



# *Let's Go Higher* **DEVOTIONALS**

SERMON: "STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS PT. 2"

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## **Day 1: Looking Within**

### **Devotional:**

Sometimes we focus so much on what we want God to do through us that we forget He first needs to work within us. Just like a skilled craftsman who carefully prepares their tools before creating a masterpiece, God prepares us before using us for His purposes. This preparation often involves examining our hearts and identifying areas that compete with His lordship. It's not always comfortable, but it's necessary for our spiritual growth and effectiveness in His kingdom. Today, take a moment to pause and allow God to shine His light into your heart. What might He be trying to show you?

### **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:**

What areas of your life have you been hesitant to let God examine and transform?

### **Quote:**

Before God can bring victory through us, he has to work in us.

### **Prayer:**

Lord, give me the courage to look within and see myself as You see me. Help me to be honest about areas that need Your touch. Thank You for Your gentle guidance and patience as You work in my life. Amen.



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## **Day 2: Identifying Modern Idols**

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In Gideon's time, idols were obvious - physical statues and altars. Today, they're often more subtle but equally dangerous. They might be our social media presence, our career ambitions, or even our relationships. These aren't inherently wrong, but they become problematic when they take God's rightful place in our hearts. Like Gideon, we're called to honestly evaluate what might be competing with God for our attention and devotion. The first step toward freedom is recognition.

### **Bible Verse:**

"Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence—continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling." -  
Philippians 2:12

### **Reflection Question:**

What activities, relationships, or pursuits tend to draw your attention and devotion away from God?

### **Quote:**

What things have crept into your life that you've engaged in and connected yourself to that you haven't really been aware of that's pulling you away from trusting and looking to the Lord God, from truly worshiping the Lord your God.

### **Prayer:**

Heavenly Father, open my eyes to see any idols I've allowed into my life. Give me wisdom to recognize what competes with You for my heart's attention. Grant me strength to put You first. Amen.



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## **Day 3: Courage in the Face of Fear**

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Fear often paralyzes us from taking necessary steps of faith. Gideon's story reminds us that being afraid doesn't disqualify us from being used by God. In fact, moving forward despite our fears can be one of the most powerful testimonies of faith. God doesn't expect us to be fearless; He invites us to trust Him in the midst of our fears. When we step out in faith, even with trembling hands, we honor God and open the door for His power to work through our weakness.

### **Bible Verse:**

"By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days." - Hebrews 11:30

### **Reflection Question:**

What God-given assignment have you been avoiding due to fear?

### **Quote:**

His courage was not in the absence of fear, but in moving forward in spite of his fear, dealing with it in spite of your fear.

### **Prayer:**

Dear God, thank You for understanding my fears. Help me to trust You more than my fears, and give me courage to step out in faith when You call. Let Your strength be perfect in my weakness. Amen.



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## **Day 4: Private Victories, Public Impact**

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The battles we fight in private often determine our effectiveness in public. Like Gideon tearing down the altar at night, some of our most significant spiritual victories happen in moments no one else sees. These private acts of obedience - choosing forgiveness over bitterness, truth over deception, or worship over worry - build the foundation for public impact. God honors these hidden moments of faithfulness and often uses them to create ripple effects that impact others.

### **Bible Verse:**

"But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you." - Matthew 6:6

### **Reflection Question:**

What private battle is God calling you to face that could lead to breakthrough in your public life?

### **Quote:**

What we refuse to confront in private, it ultimately limit us in public.

### **Prayer:**

Father, help me to be faithful in the private moments. Give me strength to face the battles that no one else sees, knowing that You are with me and that these victories matter. Amen.



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## **Day 5: Building New Altars**

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God's work in our lives isn't just about removing the negative; it's about establishing something new and better. When God told Gideon to tear down the altar to Baal, He also instructed him to build a new altar to the Lord. Similarly, as we remove harmful influences from our lives, we must intentionally replace them with worship, truth, and healthy practices that honor God. This process of replacement ensures lasting transformation and creates a foundation for sustained spiritual growth.

### **Bible Verse:**

"Then Gideon built an altar to the Lord there and called it The Lord Is Peace." - Judges 6:24

### **Reflection Question:**

As you remove negative influences from your life, what positive practices can you establish to strengthen your relationship with God?

### **Quote:**

God says, 'I want you to tear down Baal's altar, but then I want you to build me a new one.'

### **Prayer:**

Lord, as You help me remove things that don't honor You, guide me in building new habits and practices that draw me closer to You. Help me establish patterns of worship that will last. Amen.