

LIVING SUPERNATURALLY

Stepping Stones To Godly Living

31-DAY DEVOTIONAL

Have you ever felt like you were going through the motions of life and wondered what it takes to be on fire for the Lord? Do you wish you had courage to share your faith with your neighbors, coworkers and family members?

Then, you need to discover the holy flame of boldness, which ignited the First Century church. It is our prayer that this daily devotional will help you rise above the mediocrity of life and give you supernatural power to live above the superficial!

Here are some questions to ponder as you dive in to these stepping stones for godly living. With each Scripture passage you read, ask yourself the following:

Is there a command to obey?

Is there a promise to claim?

Is there a sin to avoid?

Is there a lesson to learn?

Is there a new truth to carry with me?

Is there a blessing to enjoy?

DAY 1

*Jesus is all the world needs. Do you believe it?
More importantly, do you live like you believe it?*

SCRIPTURE TO READ: Acts 1:1-8

Do you ever wonder what God would have you to do in life? Let me give you a verse: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

There is your mission—to be a witness into the uttermost parts of the earth. Now that may seem overwhelming, so let’s just break it down to being a witness in your workplace, your neighborhood or your family. How about that?

Some people think they have to have training to share their faith. But friend, that’s not what this verse says. It says, “ye shall be” a witness. In a courtroom, what is the difference between a witness and a lawyer? A lawyer argues a case; a witness tells what he has seen and heard.

Well if I try to witness to somebody, they may ask me questions I can’t answer. Of course they may. People ask me questions I can’t answer. Praise God, a witness doesn’t have to know the answer to everything.

If someone asks you a question you can’t answer, simply say: “I don’t know.” When you tell people you don’t know what you don’t know, they may begin to believe you when you tell them what you *do* know.

Have you seen anything? Have you heard anything? Ask God to bring someone into your life today with whom you can be a witness.

DAY 2

*There is wonder-working, life-liberating, grace-giving power in
the blood of the Lamb, the power of the Spirit,
and the grace of the Father.*

SCRIPTURE TO READ: Acts 2

How do some people not just live day to day, but instead they live supernaturally sharing their faith exuberantly, overcoming temptation victoriously, and facing sorrow joyfully? The Holy Spirit. When you are saved, you are promised the Holy Spirit—not just His person that resides in your heart, but also His power that revolutionizes your life!

For a long time in my early ministry I endeavored to make myself somehow worthy to receive the power of the Holy Spirit. I thought if I could be good enough, then perhaps God would fill me and use me to win souls. Do you know what? I had it completely backwards. *Holiness is not the way to Christ; Christ is the way to holiness.* Now that doesn't mean that we can expect God to fill us with His Spirit when our hands are full of sin. No. He asks us to repent and believe (see Acts 2:38).

I pray you will learn to stop trying to make yourself worthy. You are not worthy. You will never be worthy. That is the reason the Word says, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Ephesians 2:8-9).

Prayer: Father, thank You for saving me, not on the basis of my works, but by Your grace. Thank You for the promise of Your Holy Spirit. Give me Your grace to rest in that promise and Your power to proclaim Your saving grace to others. In Jesus' name. Amen.

DAY 3

In the name of Jesus, rise up and walk.

SCRIPTURE TO READ: Acts 3:1-16

Do you remember the television commercial shown years ago about an elderly woman who had fallen and could not get up? Perhaps you feel that way today. You have fallen down emotionally, spiritually, economically and domestically.

In our text today, we learn about a man who could not walk, could not work and could not worship. And Jesus, through the apostles, heals this man. It was a miracle that could not be reasonably denied, humanly explained or lightly dismissed.

When you get a man who is supernaturally transformed, it will touch multitudes. Now what are we aiming to do? *Live above the superficial and live supernaturally.* There are four things we need to learn about Jesus Christ that are going to help us rise and walk in a supernatural life. Here are the first two; the other two will be shared tomorrow.

Jesus is the Risen Lord. If you have a living Savior, then what have you to fear? We cannot explain away the resurrection of Jesus. History tells us that these early apostles paid for their faith with their lives.

Jesus is the Residing Lord. Did this man just decide to get up and walk? No. And neither will you be able to will yourself to get better. It is Jesus Christ in us.

When Acts 3:16a says, "And His name through faith in His name hath made this man strong." Jesus healed this man. And in Jesus' name you can rise and walk.

DAY 4

JESUS CHRIST

*He is the Risen Lord, He is the Residing Lord,
He is the Redeeming Lord, and He is the Returning Lord.*

SCRIPTURE TO READ: Acts 3:17-26

Yesterday and today we are learning about a man who was lame from birth. His parents looked at his little twisted and deformed legs and knew that he would never be able to run or work. And yet that was not to be his forever story.

How does a person learn to live supernaturally in a fallen world? We live with the promise that Jesus is the Risen Lord, Jesus is the Residing Lord, and...

Jesus is the Redeeming Lord. The miracle Peter performed was a platform from which to preach the redeeming power of Jesus Christ. The wickedness of man and the righteousness of God came together in the crucifixion and the resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Repentance and faith are the head and tail of the same coin. And friend, if there's no repentance, there can be no refreshment of your body, soul and spirit.

Jesus is the Returning Lord. Acts 3:20-21 says, "And He shall send Jesus Christ, which before was preached unto you: Whom the heaven must receive until the times of restitution of all things, which God hath spoken by the mouth of all His holy prophets since the world began." *Send Jesus Christ? I thought Jesus had already come.* Yes, but He's coming again.

Jesus is going to restore things and put them as they are supposed to be. Do you want to live supernaturally? Never lose sight of Jesus.