

Daily Devotional



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■ day one { truth }

Has God ever placed you in a position to speak Godly truth to someone who needed to hear it? How did you know that you were to speak Biblical truth? Did you speak concerning only the facts or did you fall into hearsay or suspicion? If you are called by God to confront someone, He will give you His words of wisdom. (Read Luke 12:12) He will guide you. Just like He gave Nathan the way to approach King David to help redirect him back unto God's path, God will use you to help someone else. (Read 2 Samuel 12: 1-13) **Today:** "Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto your own understandings."

■ day two { Godly timing }

Has there ever been a time when you felt God was taking too long to answer your prayers? How did you react? Did you wait for Him, learning patience? Or did you push forward in your own foolishness and get off track? Think about what happened when you waited for God vs. the time you didn't. **Today:** Know that if we are just and patient to listen and trust Him, He is just and Holy to see us through. His timing is perfect. Just like with Jacob and Rachel (Genesis 29:17), Moses and the parting of the Red Sea (Exodus 12 – 14), King David and Nathan (2 Samuel 12:1-13), And Jesus and His Return! God's timing was impeccable then and it is still.

■ day three { tactfulness }

What does the word tact mean to you? Do you approach things with tact and grace? Think about a situation where you could have used more tact in how you were trying to convey a message or lesson to someone. Why do you think you didn't convey it as you should have? God has a lot to say throughout His word about tactfulness and the taming of the tongue? **Today:** Read (Proverbs 15:4; James 3; Ephesians 4:29; 1 Peter 3:10). Be guided through God's truth and timing, so that your tongue will be tamed and speak righteousness.

■ day four { courage }

Who do you know that is courageous? Are you? Courage is a strong word. It takes courage to stand up for what you believe. It takes courage to face the ridicule that comes with standing up for your faith. Would you be willing to die for what you believe in or for what God directed you to do? We face giants everyday in our lives. Whether we are standing up in faith by not doing something just to fit in or we are speaking words of truth to those to whom God has directed us to speak. Stop fearing and start praying.

Today: Instead of telling God what you can't do, believe that if He is calling you to do it, then He will give you the courage, wisdom, and all the tools to see you through. Know that thru Him all things are possible. He says: "Fear not for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are mine!" (Isaiah 43:1) Read Isaiah 40:29).

■ day five { hope }

Think about a time you confronted a friend, how did it turn out? Did it go how you expected? Ask yourself the vital questions. Did you approach it with truth, God's truth? Was your timing perfect because you waited for the Lord to direct you? Were you tactful through the taming of your carnal tongue and speak only the words God gave you to speak? How did your courage, bring hope to the one you confronted? How did the courage God bestowed upon you bring new hope to your life? What lesson did God teach you? **Today:** Remember that God will not only use you to guide someone else, but He will teach you something through it also.

■ a word from the writers

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