



# 5 Day Devotional

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Together, we will explore how we are called to serve, sacrifice, and follow Jesus, drawing insights from the experiences shared by Pastor Jeremy and Reetu. Let's embark on this spiritual journey, reflecting on our own stories and the transformation that comes from encountering Christ.

## Day 1

*Mark 1:16-20*

Jesus calls us to follow Him and change the course of our lives, just as He did with Simon, Andrew, James, and John. This fundamental call to discipleship requires us to leave behind our old ways, much like the disciples who left their nets and their father to follow Jesus. The story of Pastor Jeremy and Ritu illustrates this radical transformation and commitment to God's mission.

For the first disciples, laying down their nets symbolized leaving their old life and embracing a new mission. Similarly, Pastor Jeremy and Reetu's story is a modern testament to this call — leaving their familiar surroundings and stepping into God's mission field across different continents. Their journey reminds us that following Jesus demands sacrifices, but it opens the door to a purposeful life aligned with His will.

- What nets do you need to leave behind to fully follow Jesus?
- How have you experienced a change in your life since deciding to follow Christ?
- In what ways is God calling you to step out of your comfort zone?
  
- Pray for the courage to leave behind what is not essential for your spiritual journey.
- Ask God to show you the areas in your life that need transformation.

# Day 2

*Romans 10:14-15*

In this scripture, Paul emphasizes the importance of hearing the gospel message to believe in Christ. This passage underscores the need for messengers to share the good news so that others can hear, believe, and call on the name of the Lord. Much like Pastor Reetu's story, where persistent invitation and relationship led her to discover Christ, we are reminded of our role in sharing the gospel.

Through the devoted actions of the older ladies at the church, Reetu found her way to a new faith. This speaks volumes about the power of consistent witness and loving engagement in someone's life. As we reflect on this, let us consider who in our lives needs to hear the good news and how we can play a part in God's redemptive story.

- Who in your life has been instrumental in leading you to Christ?
- Are there people around you who need to hear the gospel? How can you reach out to them?
- What steps can you take to be a better witness of Christ's love in your community?
  
- Pray for those in your life who have not yet come to know Jesus.
- Ask God to give you boldness and love as you share your faith.

# Day 3

*Matthew 28:18-20*

The Great Commission calls us to make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey Jesus' commands. Pastor Jeremy and Reetu's global mission work is an embodiment of this command. Their willingness to go to diverse places, from West Africa to Croatia, illustrates the practical outworking of this great mandate.

Yet, the Great Commission is not just for missionaries in foreign lands. Every believer is called to this mission, whether it's across the world or across the street. Our daily lives should reflect a commitment to making disciples wherever we are, leading others through example and intentional relationships.

- How are you actively participating in the Great Commission in your daily life?
- What challenges do you face in sharing your faith, and how can you overcome them?
- Who can you disciple and mentor in their walk with Christ?
  
- Pray for guidance on how to fulfill the Great Commission in your context.
- Ask God to place specific individuals on your heart who need discipling.

# Day 4

*Acts 1:8*

Jesus promised His followers the power of the Holy Spirit to be His witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. This verse is a powerful reminder of the Holy Spirit's role in empowering us to spread the gospel. Pastor Jeremy and Reetu's reliance on the Holy Spirit in their ministry is a testament to this promise.

Their stories of how the Holy Spirit guided them through various challenges and cultural transitions highlight the importance of spiritual reliance. This same Spirit is available to us, empowering us to be effective witnesses of Jesus' love and grace in our daily interactions and broader communities.

- Where do you see the need for the Holy Spirit's power in your life and ministry?
- How can you more actively rely on the Holy Spirit in your daily actions?
- In what ways has the Holy Spirit already worked through you to impact others?
  
- Pray for a fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Seek the Spirit's guidance and power in fulfilling your mission field.

# Day 5

*John 15:16*

Jesus reminds us that we did not choose Him, but He chose us and appointed us to bear lasting fruit. This powerful truth underscores the intentionality behind our calling and the purpose of our mission. Pastor Jeremy and Reetu's journey is a beautiful illustration of bearing fruit through devoted ministry and unwavering faith.

Bearing fruit involves living a life that consistently reflects the values of the Kingdom of God. It's about making a lasting impact, nurturing others in their faith, and expanding God's work. As we conclude this devotional, let us commit to living out our chosen calling with diligence and faithfulness, knowing our labor is for eternal purposes.

- In what ways do you see your life bearing fruit for God's Kingdom?
- How can you ensure that the fruit you bear has a lasting impact?
- What steps can you take to deepen your commitment to God's call on your life?
  
- Thank God for choosing and appointing you to His mission.
- Pray for strength and guidance to bear lasting fruit in your endeavors.