

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Are You Running on Empty?

### Devotional

Have you ever noticed how a phone battery seems fine one moment and then suddenly dies? Spiritual life can feel the same way. You start strong, full of faith and fire, and then somewhere along the way, things get quiet. The passion fades. The walk feels heavy. The witness grows thin.

When Paul arrived in Ephesus, he met believers who were spiritually dry. His first question went straight to the heart of it: had they received the Holy Spirit? They did not even know there was a Holy Spirit. Once Paul explained the fullness of faith in Jesus, the Spirit came upon them with power, and everything changed.

Here is the encouraging truth. Dryness is not the end of your story. It is often an invitation. God is not distant or disappointed. He is asking the same question He asked those disciples in Ephesus. Are you walking in the fullness of what I have for you?

Jesus promised the Spirit would come alongside you, live within you, and come upon you with power for everyday life and witness. That power is not a one-time event. It is a daily reality you can return to again and again.

You do not have to stay running on empty. Ask Him to fill you fresh today.

### Bible Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

### Reflection Question

If someone who knew you well were to describe the current state of your spiritual life, would they say you are walking in the fullness of the Spirit, and what might be contributing to any dryness you are experiencing?

### Quote

"Sometimes the dryness in your walk or the weakness in your witness is a direct result that you need to be filled afresh with the Holy Spirit. We need to be filled on a daily basis because in a sense, we leak."

## **Prayer**

Lord, I confess that I have been trying to live on yesterday's filling. Fill me fresh with Your Holy Spirit today and restore the fire that only You can give. Amen.

## Day 2: Fix Your Eyes on Jesus

### Devotional

It is easy to get distracted. News cycles, social pressures, opinions, and agendas compete for our attention every single day. And somewhere in the noise, the most important thing can quietly get pushed to the edges.

In Ephesus, God confirmed His word through extraordinary miracles. But something else happened too. Seven men tried to use the name of Jesus like a magic formula, without any real relationship with Him. The result was humiliating. The evil Spirit's response was chilling: it knew Jesus, it recognized Paul, but it had no regard for these men at all.

There is a serious warning here. Spiritual things are not a system to borrow or a method to copy. They flow from a living relationship with a living Savior. And that relationship begins with keeping your eyes fixed on Him.

When God moves, Jesus gets elevated. He becomes the center, not a tool, not a topic, not one voice among many. He is the one worth being fixated on.

The world is desperate for something real. And it will never hear about Jesus unless it comes from people who genuinely know Him. Not people who know about Him, but people who walk with Him daily and can say with confidence: I know Jesus.

### Bible Verse

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith." - Hebrews 12:1-2

### Reflection Question

In what areas of your life have you allowed noise, distractions, or secondary things to slowly replace Jesus as your primary focus?

### Quote

"We need to be fixated on Jesus. Not politics, not issues of the day, not social agendas. We need to be fixated on the one. Because the world will never hear about Jesus unless it truly comes from the people who know Him."

## **Prayer**

Jesus, forgive me for the moments I have looked everywhere but at You. Fix my eyes on You today and let everything else find its right place. Amen.

## Day 3: When God Shines a Light

### Devotional

Nobody likes being shown their blind spots. It is uncomfortable, even a little embarrassing. But here is the thing about God. When He points something out in your life, it is never to shame you. It is always because He loves you and He has something better waiting on the other side.

In Ephesus, something remarkable happened. Believers came forward on their own. They confessed openly. They brought out their occult books, things tied to darkness and bondage, and they burned them publicly. No one suggested selling them to recover the cost. The value was staggering, but none of that mattered. They let it burn.

Conviction had done its work. And conviction is not condemnation. Conviction is God's kindness, gently but clearly saying: this thing is in the way of what I want to do in you.

If worship has felt dry lately, if reading Scripture feels like a chore, if ministry has started to feel like a burden, it is worth pausing and asking an honest question. Is something in the way?

God is not far from you in those moments. He is close, and He is pointing toward freedom. The moment you bring it into the light, He is ready to move.

### Bible Verse

"Now many of those who believed came confessing and disclosing their practices." - Acts 19:18

### Reflection Question

Is there something in your life right now that you sense God has been gently pointing to, and what has been holding you back from bringing it fully into the light?

### Quote

"When you feel far from God, when you're lagging in faith and worship, when ministry becomes a burden and a bummer, when Bible studies, you start to get burnt out. Often something is in the way of your relationship with God because that's not how God meant it to be."

### Prayer

Lord, give me the courage to be honest with You about what is in the way. I trust that Your conviction is always an act of love, and I choose to bring it into the light today. Amen.

## Day 4: Let It Burn

### Devotional

There is a moment in every genuine encounter with God where a decision has to be made. Not just a feeling, not just a prayer, but an actual choice. What are you going to do with the thing that has been standing between you and real life with God?

The believers in Ephesus made that choice publicly and decisively. They did not negotiate. They did not look for a loophole. They burned what needed to be burned. And what happened next is one of the most powerful lines in the book of Acts: the word of God grew mightily and prevailed.

That is the pattern. Surrender opens the door. When you let go of what is holding you back, God steps in with something far greater than what you gave up. You cannot out-give God, and you cannot out-surrender Him either.

This is not about earning anything. It is about removing the clutter so the fire can breathe. God is not waiting for you to be perfect. He is waiting for you to be willing.

Whatever it is that you have been holding onto, the thing you know deep down is in the way, today is a good day to let it burn. Not because you have to, but because what God has on the other side is worth it.

### Bible Verse

"Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed." - Acts 19:19-20

### Reflection Question

What would it look like for you to make a decisive, concrete choice today to surrender the thing you know is standing between you and a deeper walk with God?

### Quote

"The moment you put it aside and let it burn, what's going to happen in your life? The word of God, the power of God is going to grow mightily and prevail."

### Prayer

Lord, I choose to let go of what I have been holding onto. Burn up what needs to be burned and make room for Your word and Your power to grow mightily in my life. Amen.

## Day 5: A New Course

### Devotional

When God moves in a life, He does not just clean things up. He sets you on an entirely new course. That is what a new creation actually means. Not a patched-up version of the old life, but a genuinely new direction with a new purpose and a new power behind it.

The story in Ephesus did not end with the bonfire. It ended with the word of God growing mightily and prevailing. Lives were changed. The whole city felt it. What started with a handful of dry disciples asking honest questions became a movement that turned a city upside down.

That is what God does. He takes the willing and He does the impossible through them.

You were not saved just to feel better or to have your sins forgiven, as wonderful as that is. You were saved into something. A kingdom. A mission. A life that points everyone around you toward Jesus.

So do not let your faith become a task on a to-do list. Come to God with anticipation. Come expecting to meet with Him. Come ready to be sent. Because when God gets ahold of a willing heart, He does not waste it.

He is ready to do something greater in your life than you can currently see. Say yes to it today.

### Bible Verse

"And he said to them: 'It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by His own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'" - Acts 1:7-8

### Reflection Question

If you truly believed that God wanted to use your surrendered, Spirit-filled life to impact the people around you, what would you do differently starting today?

### Quote

"When God moves, sin is owned and it's let go of. And God puts men on a new course. A new creation means a new course."

### Prayer

Lord, set me on a new course. Fill me with Your Spirit, use my life for Your glory, and let everything I do point people back to Jesus. Amen.