



# Let's Go Higher

# DEVOTIONALS

SERMON: "I AM MAKING A DECLARATION"

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## Day 1: The Blueprint for Living

**Devotional:** Have you ever wondered if you're truly called to make a difference in this world? The beautiful truth is that God has already given us the answer. Every believer has been given a divine blueprint for living that transforms ordinary moments into extraordinary opportunities for His kingdom. This blueprint isn't complicated or reserved for a select few. It's accessible to every person who follows Christ, whether you're a stay-at-home parent, a business executive, a student, or retired. God's design for your life involves three essential elements that work together like a three-legged stool - each one necessary for stability and effectiveness. Think about the people God has strategically placed in your life today. Your coworker who seems stressed, the neighbor you wave to each morning, the cashier at your local grocery store. These aren't random encounters. God has orchestrated divine appointments all around you, and He's equipped you with everything you need to be His hands and feet in their lives. The question isn't whether you're qualified or called to make a difference. The question is: How will you respond to the calling God has already placed on your life? Today marks the beginning of discovering how to live out this divine blueprint in the most practical, life-changing ways. Your ordinary life is about to become the stage for God's extraordinary work.

**Bible Verse:** 'He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.' - Micah 6:8

**Reflection Question:** What ordinary moments in your daily routine could become opportunities for God to work through you?

**Prayer:** Lord, open my eyes to see the divine appointments You've placed in my life today. Help me recognize that my calling isn't somewhere far away, but right here in the everyday moments. Give me wisdom to live out Your blueprint with purpose and intention. Amen.



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## Day 2: Justice That Moves Our Feet

**Devotional:** Justice isn't just a concept we read about in the news - it's a lifestyle that should characterize every follower of Christ. When we truly understand justice from God's perspective, it becomes the driving force that moves our feet toward action and our hearts toward compassion. Real justice starts with seeing people the way God sees them. It means looking beyond the surface and recognizing the inherent dignity and worth of every person we encounter. The homeless individual on the street corner isn't an inconvenience to avoid, but a person created in God's image who deserves acknowledgment and care. The sick person in your family or community isn't a burden, but an opportunity to demonstrate Christ's love in tangible ways. Justice also means recognizing the inequalities around us and being willing to step into uncomfortable situations. Maybe it's tutoring a child who's struggling in school, advocating for fair treatment in your workplace, or simply taking time to listen to someone who feels unheard. These acts of justice might make us uncomfortable, but that discomfort often signals we're moving in the right direction. Most importantly, justice compels us to share the greatest gift we've received - the gospel. God has strategically positioned people in your life who need to hear about His love and salvation. Your willingness to act justly opens doors for these life-changing conversations.

**Bible Verse:** 'For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me.' - Matthew 25:35-36

**Reflection Question:** Who in your life might God be calling you to see with fresh eyes and treat with greater justice and dignity?

**Prayer:** Father, give me Your eyes to see people as You see them. Help me move beyond my comfort zone to act justly, even when it's difficult. Show me specific ways I can demonstrate Your justice in my community today. Make my feet quick to move toward those who need Your love. Amen.



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## Day 3: Mercy That Opens Our Hands

**Devotional:** Mercy is more than just a feeling of compassion - it's an active choice to extend the same grace we've received from God. When we truly grasp the depth of mercy God has shown us, our hands naturally open to share that same kindness with others. The beautiful truth about mercy is that we can only give what we've already received. Every act of kindness, every moment of forgiveness, every gesture of compassion flows from the wellspring of God's mercy in our own lives. This takes the pressure off trying to manufacture love from our own limited resources and reminds us that we're simply conduits of God's unlimited grace. Mercy looks different for everyone, but it always starts small and personal. You don't have to solve world hunger - just feed the person next to you. You don't have to heal every disease - just care for the sick person in your sphere of influence. You don't have to teach everyone - just share what you know with someone who's lost. You don't have to forgive every wrong in the world - just forgive the person who hurt you. True forgiveness doesn't mean forgetting what happened, but when we remember our own forgiveness, the sting of others' wrongs loses its power over us. Mercy transforms both the giver and the receiver, creating a ripple effect of grace that extends far beyond what we can see.

