

FIRST things FIRST... *Daily Devotions*

Devotional Guide ~ February 9-15, 2026

Devotions are prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday: February 9

Scripture: John 10:27 & Matthew 17:1-9

On the mountain, the disciples were told to listen to Jesus. Jesus says His followers recognize His voice the way sheep recognize their shepherd. It's a gentle reminder that God doesn't shout at us from far away. Instead, Christ speaks in ways that are familiar, steady, and personal. But listening takes intention. Listening becomes a spiritual practice: slowing down, paying attention, and trusting that Jesus is guiding us.

Prayer: Jesus, help me slow down enough to hear You.

Tuesday: February 10

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:18 & Matthew 17:1-9

The disciples saw Jesus shining with glory on the mountain, but Paul reminds us that transformation isn't limited to dramatic moments. God is always at work shaping us, even in the ordinary parts of life. Every time we turn our hearts toward Christ, God is slowly forming us into people who reflect Jesus' character. Transformation doesn't happen overnight. It's a lifelong process, full of small steps and quiet changes. But over time, God softens what is hard in us, strengthens what is weak, and brightens what has grown dim. We become more patient, more compassionate, more courageous, more loving because God is at work within us.

Prayer: God, keep shaping me. Let Your presence change my heart, my habits, and my life.

Wednesday: February 11

Scripture: Isaiah 41:10 & Matthew 17:1-9

When the disciples were overwhelmed on the mountain, Jesus touched them and told them not to be afraid. Isaiah gives the same reassurance: God is with us, even when life feels uncertain or frightening. Fear is a natural part of being human. We fear change, loss, failure, and the unknown. But God's message is steady—"I am with you." God doesn't promise that life will be easy, but God does promise strength, help, and presence. Sometimes courage doesn't feel like bold confidence. Sometimes courage is simply taking the next step, trusting that God is holding us up.

Prayer: Holy God, when fear takes hold, remind me that You are near.

Thursday: February 12

Scripture: Psalm 27:1, 4 & Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration gave the disciples a glimpse of Jesus' true glory—a moment that strengthened them for the difficult days ahead. We all need moments like that. Sometimes they come in worship, sometimes in nature, sometimes in a quiet moment of prayer, sometimes through the kindness of another person. These glimpses don't remove our struggles, but they give us hope. They remind us that God is still at work, still shining light into darkness, still guiding us. God's beauty is not just something to admire; it's something that steadies us and renews our strength.

Prayer: Lord, give me moments of clarity and beauty that help me trust You more deeply.

Friday: February 13

Scripture: James 1:22 & Matthew 17:1-9

After the disciples experienced the glory of Jesus on the mountain, they couldn't stay there. Jesus led them back down into the world—into crowds, needs, questions, and everyday life. James gives us the same reminder: faith isn't just something we listen to or admire; it's something we live. It's easy to enjoy the moments when God feels close. They strengthen us. But they're not the whole journey. God invites us to take what we've seen and heard and put it into practice: showing kindness, offering forgiveness, helping someone in need, speaking gently, choosing patience, or standing up for someone who's hurting.

Prayer: Lord, help me live out what I believe.

Saturday: February 14

Scripture: Hebrews 12:2 & Matthew 17:1-9

The Transfiguration helped the disciples see Jesus clearly—who He was and what He came to do. Hebrews invites us to keep our eyes fixed on Him as well. Life pulls our attention in many directions. We get distracted by stress, responsibilities, and the pressure to keep up. But when Jesus becomes our focus, everything else finds its place. Fixing our eyes on Jesus doesn't mean ignoring our problems. It means remembering who walks with us, who guides us, and who strengthens us. Christ leads the way, and Christ helps us finish the journey. When we look to Him, we find clarity, purpose, and hope.

Prayer: Jesus, center my heart and mind on You. Help me follow You with steady trust and renewed hope.

Sunday, February 15, 2026

Title: Glory Revealed

Scripture: Matthew 17:1-9

Worship at 10:00am

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