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A FIVE-DAY DEVOTIONAL SERIES BY PASTOR MIREK HUFTON

DAY:

Monday

TITLE:

The Hand of God Is On You

KEY VERSE:

Isaiah 41:10 -- "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

REFLECTION:

I want you to know something this morning -- the hand of God is on your life. Not because you've earned it or figured everything out, but because He chose you. When I look out at this congregation, I see people carrying real weight, real struggle, real uncertainty. But I also see people marked by Heaven. That prophetic word keeps ringing in my spirit: you are on track. God isn't confused about where you're going, even when you are. His hand doesn't shake off easily -- actually, friend, it doesn't shake off at all. You can't outrun His grip. So today, instead of running from His hand, lean into it. Let it steady you. Let it guide you. The benefits of living close to God begin right here -- with the simple, powerful reality that He holds you.

PRAYER:

Father, thank You that Your hand is on my life today. When I feel lost or uncertain, remind me that You are holding me and leading me forward. I trust You with where I'm going. Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Write down one area of your life where you need to feel God's hand -- and intentionally pray over it for five minutes today.

DAY:

Tuesday

TITLE:

Done With Lesser Things

KEY VERSE:

Hebrews 12:1 -- "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

REFLECTION:

I believe God is calling many of us into a new season -- but new seasons require us to let go of old things. I said it from the pulpit and I'll say it again here: by the Spirit of the Lord, you are going to be done with lesser things. Those habits, those thought patterns, those relationships that have tripped you up -- you are going to step over them. Not by gritting your teeth harder, but by pressing deeper into the Spirit. The flesh will always pull you backward. The Spirit always moves you forward. The benefit of a godly life isn't a life without struggle -- it's a life where the Spirit gives you power to rise above what used to hold you down. Don't settle for less than what God has called you to. You were not made for small living. You were made for His purpose.

PRAYER:

Lord, show me the weights I've been carrying that don't belong to me anymore. Give me the courage to lay them down today and trust Your Spirit to carry me forward. Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Identify one "lesser thing" -- a habit, distraction, or negative influence -- and take one concrete step today to reduce its hold on your life.

DAY:

Wednesday

TITLE:

Follow the Light

KEY VERSE:

Psalm 119:105 -- "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

REFLECTION:

I love what God spoke over us -- that the light of Heaven has shown us our future. That's not a small thing, friends. We don't have to stumble around in the dark wondering what's next. When we follow the light of God in our spirit, He takes us to places we never dreamed possible. I've seen it in my own life. I've watched it happen in yours. But here's the key -- you have to follow the light. Light only helps you if you walk toward it. Too many of us are standing still, waiting for a full map, when God is only promising the next step. A lamp lights your feet, not the entire road. Godly living means trusting Him enough to take that one illuminated step, even when the rest is dark. The benefit? You arrive exactly where He intended -- and it's better than anything you planned for yourself.

PRAYER:

Jesus, You are the Light of my life. Help me to trust You enough to follow even when I can only see one step ahead. I choose Your path over my own today. Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Read one chapter of Proverbs today, asking God to highlight one verse that speaks specifically to a decision you are currently facing.

DAY:

Thursday

TITLE:

Cut Off What Pulls You Back

KEY VERSE:

Romans 12:2 -- "And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God."

REFLECTION:

I've prayed for many of you, and I've seen something consistent -- God is calling us to be intentional about the influences we allow into our lives. I said this plainly: you are going to have to minimize and remove certain influences. You need to get around people who pull you toward God's kingdom, not away from it. This isn't harsh -- this is wisdom. The company we keep shapes the person we become. Sin rarely shows up all at once; it sneaks in through compromise, through the voices we keep listening to, through the environments we keep returning to. Living a godly life means we curate our influences on purpose. We choose what feeds our spirit and starve what feeds our flesh. The benefit of that discipline is clarity -- and clarity leads to purpose. When you remove the noise, you can finally hear Him clearly.

PRAYER:

Father, give me the wisdom and courage to evaluate the influences in my life honestly. Help me to choose relationships and environments that draw me closer to You. Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Take an honest look at your social media, your closest friendships, or your entertainment choices -- and ask God to show you one thing that needs to change.

DAY:

Friday

TITLE:

Press In -- Your Breakthrough Is Coming

KEY VERSE:

Galatians 6:9 -- "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart."

REFLECTION:

I want to close this week by speaking directly to you -- don't you dare quit now. Breakthrough is coming. Open Heaven is over your life. The word God has placed in your heart about your business, your family, your calling -- it hasn't expired. You've held on through hard seasons. You've served faithfully even when no one noticed. You've been doing the quiet, invisible work of a godly life, and I want you to know: God sees every bit of it. The benefits of godly living are real, but they require us to press in, not back off. The enemy wants you tired and discouraged right before the turn. Don't give him that. In Jesus' name, you let go of every weight, every sin, every word of discouragement spoken over you -- and you run. You run toward all He has for you. The left and the right is opening up. Hallelujah.

PRAYER:

Lord, I refuse to grow weary. Renew my strength today and remind me that Your timing is perfect. I press in, I hold on, and I trust that my breakthrough is already on its way. Amen.

DAILY ACTION:

Share one encouraging word with someone in your church or community today -- remind them that God's hand is on their life and their breakthrough is coming.