

Devotional guide based on the September 14th message by Willie Santiago

Day 1: The Power of the Holy Spirit: Acts 1:8 Devotional: Just as Jesus promised His disciples, the Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses for Christ. This power isn't reserved for a select few, but for all believers. Reflect on how the Holy Spirit has worked in your life. Have you fully embraced this divine power? Consider areas where you might be relying on your own strength instead of God's. Pray for a renewed awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence and power in your daily life.

Day 2: God's Transformative Love: Romans 5:8 Devotional: Willie's grandmother Margarita's story reminds us of God's transformative love. Despite her involvement in witchcraft, she encountered Christ's love through a missionary and was forever changed. God's love has the power to reach us wherever we are. Reflect on your own journey with Christ. How has His love transformed you? Consider someone in your life who needs to experience this love. Pray for an opportunity to share it with them.

Day 3: Perseverance in Faith: James 1:2-4 Devotional: Willie's childhood experiences of discrimination and bullying for his faith reflect the challenges many face when following Christ. Yet, these trials can strengthen our faith. Consider the trials you're facing. How might God be using these to develop your perseverance and deepen your faith? Pray for strength to stand firm in your beliefs, even when it's difficult, and for wisdom to see God's purpose in your struggles.

Day 4: The Importance of Personal Faith: John 3:3-7 Devotional: Willie's realization that being born into a Christian family doesn't automatically make one a Christian echoes Jesus' words about being "born again." Salvation is a personal decision to follow Christ. Reflect on your own faith journey. Have you personally accepted Christ, or are you relying on family tradition? If you haven't made a personal commitment to Christ, consider what's holding you back. If you have, think about how you can nurture and deepen your relationship with Him.

Day 5: Forgiveness and Reconciliation: Colossians 3:13 Devotional: Willie's perspective on forgiveness - remembering without bitterness - offers a powerful model for reconciliation. This approach allowed him to forgive those who hurt him, some of whom later became fellow believers. Reflect on any grudges or bitterness you're holding onto. How might adopting Willie's view of forgiveness change your relationships? Pray for the strength to forgive as Christ has forgiven you, and for the ability to remember past hurts without bitterness.