

Stay Hungry For More

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

Press In For More

KEY VERSE:

2 Corinthians 3:18 -- "But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord."

REFLECTION:

I want to tell you something that has stayed with me for years. The first time I saw T.L. Lowry walking down a hallway, his face literally glowed. I stopped and asked, "Who is that man?" There was something so different about him -- and it wasn't his title or his reputation. It was that he had pressed into God. He paid the price in hours of prayer, hours in the Word, hours of quiet waiting. That glow wasn't manufactured. It was glory. And here's what I want you to hear this morning -- that same transformation is available to you. Scripture says we go from glory to glory. There is no ceiling. There is no level where God says, "That's enough for you." The more you press in, the more the ugly in us begins to leave. You are not stuck where you are.

PRAYER:

Lord, I don't want to be satisfied with where I am -- I want more of You. Transform me from glory to glory today. Let Your presence be so real in my life that people notice something different about me.

DAILY ACTION:

Set aside 15 extra minutes today -- beyond your normal routine -- specifically to sit quietly in God's presence and ask Him to show you the next level He has for you.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Don't Resist The Truth

KEY VERSE:

Acts 7:51 -- "You stiff-necked and uncircumcised in heart and ears! You always resist the Holy Spirit; as your fathers did, so do you."

REFLECTION:

Stephen stood before his accusers, full of the Holy Ghost, and he didn't flinch. He laid out the entire history of Israel, building his case line upon line, and then he went for the jugular -- "You always resist the Holy Spirit." I want to ask you something personal this morning. When God deals with your heart in a sermon, in your quiet time, in a moment of conviction -- what do you do with it? I've watched people get cut to the heart and instead of repenting, they justify. "I'm doing enough. I'm okay. I'll be fine." But here's the truth -- if you resist when God shows you something, it gets harder to repent the next time. You slowly drift toward becoming a Pharisee. Don't let that happen. When God cuts you to the heart, do what Acts 2 says. Repent. Let Him do

the work.

PRAYER:

Holy Spirit, I don't want to resist You -- not even a little. When You show me something in my heart that needs to change, give me the courage to say yes to You immediately. Do a deep work in me today.

DAILY ACTION:

Think of one area where you've been justifying instead of repenting. Write it down, confess it to God today, and ask Him to change your heart in that specific place.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

An Ordinary Person With An Extraordinary God

KEY VERSE:

Acts 6:8 -- "And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people."

REFLECTION:

I love this about Stephen -- he wasn't a pastor or an apostle. He was chosen to wait tables. That was his job. His only qualification was a good reputation and being filled with the Holy Ghost. And yet he became one of the most outstanding individuals in the entire New Testament. That tells me something powerful -- God isn't looking for impressive credentials. He's looking for a hungry heart. You don't need a theology degree to carry the glory of God. You don't need a platform or a title. You need one thing -- a passion for God that pushes you to press in further than you pressed yesterday. I want to be a Stephen. I really do. Full of the Holy Ghost, full of wisdom, full of power. And I believe you do too. God takes ordinary people and makes them supernatural. That's just who He is.

PRAYER:

God, I give You my ordinary life today. I'm not waiting until I feel qualified -- I'm pressing in right now. Take what I have and make it extraordinary for Your glory.

DAILY ACTION:

Do one simple act of service for someone today -- at home, at work, or in your neighborhood -- and do it as an act of worship, the way Stephen served his table ministry with his whole heart.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

When Heaven Stands Up For You

KEY VERSE:

Acts 7:55-56 -- "But he, being full of the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God, and said, 'Look! I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'"

REFLECTION:

Jesus sits at the right hand of the Father -- that's the normal picture Scripture gives us. But in this moment, as Stephen is being stoned, Jesus stood up. He stood up. I want you to feel the weight of that. All of heaven took notice of one man who chose to press in, who gave everything, who walked so close to God that his face shone like an angel. And in his final moments, heaven honored him. I believe with everything in me that the days we are living in right now are parallel to what Stephen faced. There is opposition to the move of God everywhere. But I also believe that God is looking for people -- right here in this church -- who will press in so deeply that heaven stands up and takes notice of them. That could be you. That should be you.

PRAYER:

Jesus, I want to live in a way that moves heaven. Not for my own glory, but because I love You and I want to be close to You. Let my life be one that You stand up and honor.

DAILY ACTION:

Find one moment today to look up -- literally pause, lift your eyes, and remind yourself that heaven is watching and Jesus is interceding for you right now. Let that reality fuel how you live the rest of your day.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Release Them And Rise Higher

KEY VERSE:

Acts 7:60 -- "Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, 'Lord, do not charge them with this sin.' And when he had said this, he fell asleep."

REFLECTION:

As the stones were hitting Stephen, he knelt down and said, "Lord, don't hold this against them." In the middle of his own death, he stepped into the role of Jesus -- the same grace, the same release, the same love. And I believe what he did in the spirit that day had everything to do with what happened next. God took the worst persecutor of the church -- Saul -- and one Damascus Road experience flipped him into the greatest Christian leader the world has ever seen. Forgiveness released something. And I want you to hear me clearly -- you cannot carry offense and carry glory at the same time. The more filled with God you are, the more the flesh -- including unforgiveness, bitterness, and hurt -- has to go. I'm not satisfied where I am. I want to come up higher. I want to be so full of the Holy Ghost that releasing people becomes a reflex.

PRAYER:

Lord, show me who I need to release today. I don't want to hold anything that is holding me back from Your glory. Fill me so full of Your Spirit that forgiveness flows out of me naturally.

DAILY ACTION:

Think of one person you've been holding something against -- even silently. Today, pray a simple blessing over them by name and release them into God's hands. That's it. Just bless them and let it go.