upon others often prepare the way for yours.

**Application:**

- Celebrate the victories of others in the faith community.
- Learn from how God works in them—it may reveal something He's preparing in you.
- Pray for others' growth as passionately as you do your own.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You for the body of Christ. Help me to see that we rise and grow together. Let my heart rejoice when You bless others, knowing their increase is also for my strengthening.



## Day 5 — One Savior, one sacrifice, for all people

**Scripture:** *Romans 5:18–19; 1 Timothy 2:5–6*

“Yes, Adam's one sin brings condemnation for everyone, but Christ's one act of righteousness brings a right relationship with God and new life for everyone.”—Rom. 5:18 NLT.

**Insight:** Through one man’s obedience—Jesus Christ—salvation came to all. The story that began with one woman’s “yes” climaxed in one Savior’s sacrifice for the world. Christmas reminds us that **God’s actions in one life can change every life.**

**Implication:** God’s plan is universal in reach and eternal in power. Christ’s coming affects all of creation, redeeming what was lost through one act of divine love.

**Application:**

- Reflect on how Christ’s obedience impacts your daily life.
- Share the message of salvation with others—it’s too great to keep to yourself.
- Live as one who has been personally transformed by a universal Savior.

**Prayer:** Heavenly Father, thank You that through Your obedience, salvation has reached us all. Help me live in gratitude for Your sacrifice and reflect Your love to others. Let my life declare that what You did for one, You meant for all.

**Summary thought:** The Christmas story reminds us that **God’s actions through one person often carry global and eternal consequences.** He works through individuals to reach the multitude, through obedience to release redemption, and through unity to reveal His heart. When He blesses one, He’s preparing to bless all.

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The first devotional prepared our hearts to see that God works through the unusual to accomplish His extraordinary plan followed by the second devotional with the profound truth about the relationship between **submission, circumstance, and divine fulfillment**. This devotional emphasizes how the obedience of one Virgin affected all. In the coming weeks, we will continue our journey to discover:

- **Week Four: Christmas Value Statement: “God’s Self-Declaration in the Incarnation”**
- **Week Five: The Full Picture: “What Christmas Confirms About God and New year 2026”**

May each week draw you deeper into the wonder and worship of Jesus Christ — the true heart of Christmas.