



CROSSING INTO GOD'S DESIGN FOR THE FAMILY!

Five-Day Family Devotional Guide

Joshua 24:15(NKJV)

Building a Household That Follows Christ

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PASTORAL FOREWORD

Beloved Families,

We are living in an hour when the family stands at a spiritual crossroads. Homes are filled with noise, schedules, screens, and pressures, yet many households are starving for peace, unity, and the presence of God. The enemy understands that if he can weaken the home, he can weaken the church, the community, and future generations. But thanks be unto God, the Lord has not left families without direction, hope, or help.

In Joshua 24, the people of Israel stood between two worlds: the old life of idolatry and the covenant life of wholehearted devotion to God. Joshua rose with holy conviction and declared, “But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” That declaration was not emotional excitement. It was a covenant commitment. It was a spiritual decision to lead a household according to the truth of God rather than the values of the surrounding culture.

Today, God is still calling families to build homes centered on Christ. The Christian household was never designed merely to share meals, bills, and routines. God designed the family to become:

- A sanctuary of worship
- A school of discipleship
- A refuge of grace
- A testimony of God’s transforming power

This five-day devotional journey is designed to help families pray together, reflect together, grow together, and recommit themselves to following Jesus Christ wholeheartedly. Whether your household is strong or struggling, united or wounded, mature or growing, God’s grace is sufficient for every family willing to surrender itself to Him.

My prayer is that every parent, grandparent, husband, wife, child, and guardian who walks through this devotional will hear the voice of the Lord calling them deeper into covenant faithfulness.

May your home become a place where:

- Christ is honored
- Scripture is treasured
- Prayer is practiced
- Forgiveness is extended
- Love is strengthened
- Faith is passed to the next generation

And may your family boldly declare:

“As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Grace and Peace,

Day 1 — Choose the Lord

Scripture

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve... But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” — Joshua 24:15 NKJV

Devotional Thought

Every family serves something. Some homes are driven by money. Others are shaped by entertainment, ambition, sports, comfort, or social approval. But Joshua stood before Israel and reminded them that every household must eventually make a spiritual choice.

Joshua did not say, “We will serve the Lord when it becomes convenient.” He made a present and personal decision. Covenant families are built through intentional commitment, not accidental drift.

In our generation, culture pressures families to compromise biblical convictions. Yet God still calls households to choose Christ daily. The home must become a place where Jesus is welcomed, honored, and obeyed.

A Christ-centered family does not mean a perfect family. It means a family committed to continually surrendering itself to God’s authority and grace.

Family Reflection Questions

1. What influences shape the atmosphere of our home most strongly?
2. Are there areas where our family has allowed culture to become louder than Scripture?
3. What would it practically look like for our household to serve the Lord more intentionally?

Family Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank You for Your faithfulness and mercy toward our family. Forgive us for the times we have allowed distractions and worldly priorities to compete with our devotion to You. Today we choose You again. Let our home become a place where Christ is honored, Your Word is obeyed, and Your presence is welcomed. Strengthen us to follow You wholeheartedly. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Family Action Step

Set aside fifteen minutes tonight to pray together as a family and verbally dedicate your household to the Lord.

Day 2 — Remove the Idols

Scripture

“Put away the gods which your fathers served... Serve the Lord!” — Joshua 24:14 NKJV

Devotional Thought

Before Joshua called Israel to commitment, he called them to repentance. God knew the people could not fully serve Him while clinging to idols.

Modern idols may not be carved statues, but they still compete for our affection:

- Materialism
- Entertainment obsession
- Digital addiction
- Pride
- Self-centered living
- Moral compromise

Anything loved more than God becomes an idol.

Families must honestly examine what dominates the atmosphere of the home. What receives the greatest attention, conversation, sacrifice, and emotional energy? Christ cannot remain secondary in a spiritually healthy household.

God calls families to remove whatever weakens intimacy with Him. The home should become an altar where worship rises higher than worldly distractions.

Family Reflection Questions

1. What distractions most often pull our family away from God?
2. Are there habits in our home that weaken our spiritual growth?
3. What practical changes can we make to place Christ first again?

Family Prayer

Lord God, search our hearts and reveal anything that has taken Your rightful place in our lives. Help us remove every idol that weakens our devotion to You. Purify our home and teach us to love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. Let our family worship You sincerely and truthfully. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Action Step

Choose one distraction or unhealthy habit your family will intentionally reduce this week in order to make more room for prayer, worship, or Scripture reading.

