



Five-Day Devotional 34: The Holy Spirit Speaking and Guiding Us
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From the Pastor's Desk
Devotional Inspiration
The Holy Spirit Speaking and Guiding Us

Introduction: The Spirit's guidance builds on faithfulness. Jesus taught in the parable of the talents (Matthew 25) that those who are trustworthy with little are entrusted with more. The same is true of God's voice. If we neglect His Word or ignore what He has already spoken, why should we expect new direction?

The Spirit leads step by step. Philip obeyed one word in Acts 8 and was then sent on to the next assignment. Guidance comes not by demanding new revelations, but by walking in the light already given.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

Faithful obedience today makes us ready for His leading tomorrow.

***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 King James Version unless otherwise indicated.*



Day 1 — Faithful with What You've Been Given

Scripture: "...You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much..." (Matthew 25:23, ESV)

The parable of the talents reminds us that God calls us to be faithful with whatever He has entrusted to us. If we steward His gifts well, He opens the way for more. The same is true of the Spirit's guidance: when we obey what He has already revealed, we become ready to receive further direction.

Reflection: Am I faithfully following the Spirit in the areas where He has already spoken to me?

Prayer: Lord, help me to be faithful in the small things, so I may be trusted with greater things.

Focus: Faithfulness with today's light prepares me for tomorrow's guidance.



Day 2 — No Shortcuts in Seeking God’s Voice

Scripture: “Blessed is the one... whose delight is in the law of the LORD, and who meditates on his law day and night.” (Psalm 1:1–2, NIV).

The Spirit does not bypass our responsibility to think, study, and meditate on Scripture. If we neglect God’s Word, why should we expect Him to grant fresh direction? Skimming verses at random or demanding instant answers is not the Spirit’s way. He guides those who seek Him in humility and obedience.

Reflection: Do I treat Scripture as my daily food, or as a shortcut for quick answers?

Prayer: Spirit of God, give me a hunger for Your Word and a willingness to meditate deeply on what You have spoken.

Focus: The Spirit guides those who delight daily in God’s Word.



Day 3 — The Spirit Cannot Be Forced

Scripture: “The wind blows where it wishes... so it is with everyone born of the Spirit.” (John 3:8)

The Spirit moves according to His wisdom and timing. We cannot force Him to speak, nor can we manipulate Him into giving us what we want. Our role is to remain attentive, obedient, and patient. When He chooses to speak, He will make His voice clear.

Reflection: Do I try to push God into speaking, or am I learning to wait patiently for His voice?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, teach me to trust Your timing and to walk in step with You.

Focus: The Spirit’s voice is heard in His timing, not mine.



Day 4 — Obedience Opens the Door to More

Scripture: “If anyone’s will is to do God’s will, he will know whether the teaching is from God.” (John 7:17, ESV).

Obedience to the Spirit’s direction always leads to greater light. Each act of faithfulness becomes a stepping-stone to the next. The Spirit rarely reveals everything at once; instead, He leads us step by step, growing our trust as we walk with Him.

Reflection: Where have I seen God open new doors after I obeyed His first instruction?

Prayer: Lord, strengthen me to obey quickly and fully, that I may be ready for the next step You have prepared.

Focus: Each step of obedience prepares the way for the next.



Day 5 — Philip’s Example of Spirit-Led Obedience

Scripture: “Then the Spirit said to Philip, ‘Go over and join this chariot.’” (Acts 8:29, ESV)

Philip obeyed the Spirit’s prompting to share the gospel with the Ethiopian eunuch. Only after completing that task did the Spirit move him on to Azotus. His story reminds us that fresh direction comes after faithful obedience. God reveals the next step when we have walked faithfully in the last one.

Reflection: Am I ready to follow the Spirit wherever He leads, even if it means leaving comfort behind?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, make me like Philip—obedient, available, and eager to follow wherever You send me.

Focus: Fresh direction follows faithful obedience.