



STEADFAST DEVOTIONALS

CONSECRATE YOURSELVES

Joshua told the people, "Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you."

Joshua 3:5

Consecrate means "to make or declare something sacred, to dedicate." When Joshua told the people to consecrate themselves (notice he didn't ask, it was a command), he took preparations for their journey into the Promised Land to a deeper level. Last week's devotional was about staying prepared for what God wants to do in us. But consecration is about intimacy. Not only should we want to chase after Jesus, but we need to be asking Him to make us more like Him, fully devoted to being a servant of Christ.

Culture tells us to devote ourselves to a career, money, selfish desires. Jesus' life was countercultural. He said, "I did not come to be served, but to serve" (Matt. 10:45). When we consecrate ourselves before the Lord, we are devoting our life to Him, not just bits and pieces, but everything. Why do we do this? Look at Joshua 3:5 again. Because "tomorrow the Lord will do amazing things among you." Our devotion means we get to see Him do amazing things in our lives, our families, and our community.

CHALLENGE

Have you fully devoted yourself to God's will and purpose for your life? Where can you be more like Jesus for your family and friends in the area of servanthood? This week, show Your devotion to God by spending time with Him. Turn on worship music and praise Him, or write a prayer of thanksgiving on the Reflections page. Tell the Lord how much He means to you and let Him do the same.

PRAY THIS

Father, I am so grateful for Your faithfulness in my life. You are such a good God. I want to know you more and grow in my intimacy with You. When I do this, I am becoming more like You. Show me how I can be more devoted to Your will and Your ways for my life and my family.