**Bible Verse:** 'Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father.' - John 14:12

**Reflection Question:** What mercy have you received from God that you can now extend to someone else in your life?

**Prayer:** Lord, thank You for the incredible mercy You've shown me. Help me remember that I'm not the Savior, but Your servant, called to carry mercy to others. Open my hands to give generously of the grace I've received. Show me practical ways to love mercy today. Amen.



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## Day 4: Humility That Bends Our Knees

**Devotional:** Humility is the foundation that makes justice and mercy possible. It's the recognition that we are completely dependent on God for everything - our breath, our abilities, our opportunities, and our very existence. This humility doesn't diminish us; it positions us for God's greatest work in and through our lives. Walking humbly means listening before we speak, especially listening to God before we engage with others. In our fast-paced world, we're often quick to offer solutions, give advice, or share our opinions. But humility teaches us to pause, to seek God's wisdom first, and to approach others with genuine curiosity rather than assumed knowledge. Humility also means serving before we try to lead. Whether we're interacting with people from different cultures, backgrounds, or life experiences, our first posture should be one of service. We come to learn, to understand, and to meet needs rather than to impose our own agenda or perspective. Perhaps most importantly, humility keeps us from asking God for gifts we don't intend to use. When we humbly acknowledge that everything we have belongs to Him, we become faithful stewards of His resources, talents, and opportunities. We don't bury our gifts in the ground; we invest them for His kingdom's sake. This humility bends our knees in worship, submission, and dependence, creating the perfect posture for God to work powerfully through our lives.

**Bible Verse:** 'In your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.' - 1 Peter 3:15

**Reflection Question:** In what areas of your life do you need to move from a posture of leading to a posture of serving and listening?

**Prayer:** Father, cultivate true humility in my heart. Help me listen before I speak, serve before I lead, and depend completely on You. Keep me from asking for gifts I won't use, and make me a faithful steward of everything You've entrusted to me. Bend my knees in worship and submission to Your perfect will. Amen.



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## Day 5: Vision That Declares God's Promises

**Devotional:** Vision doesn't begin with what you see with your natural eyes - it begins with what you declare in faith based on God's promises. Your voice becomes the instrument through which God's vision for your life takes shape and gains momentum. Too often, we wait for perfect clarity before we step forward in faith. But God's way is different. He calls us to declare His promises even when the path ahead seems unclear. When we speak His words over our lives, our families, and our circumstances, we're not just hoping for the best - we're partnering with the Creator of the universe to see His will accomplished on earth. Your faith is your voice, not a feeling. Feelings change with circumstances, weather, and even what you had for breakfast. But your voice, when aligned with God's Word, carries the authority of heaven. When you declare what God has spoken over your life - His promises, His purpose, and His plan - you're not being presumptuous; you're being obedient. What God establishes cannot be undone. When you declare His vision with faith, light begins to shine on your path. This light brings clarity to confusing situations, direction for next steps, favor in difficult circumstances, and supernatural guidance for fulfilling His purpose in your life. The mission belongs to God, not to you. The power is His, not yours. The glory belongs to Him alone. But He chooses to work through your declarations of faith to accomplish His perfect will.

**Bible Verse:** 'You will also declare a thing, and it will be established for you; so light will shine on your ways.' - Job 22:28

**Reflection Question:** What promises has God spoken over your life that you need to begin declaring with greater faith and consistency?

**Prayer:** Lord, give me the courage to declare Your promises over my life with unwavering faith. Help me remember that vision begins with what I say in faith, not what I see with my eyes. Let my voice carry the authority of Your Word, and may Your light shine brightly on the path You've prepared for me. All glory belongs to You alone. Amen.