Day 3 — Lead the Home Spiritually

Scripture

“Choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve...” — Joshua 24:15a NKJV

Devotional Thought

Joshua understood that spiritual leadership requires intentionality. Families do not naturally drift toward holiness. Someone must lead. God has entrusted parents and guardians with the responsibility of spiritual formation within the home. Leadership is not about domination; it is about discipleship. Faithful spiritual leadership includes:

- Prayer
- Scripture teaching
- Humility
- Forgiveness
- Worship
- Godly example

Our culture disciplines children every day through media, peer pressure, and entertainment. If biblical truth is absent from the home, confusion will gladly take its place.

Parents do not need to be perfect to lead spiritually. They simply need to be faithful and willing. God honors consistent obedience more than polished performance.

Family Reflection Questions

1. How can we strengthen spiritual leadership within our home?
2. What spiritual habits should become more consistent in our family?
3. What example are we setting for the next generation?

Family Prayer

Father, help us become a household that honors You daily. Give parents wisdom, humility, patience, and courage to lead spiritually. Help every member of this family grow in faith and maturity. Let our home become a place where Your truth is taught and Your love is demonstrated. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Family Action Step

Read one chapter of Scripture together tonight and allow every family member to share one truth they learned from the passage.

Day 4 — Build a House of Grace and Forgiveness

Scripture

“Bearing with one another, and forgiving one another... even as Christ forgave you.” — Colossians 3:13 NKJV

Devotional Thought

No family can thrive without forgiveness. Every household experiences moments of failure, misunderstanding, disappointment, and hurt. Yet Christ calls families to extend grace to one another just as He has extended grace to us.

The enemy wants bitterness to divide homes. But Jesus came to restore relationships through the power of the Cross.

Healthy Christian homes are not homes without conflict; they are homes where repentance and forgiveness remain active. Pride hardens hearts, but humility opens the door for healing.

The Cross reminds us that Christ forgave us while we were still sinners. Because we have received mercy, we must also give mercy.

Family Reflection Questions

1. Are there unresolved hurts within our family that need healing?
2. Is there someone in our household who needs encouragement or forgiveness?
3. How does remembering Christ’s forgiveness help us forgive one another?

Family Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for forgiving us and showing us mercy. Heal every wound, misunderstanding, and division within our family. Remove bitterness, anger, and pride from our hearts. Teach us to speak with kindness, listen with patience, and forgive with sincerity. Let peace reign within our home. In Your mighty name, Amen.

Family Action Step

Each family member should intentionally encourage another family member today with kind words, gratitude, or an act of service.

Day 5 — Leave a Godly Legacy

Scripture

“But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” — Joshua 24:15b
NKJV

Devotional Thought

Joshua’s declaration was larger than one moment. He was establishing a spiritual legacy for generations to come.

Every family leaves behind something:

- Values
- Habits
- Beliefs
- Priorities
- Spiritual influence

The question is not whether we will leave a legacy, but what kind of legacy we will leave.

Culture changes constantly, but covenant truth remains eternal. A Christ-centered home becomes a witness to the next generation that God is faithful, prayer still works, and His Word still transforms lives. Through Jesus Christ, destructive cycles can be broken. Addiction, anger, fear, neglect, and spiritual passivity do not have the final word. The Gospel still restores families and establishes new beginnings. One surrendered heart can begin changing an entire generation.

Family Reflection Questions

1. What spiritual legacy do we want our family to leave behind?
2. What values do we most want future generations to remember?
3. How can our household become a stronger witness for Christ?

Family Prayer

Father, we thank You for Your covenant faithfulness. Help our family leave behind a legacy that honors Jesus Christ. Let future generations know that our household trusted You, worshiped You, and followed You faithfully. Strengthen us to remain steadfast in truth, love, holiness, and obedience. May our family glorify You for generations to come. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

Family Action Step

Create a written family covenant statement beginning with the words: “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

Closing Benediction

May the Lord bless your household with peace, unity, wisdom, and firm faith.

May Christ reign within your home as Savior, Lord, and King.

May your family become a sanctuary of worship, a refuge of grace, and a testimony of God's transforming power.

May prayer rise within your walls, forgiveness flow through your relationships, and the Word of God remain the foundation beneath your feet.

And may future generations declare that your household followed JESUS CHRIST faithfully and wholeheartedly.

“As For Me and My House, We Will Serve The Lord.”

AMEN.