

# Daily Devotional



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## ■ day one { giants }

**What are you facing today?** Fear? Abuse? Abandonment? Unemployment? Depression? Our giants attempt to control our lives daily. How do you deal with the giants in your life? Do you hide from them? Do you try to fill the empty spot maybe with shopping, alcohol, or serving? Yes even serving, if we are not doing it unto the Lord then we are doing it to fulfill only a place the Lord can in our hearts. **Today:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understandings. In **all** your ways acknowledge **Him** (*not the world or the things in it*) and He shall direct your paths." (Proverbs 3: 5-6)

## ■ day two { discouragement }

**Who in your life is the naysayer, a friend, co-worker, a relative, maybe even your spouse?** Think about a time you felt God's prompting you to take a huge step of faith. Did you listen or did you stand back because of the discouragement of others close to you? Why? We are called to be bold in the Lord when we hear His prompting; we must trust that if He leading us to it, He will lead us through it. No matter what the naysayers say. **Today:** Shut the naysayers out and listen to God's voice. Be bold for Him. Pray Psalm 25: 1-5.

## ■ day three { worship }

**How do you worship?** Through song? Maybe through praise or prayer? What about through faith and trust? When we take steps of faith and trust the Lord in the mist of fear, ridicule and discouragement, it is worship like none other. It is about "forgetting what is wrong with us, and remember what is right with God." It is about taking the focus off of you and placing it on God. Are there areas of your life that you have become "I" focused? What are some ways to help to bring your focus back on God? **Today:** Give your miseries, your fears, your addictions, your loneliness, and your insecurities to God. Cry out, so God can hear a melody of surrender and a song of victory?

## ■ day four { borrowed protection }

**Have you ever borrowed something?** Clothes, a tool, money? What about advice? Have you ever heard God prompting you to get out of your seat and go but instead asked for someone else's' advice because you were afraid of what would happen if you did GO? Think about a time that you heard God's prompting and did not go. Why didn't you? Now think about a time that you listened to God and not the world and stepped forward? What was the result? **Today:** Instead of telling God what you can't do, believe in what He will do as you listen. Read I Samuel 17: 33-51.

## ■ day five { prayer }

**We live in a world of bigger and better everything. Bigger TV's, wrap around sectional couches (the more the merrier), super-sized French Fries, but what about super-sized prayers?** Are your prayers super-sized? Super-sized in praise and thanksgiving? Super-sized in expectations? Do you still believe that God has the power to do anything? When our prayer life slumps, so does our spiritual life. When we fail to pray, we are easy prey to the world. "Prayer has a way of God-sizing our expectations and belief!" That is bigger and better than any giant TV or super-sized fry. It is what helps us to not only face our giants, but to slay them. **Today:** Pray without ceasing, be armed and prepared for battle, cry Victory because it has already been won, and rejoice evermore.

## ■ a word from the writers

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