

DAILY DEVOTION

Day 1:

The God Who Dreams Devotional

Have you ever considered that God is a dreamer? Not in the way we might daydream or fantasize, but as someone who envisions beautiful possibilities for our lives. God doesn't just want us to exist - He wants us to truly live. When we enter into relationship with Him, something remarkable happens: He begins to awaken dreams within us that align with His heart for the world. These aren't the kind of dreams that serve only ourselves. They're the dreams that make us come alive because they connect us to something bigger than our own desires. Maybe it's a longing to see broken relationships healed, or a passion to serve those who are hurting, or a vision for bringing hope to your community. These stirrings in your heart aren't accidents - they're invitations from a God who dreams alongside you. During this Advent season, as we prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus, consider what dreams God might be stirring within you. What makes you come alive? What burden or vision keeps surfacing in your prayers? God's dreams for us aren't meant to overwhelm us, but to give us purpose and joy as we partner with Him in making the world more like His kingdom.

Bible Verse

'I have come that they may have life, and have it abundantly.' - John 10:10

Reflection Question

What dream or vision has God been stirring in your heart that you've been hesitant to pursue, and how might it serve both His kingdom and the world around you?

Prayer

Father, thank You for being a God who dreams with us and for us. Help me to recognize the dreams You've placed in my heart and give me courage to pursue them. Show me how my gifts and passions can serve Your kingdom and bless others. Amen.

Day 2:**Dreams That Make Us Come Alive Devotional**

There's something beautiful about watching someone step into their calling - their eyes light up, their energy shifts, and you can sense they've found what they were made for. This is what happens when our dreams align with God's mission for the world. These aren't selfish ambitions that serve only our own interests, but dreams that honor God and make the world better. Jesus came not just to secure our eternal future, but to make us fully alive right now. When we discover the dreams God has placed within us, we experience this abundant life He promised. It might be a dream to mentor young people, to create art that points to beauty, to advocate for justice, or to build something that serves your community. The key is recognizing that the best dreams - the ones that truly make us come alive - always involve serving others and advancing God's kingdom. They're bigger than our personal success or comfort. When we pursue dreams that intersect with God's heart for the world, we find ourselves energized and purposeful in ways that purely self-focused goals could never provide. As you reflect today, consider what activities, causes, or visions make you feel most alive. Often, these are clues to the dreams God has planted within you.

Bible Verse

'Praise the Lord! Praise the name of the Lord; praise him, you servants of the Lord, you who minister in the house of the Lord, in the courts of the house of our God. Praise the Lord, for the Lord is good; sing praise to his name, for that is pleasant.' - Psalm 135:1-3

Reflection Question

When do you feel most alive and energized, and how might those moments reveal the dreams God has placed in your heart to serve His kingdom?

Prayer

Lord, help me discover the dreams You've placed within me that will make me come alive. Show me how my passions and gifts can serve Your mission in the world. Give me wisdom to pursue dreams that honor You and bless others. Amen.

Day 3:**The Power of Seeking Community Devotional**

When Mary received the life-changing news that she would carry the Messiah, her first instinct wasn't to hide away or process it alone. Instead, she immediately sought out her relative Elizabeth. This teaches us something profound about how God designed us to handle big dreams and overwhelming callings - we need community. Mary could have been paralyzed by fear, doubt, or the magnitude of what God was asking of her. But instead of isolating herself, she made the journey to find someone who could understand and support her. This wasn't weakness; it was wisdom. Mary recognized that the dreams God gives us are often too big to carry alone. When God stirs dreams within us - whether it's starting a ministry, pursuing a calling, or stepping into something that feels overwhelming - our natural tendency might be to retreat and figure it out on our own. But Mary's example shows us a better way. She sought out someone who could offer perspective, encouragement, and spiritual insight. Community isn't just nice to have when pursuing God's dreams for our lives; it's essential. We need people who can speak truth over our fears, celebrate our calling, and help us discern God's voice when the path forward seems unclear.

