

BIGGER: Daily Devotional

<u>WEEK 1</u>

Day 1: God is Bigger Than Our Impossibilities: 1 Kings 18:20-40

Devotional: In the story of Elijah and the prophets of Baal, we see a dramatic demonstration of God's power over the impossible. Just as Elijah faced 850 false prophets, we often face overwhelming odds in our lives. But God is bigger than any challenge we encounter. Reflect on a situation in your life that seems impossible. How might God be calling you to trust Him in this area? Remember, the same God who sent fire from heaven is working in your life today. Pray for the faith to believe in His power and the courage to step out in obedience, even when the odds seem stacked against you.

Day 2: Repairing the Altar of Your Heart: 2 Chronicles 34:1-7

Devotional: Elijah repaired the altar of the Lord before calling down fire from heaven. This act symbolizes the importance of preparing our hearts for God's work in our lives. King Josiah, in our reading today, also worked to repair the nation's relationship with God by destroying idols and restoring proper worship. What areas of your life need repair or renewal in your relationship with God? Take time to confess any "idols" that may have taken God's rightful place in your heart. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you clear away anything that hinders your full devotion to the Lord.

Day 3: The Danger of Divided Loyalties: Matthew 6:19-24

Devotional: The people in Elijah's time wavered between worshipping God and Baal. Jesus teaches us that we cannot serve two masters. Consider the areas in your life where you might be trying to "serve two masters." Are there ways you're trying to keep God as a "backup" while relying on other things for security or fulfillment? Reflect on Jesus' words about storing up treasures in heaven. How can you shift your focus and priorities to align more fully with God's kingdom today?

Day 4: God Answers Prayer: James 5:13-18

Devotional: James points to Elijah as an example of powerful prayer. Elijah's simple prayer, "Answer me, Lord, answer me," resulted in an unmistakable display of God's power. Sometimes we overcomplicate prayer or feel our words need to be perfect. Today, practice simple, direct prayer like Elijah's. Bring your needs before God with childlike faith. Remember that it's not the eloquence of our words but the sincerity of our hearts that God responds to. Ask God to increase your faith in the power of prayer.

Day 5: "The Lord, He is God!": Romans 10:9-13

Devotional: When the people saw God's power displayed, they fell down and declared, "The Lord, He is God!" This confession is at the heart of our faith. Paul teaches that confessing Jesus as Lord is essential to salvation. Reflect on what it means to truly declare Jesus as Lord of your life. Are there areas where you struggle to submit to His lordship? Take time to recommit your life to Christ today, declaring Him as Lord over every aspect of your being. Pray for the strength to live out this confession in your daily choices and actions.