

Five-Day Devotional: Co-Laboring With God September 22-26, 2025

From the Pastor's Desk.

Devotional Inspiration Co-Laboring With God - The Call to Partnership

Introduction: During our designated corporate prayer times—Wednesdays from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon, and Fridays at 6:00 a.m.—as we continued interceding through our prayer list, I found myself deeply reflecting on the theme of *partnership*. The Holy Spirit impressed upon my heart the profound truth that partnership is a divine invitation—God calling us to co-labor with Him.

This devotional expands on that sacred theme: the call to partnership, the role of prayer and faith, and the encouraging reality that we are never alone in the work of the Kingdom. The phrase "workers together" comes from the Greek word **synergoi**, meaning "working together with." It conveys the essence of mutual participation—a divine-human collaboration initiated by God Himself.

This theme carries special significance as we celebrate forty-three years of God's faithfulness to GLC. He has not only worked *for* us but *with* us.

The concept of partnership was first introduced in Genesis 1:28 and 2:15, where God entrusted humanity with stewardship over His creation. That original invitation still stands today.

Over the next five days, let us explore what it means to walk in partnership with God—through prayer, faith, and obedience—as we continue the work of His Kingdom, together.

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 through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.



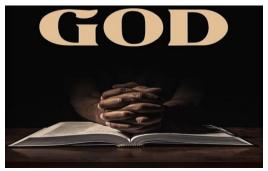
Day 1 – The Call to Partnership

Scripture: "As God's partners, we beg you not to accept this marvelous gift of God's kindness and then ignore it." —2 Corinthians 6:1 NLT.

Devotional thought: Salvation is just the beginning. God has not only saved us by grace—He has invited us to actively participate in His redemptive work. Paul's language is unmistakable: "workers together with Him." This divine partnership empowers us through the Holy Spirit, ensuring we are not laboring alone.

Teaching insight: Grace is never meant to be passive. When truly received, it compels us into action—obedience, service, and spiritual engagement. Our relationship with God is not one-sided but vibrant and mutual.

Prayer reflection: Heavenly Father, help me not to take Your grace in vain. Teach me to walk and work in step with You. Strengthen me to respond to Your call to co-labor with You in all that I do.



Day 2 – Faith that Partners with Prayer

Scripture: "Have faith in God... whatever things you ask when you pray, believe that you receive them, and you will have them."—Mark 11:22–24.

Devotional thought: Prayer is more than speaking—it is aligning with God's heart in faith. It is not a monologue but a collaboration/partnership with the will of God. Through believing prayer, we give God room to move in our lives and circumstances.

Teaching insight: Jesus highlighted the power of faith-filled prayer. Faith does not manipulate God; rather, it partners with Him in trust. It is the vehicle that brings heaven's will to expression upon earthly matters.

Prayer reflection: Heavenly Father, help increase my faith. Teach me to pray with confidence, believing that You are already at work, even before I see the outcome.



Day 3 - Go, and God Goes With You

Scripture: "Go into all the world... and they went... the Lord working with them and confirming the word through the accompanying signs."—Mark 16:15, 20.

Devotional thought: The disciples obeyed Christ's command to go—and God confirmed their obedience with signs and wonders. They were not sent alone; divine partnership accompanied every step of their mission.

Teaching insight: God confirms *His* Word, not our plans. When we move in obedience to what He has spoken, we can expect His presence, power, and confirmation to follow.

Prayer reflection: Heavenly Father, I say yes to Your call. As I go where You send me, let Your presence go before me and work through me. May my life testify to Your power.



Day 4 – The Power of Persistent Prayer

Scripture: "Constant prayer was offered to God for him... and behold, an angel of the Lord stood by him."—Acts 12:5, 7.

Devotional thought: The early church did not know *how* God would respond—they simply knew to pray. Their persistent intercession led to divine intervention, even when they could not yet see it.

Teaching insight: God often works behind the scenes, even when we cannot trace the method. Persistent, believing prayer draws heavenly response. We are not responsible for the "how," only for the asking and believing.

Prayer reflection: Heavenly Father, even when I do not see immediate results, help me pray with persistence. I trust that You are moving in ways I cannot yet perceive.



Day 5 – Trust the Working God

Scripture recap: "We then, as workers together with Him..." --- 2 Corinthians 6:1.

- "...the Lord working with them..." ---Mark 16:20.
- "...an angel of the Lord stood by him."---Acts 12:7.

Devotional thought: From Genesis to the early church and beyond, the story of God is one of divine partnership. He still works with His people today. Though methods change, His faithfulness does not.

Teaching insight: Prayer and obedience are not the conclusion of our spiritual duty—they are the entry point for God's activity. Trust does not demand to understand every detail; it rests in knowing Who is at work.

Prayer reflection: Heavenly Father, thank You for being the God who works with me. Today, I yield afresh to Your purposes. May my life be an instrument through which Your will is done.