



Five-Day Devotional 28- September 1-5, 2025 : Refocus III– A Strategy to Live with Changing Circumstances: Living By Faith

From the Pastor's Desk

Devotional Inspiration

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Introduction: We live in a world where circumstances are constantly shifting—often speaking loudly and forcefully into our lives. These changes can feel intimidating and overwhelming unless we have a consistent spiritual strategy to confront them. The most effective spiritual strategy is committing to *live by faith*. This devotional builds on the previous "Refocus" teachings and draws insight from the Prophet Habakkuk.

- Refocus: put again into focus or focus more sharply.

Key Scripture: Habakkuk 2:4 “Look at the proud! They trust in themselves, and their lives are crooked. But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.” (NLT)

Conclusion: Living by faith is not just a mindset but a lifestyle marked by steady commitment, transformation, and loyal relationship with God. As we face life's unpredictable changes, our strategy must be to *refocus*—sharpening our spiritual perspective and standing firm in faithful trust.

Let this devotional guide you into a deeper posture of faith, informed by Scripture and modeled by the Prophet Habakkuk.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

Note to reader: The objective of the Five-day Devotionals is to encourage us to become more influenced by God's character, above any circumstance. This is highlighted using scripture references from the New Living Version unless otherwise indicated.



Day 1 – The Power of Refocus

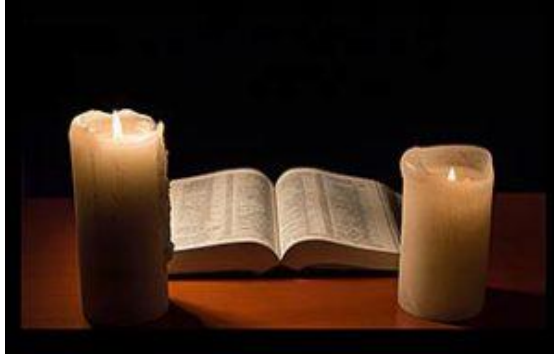
Focus Word: Refocus – to put again into focus or sharpen your focus.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:2 “We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith...” (Heb. 12:2 NLT)

Devotional Thought: Life’s circumstances often change rapidly, sometimes unexpectedly. The noise of change can distract us, discourage us, or even derail us—unless we develop a spiritual strategy. That strategy begins with refocusing. We must constantly realign our spiritual vision to God’s truth. Refocusing is not a one-time event, it is a daily commitment to reset your heart and mind toward living by faith.

Reflection: Where have you lost focus due to changing circumstances? Ask God to help you see clearly again.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to refocus my thoughts and heart on You, not on what’s changing around me.



Day 2 – Living by Faith, Not by Sight

Scripture: Habakkuk 2:4 “...But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.” (NLT)

Devotional Thought: In Hebrew, the word “live” (in the imperfect mood) implies continual action—*to remain, to persist*. God is not calling us to visit faith occasionally, but to live by it consistently. This is not a fallback plan; it's our only plan. The righteous live—not survive, not merely exist—by faithfulness to God, regardless of what life throws their way.

Reflection: Are you living by faith continuously or only when things are stable?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, deepen my understanding of what it means to truly live by faith, day in and day out.



Day 3 – The Meaning of Faithfulness

Scripture: Habakkuk 2:4 “...But the righteous will live by their faithfulness to God.” (NLT)

Hebrew Word faithfulness: *Emuwn* – trustworthiness; *Emuwnah* – honesty, truth, faithfulness, steadiness.

Devotional Thought: Faith in the Bible is more than belief—it’s *faithfulness*. In Exodus 17:12, “his hands were steady.” That same steadiness is how we are to walk with God. Faithfulness involves three dimensions:

1. A dependable relationship with God.
2. A life marked by transformation (Romans 12:2).
3. A loyal commitment in the face of trials.

Living by faith is not passive; it’s active, loyal, and unwavering.

Reflection: What does your faith look like when tested? Would others describe it as steady and faithful?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I want a faith that is steady and trustworthy. Build in me the character of true faithfulness.



Day 4 – Transformed Thinking in a Chaotic World

Focus Scripture: Romans 12:2: *"Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you..."* (NLT).

Devotional Thought: The world is full of shifting trends and conflicting voices. Faith demands that we stop conforming to worldly patterns and instead allow God to transform us—starting with our minds. Living by faith means living with a renewed mindset that discerns God's good, pleasing, and perfect will—even in challenging times.

Reflection: Is your thinking shaped more by culture or by Christ?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, transform my mind so I may discern Your will and live faithfully amid life's chaos.



Day 5 – A Song of Steadfast Faith

Scripture: Habakkuk 3:17–19

Devotional Thought: The book of Habakkuk ends not with a complaint, but a *song*—a wild, enthusiastic, triumphant song of praise. Despite no visible change in circumstances, Habakkuk chooses to rejoice. This is what it means to live by faith: not denying reality, but choosing worship over worry. His prayer (v.1) was meant to be sung with musical passion—*Shigionoth*—a bold, unshaken declaration of faith.

Reflection: What song is your soul singing today—fear, complaint, or confident praise?

Prayer: Lord, teach me to rejoice not because of what I see, but because of who You are. Let my life be a song of faith.

The last chapter of Habakkuk is a powerful response of faith:

- **Verse 1:** “A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet, according to Shigionoth” – Indicates it was intended to be used in worship with musical accompaniment and a spirit of triumph and emotional fervor.
- **Final Phrase:** “To the chief musician/choirmaster: with stringed instruments” – Emphasizes its use as a song of corporate worship.
- The term *Shigionoth* (also seen in Psalm 7:1 – “A Shiggaion of David”) likely denotes a wild, passionate song with rapid or abrupt changes in rhythm and tone, expressing emotional intensity and spiritual victory.

(See: <https://www.gotquestions.org/shigionoth.html>)