Bible Verse

'Then the wilderness and the dry land shall be glad; the desert shall rejoice and blossom like the crocus.' - Isaiah 35:1

Reflection Question

Who in your life could serve as an 'Elizabeth' - someone you could share your dreams and fears with who would offer godly wisdom and encouragement?

Prayer

God, thank You for the gift of community. Help me to be brave enough to share the dreams You've given me with trusted friends and mentors. Surround me with people who will encourage me to pursue Your calling on my life. Amen.

Day 4:**When Someone Speaks Life Over You Devotional**

Elizabeth's response to Mary is one of the most beautiful examples of encouragement in Scripture. When Mary arrived, uncertain and probably fearful, Elizabeth could have responded with jealousy or skepticism. Instead, she was filled with the Holy Spirit and immediately began speaking life over Mary's calling and destiny. Elizabeth didn't minimize Mary's experience or question whether she had really encountered an angel. Instead, she affirmed what God was doing and celebrated the role Mary would play in His plan. She essentially said, 'Mary, you're not crazy. God is doing something incredible through you, and this is bigger than both of us.' Something miraculous happened when Elizabeth spoke these words - Mary's confidence soared. The young woman who had arrived uncertain suddenly burst forth with the Magnificat, singing boldly about God's justice and faithfulness. This transformation shows us the incredible power of having someone see our potential and call it forth. We all need people in our lives who can see what God is doing in us, even when we can't see it ourselves. And we need to be those people for others - the ones who speak life over dreams, who affirm callings, and who help others step into their God-given potential. Your words of encouragement might be exactly what someone needs to embrace the dream God has placed in their heart.

Bible Verse

'Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance.' - James 1:2-3

Reflection Question

Who in your life needs you to speak life over their dreams and calling, and what specific encouragement could you offer them this week?

Prayer

Lord, help me to be an Elizabeth to others - someone who sees and affirms what You're doing in their lives. Give me eyes to recognize the gifts and callings in those around me, and courage to speak life over their dreams. Amen.

Day 5:**Singing the Song You Were Made to Sing Devotional**

Mary's Magnificat wasn't just a spontaneous song - it was the eruption of confidence that came from having her calling affirmed by someone who loved her. When Elizabeth spoke life over Mary's destiny, something supernatural happened. Mary began to sing the song she was made to sing with her life. This is what happens when we step into the dreams God has given us with the support of community. We discover our voice. We find our confidence. We begin to live out the unique purpose for which we were created. Mary's song wasn't based on her own abilities or worthiness, but on her confidence in God's faithfulness. Perhaps you've been carrying a dream in your heart but haven't found the courage to pursue it yet. Maybe you're waiting for someone to call it out, to affirm that what you're sensing is real and from God. Or perhaps you're the one who needs to speak life over someone else's calling. The world doesn't need more people going through the motions of life. It needs people who have come alive - people who are singing the songs they were made to sing. When we pursue the dreams God has placed in our hearts, supported by community and grounded in His faithfulness, we become the handcrafted masterpieces we were created to be. This Advent season, may you discover or rediscover the song God has given you to sing.

Bible Verse

'At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, where she entered Zechariah's home and greeted Elizabeth.' - Luke 1:39-40

Reflection Question

What song do you believe God has created you to sing with your life, and what steps can you take this week to begin singing it more boldly?

Prayer

Father, thank You for creating me with a unique purpose and calling. Help me to discover and embrace the song You've given me to sing with my life. Give me courage to step into Your dreams for me and to encourage others to do the same. Amen.

GOD HAS A DREAM FOR YOUR LIFE. DID YOU KNOW THAT OUR GOD IS A DREAMER? AND HIS DREAM IS FOR YOU TO BE IN RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM? AND WHEN YOU ARE IN THAT RELATIONSHIP WITH HIM, HE GIVES YOU DREAMS FOR YOU TO PURSUE THAT WILL HONOR HIM AND HONOR OTHER PEOPLE.