



Five-Day Devotional 15
The Resurrection 2
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From the Pastor's Desk

Devotional Inspiration

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Introduction: There is one event in human history that stands unrivaled in both significance and impact—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It was not merely a miraculous moment, but a transformational reality that altered the course of history and continues to reshape lives today.

When Jesus rose from the grave, He did more than conquer death—He demonstrated that no force, no power, and no opposition can stand against the will of God. The resurrection confirmed that God is, and always will be, unstoppable.

This truth is not just theological—it is deeply personal. The early followers of Jesus experienced this transformation firsthand. One of the most compelling examples is Peter. In the Gospel accounts, Peter is seen denying Jesus out of fear. Yet in *Acts 12:1–6*, we find him imprisoned, chained, and facing execution—yet peacefully sleeping.

What changed? The resurrection. The word “effect” means a change or transformed state resulting from an external action. Peter’s life reveals that the resurrection of Jesus was not just an event he witnessed—it was a power that acted upon him, calming, strengthening, and anchoring his soul.

This devotional explores that transformation—what we will call *The Resurrection Effect*—specifically focusing on this truth: **our God is unstoppable**. As you journey through these five days, you will be challenged to see beyond your obstacles, confront opposition with faith, and trust that the same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in your life today.

The question is not whether God is unstoppable. The question is: **Will we live like it's true?**

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: The Power That Changed Everything

Scripture: ...” Peter was sleeping, bound with two chains between two soldiers; and the guards before the door were keeping the prison.”—*Acts 12:1-6*

There is one event in history that stands alone—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Nothing before it compares, and nothing since has equaled its impact. When Jesus rose from the grave, it didn’t just mark a moment—it unleashed a movement that continues to shape the world today. The resurrection shook religions, cultures, governments, and individual lives. But one of the clearest transformations is seen in Peter. Once fearful and denying Jesus, Peter later becomes calm—even while imprisoned and facing execution. Something happened to him.

Acts 12 tells us, “*Peter was sleeping.*” That simple phrase reveals a profound inner transformation. The resurrection of Jesus had changed him from anxious to assured, from fearful to fearless.

The resurrection is not just something to believe, it is something that produces a real, observable effect in our lives.

Reflection: Where do you see evidence of the resurrection’s effect in your life?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me not only to believe in the resurrection but to experience its transforming power daily.



Day 2: The Calm That Comes from Christ

Scripture: *Acts 12:6.* The phrase “*Peter was sleeping*” carries deep meaning. The Greek word *koimao* implies being calmed, quieted, and at rest. It is written in a way that suggests Peter was being acted upon—something beyond himself had settled his soul.

This is not natural peace. This is resurrection peace. Peter was chained between guards, awaiting trial, expecting death. Yet he slept. Why? Because the risen Christ had transformed his understanding of fear, death, and control.

The resurrection assures us that Jesus has already conquered the worst thing we could ever face. When death is defeated, everything else loses its power to disturb our peace.

Reflection: What situation in your life is robbing you of peace right now?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, quiet my heart. Let the reality of Your resurrection calm every fear within me.



Day 3: The Unstoppable God

Scripture: Job said, *“I know that You can do everything, and that no purpose of Yours can be withheld from You.”* Isaiah echoes, *“I work, and who will reverse it?”*—*Job 42:2; Isaiah 43:13.*

The resurrection declares one undeniable truth: God is unstoppable. The early believers understood this. The resurrection wasn’t just proof that Jesus lived—it was confirmation that nothing and no one can hinder God’s plans.

This same unstoppable nature of God is seen throughout Scripture. When God purposes something, no resistance can ultimately prevail. If God could defeat sin, death, and the grave, what in your life could possibly stop Him now?

Reflection: Do you truly believe God is unstoppable in your situation—or are you measuring Him against your obstacles?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, strengthen my faith to trust that nothing can stop Your plans for my life.



Day 4: Confronting “No” with God’s “Yes”

Scripture: Then he called for Moses and Aaron by night, and said, "Rise, go out from among my people, both you and the children of Israel. And go, serve the LORD as you have said."—Exod. 12:31.

The Exodus story gives us a powerful picture of God’s unstoppable nature.

Pharaoh said “no” ten times. Opposition was persistent. Moses even became discouraged after the first refusal. Yet God did not change His mind or abandon His plan. Instead, He instructed Moses to return again and again confronting every “no” with God’s declared “yes.”

Key truths emerge:

- God demonstrates His power to all.
- Opposition does not cancel God’s purpose.
- Discouragement does not disqualify God’s servant.
- God’s “yes” will outlast every “no.”

Eventually, Pharaoh had no choice but to release God’s people.

Reflection: What “no” have you accepted that God is calling you to confront again?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, give me courage to stand on Your promises and confront opposition with Your truth.



Day 5: Living in the Resurrection Effect

Scripture: *Romans 8:11*. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead now works in believers. This is the ongoing resurrection effect.

Peter's life proves it. The fearful disciple became a fearless witness. The anxious man became one who could sleep in chains. The resurrection didn't just inspire him, it transformed him. And it can do the same for you.

You cannot outsmart, outwit, or outmaneuver God. His plans will stand. His purposes will prevail. His power is still at work.

So, when you hear opposition, and when circumstances seem to say "no," listen carefully—God is still speaking "yes."

Reflection: Where is God inviting you to trust His unstoppable power today?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me live daily in the power of the resurrection. Let my life reflect that You are truly unstoppable.

Closing thought: Do you hear God calling you to return and confront your "no's" with His directed "yes"?