



Devotion Info

DAY 1: Read James 4:13-14

[13] Look here, you who say, "Today or tomorrow we are going to a certain town and will stay there a year. We will do business there and make a profit." [14] How do you know what your life will be like tomorrow? Your life is like the morning fog—it's here a little while, then it's gone.

James 4:13-14 NLT

- Why do you think we so strongly desire certainty and control over the future?
- In what ways can that desire make it difficult to trust God?

Application:

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 - 3. Is this decision consistent with wise, godly counsel?
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DAY 2: Read 2 Timothy 1:9

[9] For the law was not intended for people who do what is right. It is for people who are lawless and rebellious, who are ungodly and sinful, who consider nothing sacred and defile what is holy, who kill their father or mother or commit other murders.

2 Timothy 1:9 NLT

- God called you to a "holy calling," a "holy life." How does this verse reshape the way you think about calling?
- What stands out to you about the idea that calling is first about who you are becoming rather than what you are doing?

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DAY 3: Read Genesis 12:1 and Psalms 119:105

[1] The Lord had said to Abram, "Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father's family, and go to the land that I will show you.

Genesis 12:1 NLT

[105] Your word is a lamp to guide my feet and a light for my path.

Psalms 119:105 NLT

- What do these passages teach us about the way God typically leads us?
- Why do you think God often reveals only the next step rather than the entire plan?

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DAY 4: Read Ephesians 2:10

[10] For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago.

Ephesians 2:10 NLT

- How has God uniquely shaped you? (**S**piritual Gifts, **H**earth, **A**bilities, **P**ersonality, **E**xperiences).
- Do you believe this gives you a unique ability to serve others? How?

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DAY 5: Read 1 Kings 12:1-14

[2] When Jeroboam son of Nebat heard of this, he returned from Egypt, for he had fled to Egypt to escape from King Solomon. [3] The leaders of Israel summoned him, and Jeroboam and the whole assembly of Israel went to speak with Rehoboam.

[4] "Your father was a hard master," they said. "Lighten the harsh labor demands and heavy taxes that your father imposed on us. Then we will be your loyal subjects."

[5] Rehoboam replied, "Give me three days to think this over. Then come back for my answer." So the people went away.

[6] Then King Rehoboam discussed the matter with the older men who had counseled his father, Solomon. "What is your advice?" he asked. "How should I answer these people?"

[7] The older counselors replied, "If you are willing to be a servant to these people today and give them a favorable answer, they will always be your loyal subjects." \

[8] But Rehoboam rejected the advice of the older men and instead asked the opinion of the young men who had grown up with him and were now his advisers. [9] "What is your advice?" he asked them. "How should I answer these people who want me to lighten the burdens imposed by my father?"

[10] The young men replied, "This is what you should tell those complainers who want a lighter burden: 'My little finger is thicker than my father's waist! [11] Yes, my father laid heavy burdens on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!'"

[12] Three days later Jeroboam and all the people returned to hear Rehoboam's decision, just as the king had ordered. [13] But Rehoboam spoke harshly to the people, for he rejected the advice of the older counselors [14] and followed the counsel of his younger advisers. He told the people, "My father laid heavy burdens on you, but I'm going to make them even heavier! My father beat you with whips, but I will beat you with scorpions!"

1 Kings 12:1-14 NLT

- Rehoboam rejected the advice of wise elders and followed the counsel of his peers, with disastrous results. How have the people you listen to shaped your decisions?
- Who in your life provides wise, Godly counsel?

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