

### DAILY DEVOTIONAL: GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING

Here is a Daily Devotional to enable you to make the most out of this sermon. You may use it for your personal growth or in your Life Group.

## December 15: When God Seems Silent.

Read Psalm 46 (focus on verse 10).

- What spoke to you the most from the sermon "GOD IS ALWAYS WORKING"? When was the last time you felt like God was silent? How did you respond?
- What emotions rise up in you when you don't sense God's activity?
- How does Psalm 46:10 challenge your usual way of responding to silence? What "noise" (distractions, voices, busyness) could be drowning out God's gentle leading?

 What is one way you can intentionally "be still" before God this week?

Pray this prayer in faith: "Father, when You seem silent, remind me that You are still working. Teach me to be still and to know that You are God. Calm my anxious thoughts and help me to trust Your unseen hand. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."

# December 16: The Wilderness Where God Speaks.

Read 1 Kings 19:11-13.

- In what ways does your current season feel like a wilderness or desert? How have you seen God use "wilderness seasons" in your life in the past?
- Rev. Divine shared, "Don't mistake silence for absence.

God is working in the quiet." What expectations do you have about how God should speak to you?

- How can you become more attentive to God's "still small voice" rather than only the dramatic moments?
- What is one practical step you can take to listen more intentionally this week?

### Make this declaration in faith:

"Today I declare that my wilderness is not wasted. God is speaking to me, even in the quiet and lonely places."

## December 17: Power in Quiet Trust.

Read Habakkuk 2:20.

 What situations right now make you feel like God is "taking too long"?

- How does remembering that God is on the throne change your perspective on those situations?
- Rev. Divine stated, "Quietness carries a power louder than words." In what ways can "quietness" before God be an act of faith rather than passivity?
- Where are you tempted to complain, argue, or strive instead of trust? What might it look like for you to practice "quiet trust" today?

**Prayer:** Take time to worship God throughout the day. Have faith that God is in His Holy Temple ruling over everything. Your rest is in His authority and timing. Ask the Holy Spirit to replace complaints with worship, anxiety with quiet rest. Submit your plans and worries to Jesus.

#### December 18: Grace in the Thorn.

Read 2 Corinthians 12. Read verse 9 and personalize it.

- Rev. Divine share last weekend,
   "The irritations of life are
  God's raw material for pearls
  of virtue." What does this
  statement mean to you? What
  "thorn" or ongoing struggle are
  you facing right now?
- How have you been praying about the irritations you face today? Are you only praying for deliverance from the trial, or are you also praying for God's grace in it?
- What does it mean to you that God's strength is made perfect in your weakness? How might God be using this weakness to keep you humble and dependent on Him?
- What would it look like for you to "boast" in your weakness so that Christ's power may rest on you?

Pray this prayer in faith: "Lord Jesus, You see my thorn and my pain. I ask for Your healing and deliverance, but I also receive Your sufficient grace. Be strong in my weakness. Let Your power rest on me and use even my struggles for Your glory. Amen."

# December 19: Pressed but Not Destroyed.

Read 2 Corinthians 4:8–9, 17.

- Where do you feel most "pressed" in this season of your life? How have you seen God sustain you in times when you thought you wouldn't make it?
- What does it mean to you that your affliction is "working for you" and not just happening to you?
- Rev. Divine said, "Pain is not your end; it is the beginning of your becoming." How can you cooperate with God in this process so that perseverance,

- character, and hope are formed in you?
- Who around you might need encouragement from your testimony of being "pressed but not destroyed"?

Make this declaration out loud: "I declare that every trial in my life is working for my good. I may be pressed, but by God's grace I will not be crushed or destroyed."

# December 20: A Future and a Hope.

Read Jeremiah 29:11.

- How do your current circumstances affect the way you see your future?
- Are there areas where you've quietly believed that God's plans for you might not be good?

- How does Jeremiah 29:11
   confront lies about God's heart
   toward you? What "future and
   hope" do you sense God wants you
   to hold on to in this season?
- What step of obedience or faith can you take today that aligns with God's good plans for you?

Pray this prayer in faith: "God of hope, thank You that Your thoughts toward me are good. Forgive me for believing lies about Your heart. Renew my vision for the future You have prepared. Fill me with hope, and lead me into the plans and purposes You have for my life. I ask this in Jesus' name. Amen."

## December 21: All Things for Good.

Read Romans 8 (focus on verse 28).

 Looking back, where have you seen God bring good out of

- painful or unjust situations in your life?
- Is there a current situation where you struggle to believe God can work it for good?
- What does it mean for you personally to "love God and stay faithful" while you wait for Him to work? How does Joseph's story (Genesis 50:20) encourage you not to give up?
- What might change in your attitude and choices if you truly believed "all things" are being worked together for good?

### Make this declaration out loud:

"All things in my life are being worked together for good because I love God and I am called according to His purpose. What was meant for evil, God is turning for my good and His glory."