

Week 12:
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Through the
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REVELATION
HOPE FOR THE FUTURE

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DAILY DEVOTIONAL



Set the Tone:

Hey First things First family,

This week, we're exploring Revelation 11—a chapter about God's plan unfolding in a chaotic world. Sunday's sermon reminded us that our confidence as Christians doesn't come from popularity or success, but from God's calling. My hope is that these devotions help you see that you are unstoppable when you walk with God and inspire you to live faithfully in everything you do.

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Courage from God's Greatness

Monday

READ REVELATION 11:1-3

Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, 'Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations... And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth.'

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE PSALM 27:1

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?

REFLECTION:

Courage isn't about how big your problems are—it's about how big God is. The two witnesses in Revelation 11 step into a dark world with boldness because God sent them. Your life isn't measured by fear or success, but by faithfulness to God's calling. When you trust His greatness, no conflict can shake you.

What's one challenge you're facing this week?

How does knowing God is bigger than that challenge give you courage?

ACTION STEP:

Write down a situation where you need courage. Pray, "God, help me trust Your greatness over this."

Safe in God's Hands

Tuesday

READ REVELATION 11:5-6

And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE PSALM 91:4

He will cover you with his pinions, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

REFLECTION:

The enemy can't touch what's in God's hands. The two witnesses are untouchable while doing God's work. When you give your life—your future, relationships, decisions—to God, they're safe. Don't let the enemy hold what belongs to God.

What's one thing you're holding too tightly?

How can you trust God to protect it?

ACTION STEP:

Pick one worry or dream. Pray, "God, I give this to You—I trust you."

God's Plan Always Wins

Wednesday Devo

READ REVELATION 11:7-10

And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit^[a] will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, ⁸ and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically^[b] is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. ⁹ For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, ¹⁰ and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth.

READ CONNECTED SCRIPTURE ROMANS 8:31

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

REFLECTION:

It might look like the enemy wins—killing the witnesses and celebrating their defeat. But God's plan isn't stopped. The devil is powerless against Him. In your life, tough moments don't mean God's lost control—His plan always comes through.

When have you felt defeated lately?

How does knowing God's in charge change your view?

ACTION STEP:

Think of a hard situation. Write how God might be working, even if it's not seen.

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

ICE BREAKER QUESTION (5 MINUTES)

High and low from this past week

READ REVELATION 10:1-9

1 Then I was given a measuring rod like a staff, and I was told, "Rise and measure the temple of God and the altar and those who worship there, **2** but do not measure the court outside the temple; leave that out, for it is given over to the nations, and they will trample the holy city for forty-two months. **3** And I will grant authority to my two witnesses, and they will prophesy for 1,260 days, clothed in sackcloth." **4** These are the two olive trees and the two lampstands that stand before the Lord of the earth. **5** And if anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes. If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed. **6** They have the power to shut the sky, that no rain may fall during the days of their prophesying, and they have power over the waters to turn them into blood and to strike the earth with every kind of plague, as often as they desire. **7** And when they have finished their testimony, the beast that rises from the bottomless pit will make war on them and conquer them and kill them, **8** and their dead bodies will lie in the street of the great city that symbolically is called Sodom and Egypt, where their Lord was crucified. **9** For three and a half days some from the peoples and tribes and languages and nations will gaze at their dead bodies and refuse to let them be placed in a tomb, **10** and those who dwell on the earth will rejoice over them and make merry and exchange presents, because these two prophets had been a torment to those who dwell on the earth. **11** But after the three and a half days a breath of life from God entered them, and they stood up on their feet, and great fear fell on those who saw them.

GROUP CHALLENGE: GOD'S PLAN IN ACTION

Follow up: Last week, we made a commitment to set aside time to intentionally reflect on something that fills us with awe. Instead of simply enjoying it, we aimed to let it inspire us to worship God. How did that go for you?

This week, text each other one specific way you saw God's plan unfold in your life. Let's stay focused on recognizing His work around us.

Wednesday

Small Group Discussion

KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM SUNDAY'S MESSAGE + QUESTIONS

1 COURAGE COMES FROM THE SIZE OF GOD, NOT THE SIZE OF THE CONFLICT

- If He calls you to it, He will see you through it.
- **Question: Share a time you felt overwhelmed but got through it. What happened?**

2 THE ENEMY CAN'T HURT WHAT IS IN GOD'S HANDS

- When you surrender every part of your life to Him, the enemy loses his grip.
- **Question: What does it mean to you that the enemy can't hurt what's in God's hands?**

3 THE DEVIL IS POWERLESS AGAINST GOD'S PLAN

- He may try to deceive you, but God's eternal purpose always prevails.
- **Question: How can we trust God's plan when things look bad?**

ADDITIONAL DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

What hit you from Sunday's sermon on Revelation 11?

How do the two witnesses show confidence in God's calling?

What's one way we can stop compartmentalizing our faith?

How can we support each other to walk with God this week?

PRAYER:

Thank God for His unbeatable plan.

Ask for confidence to follow Him fully.

Knowing God Personally

Thursday

READ MATTHEW 7:22-23

On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

REFLECTION:

Using God's name isn't enough—He wants you to know Him personally. You can build a "Christian" life without Christ, but that misses the point. God's calling is about relationship, not just religion.

How do you connect with God personally?

What's one way to grow closer to Him?

PRAYER

Take a moment to pray for your friend today, asking God to help them grow in their personal relationship with Him. Pray that they would not just know about God, but truly know Him and experience His presence in a deeper way. Ask God to reveal Himself to them and lead them into a closer walk with Him. Pray for opportunities for them to connect with God on a deeper level this week.

Biblical Justice Over Social Justice

Friday

START WITH PRAYER: Lord, help us to seek Your justice above all else. Open our hearts to Your truth, and guide us to live according to Your righteousness, not the world's standards. May we honor You in all we do, choosing Your way over the crowd's. Amen.

READ PSALM 33:5

He loves righteousness and justice; the earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord."

REFLECTION:

The world says justice is what most people want—social justice. But biblical justice says God's vote is all that matters. In Revelation 11, people act in God's name without knowing Him—don't settle for that. Live for God's truth, not the crowd's opinion. You will not stand in front of the crowd at the end of your life.

Where do you see the world's justice clashing with God's?

How can you choose God's way instead?

ACTION STEP:

Pick one decision today—ask, "What does God say about this?"

PRAYER:

Father, thank You for being the source of true justice and righteousness. Give us the courage to stand for Your truth, even when the world pushes another way. Help us to see every decision through Your eyes and walk in obedience to You alone. Amen.

Walking with God in Everything

Saturday

READ PSALM 1:1-2

Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers; but his delight is in the law^[b] of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

REFLECTION:

Stop compartmentalizing—let God into every part of your life. Faithfulness isn't just for Sundays; it's how you walk, stand, and sit every day. When you live fully with God, nothing can stop you.

What's one area you've kept God out of?

How can you invite Him in?

ACTION STEP:

Choose one daily habit (like school or phone time) and pray, "God, be with me here."

PRAYER:

Lord, I don't want to keep You in just one part of my life—I want to walk with You in everything. Show me where I've held back, and help me invite You into every moment. Teach me to delight in Your Word daily and follow You wholeheartedly. Amen.

STAY CONNECTED:

Missed the sermon? Watch it on YouTube, Spotify, or Apple Podcasts.

Encouraged by the Devotions? Share them with a friend!