

## Getting Into the Game of Faith

### The Great Commission

#### Daily Devotional February 10: The Rhythm of Worship

*Reading: Hebrews 10:23-25*

The writer of Hebrews reminds us not to neglect meeting together. Worship isn't about entertainment or checking a monthly box—it's about recalibration. Just as our phones need regular charging, our souls need consistent time in God's presence to refocus our hearts on what truly matters. When we gather weekly, we encounter God through Scripture, song, giving, and fellowship. Each element works together to pull us from the week's distractions and reorient us toward divine purpose. This isn't legalism; it's spiritual necessity. Consider: What would change in your life if you prioritized weekly worship as essential rather than optional? This week, commit to being present, not just physically, but with your whole heart.

#### Daily Devotional February 11: Hands and Feet of Jesus

*Reading: James 2:14-26*

Faith without works is dead, James declares boldly. We are called to be God's hands and feet in a hurting world. The early Methodist women who started hospitals understood this—they saw need and acted. Service isn't just a church program; it's the natural overflow of genuine faith. When we sit expecting to be served rather than serving, we miss our calling entirely. The question isn't whether your church has enough volunteers—it's whether you're willing to be one. God doesn't need your ability; He needs your availability. What need has God placed before you that you've been ignoring? Perhaps it's time to stop complaining about what isn't happening and start being part of the solution. Your service, however small, matters eternally.

#### Daily Devotional February 12: Living Disciples

*Reading: Matthew 28:16-20*

"As you are going, make disciples." Jesus didn't command us to preach at people or enforce traditions—He called us to live in such a way that others notice something different. The Great Commission happens in grocery stores, doctor's offices, and golf courses. It's in how we treat the cashier, respond to frustration, and conduct ourselves when no one's watching. People are drawn not to our perfection but to our authenticity. Like those disciples who sensed something different on the golf course, people around you are watching. They're looking for genuine faith that transforms ordinary moments. Your life is the sermon most people will read. What message are you preaching through your daily conduct? Today, ask God to make your life an attractive witness to His grace.

#### Daily Devotional February 13: The Cost of Following

*Reading: Luke 9:23-27, 57-62*

Eleven of the twelve disciples died martyrs' deaths far from home. They took Jesus' commission seriously, leaving comfort and safety to spread the Gospel to the ends of the earth. Thomas, the doubter, traveled to India and was speared to death—yet his legacy lives on in churches still practicing traditions he established. Following Jesus isn't about casual commitment or convenient faith. It requires getting into the game fully, activating our faith with our whole lives. We may not face martyrdom, but we do face choices: Will we give sacrificially or just spare change? Will we serve consistently or only when convenient? Will we worship regularly or sporadically? The trajectory of your faith depends on today's choices. What is your faith costing you?

## Daily Devotional February 14: Beyond Ordinary Generosity

### *Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-15*

The average Christian gives 0.8% to the church. This isn't generosity—it's spare change. Paul reminds us that God loves a cheerful giver, and whoever sows sparingly reaps sparingly. When we hold tightly to our resources, we miss the joy of participating in God's work. The early church turned the world upside down not through wealth but through radical generosity and sacrifice. Giving isn't about keeping the church lights on; it's about investing in eternal impact. Consider charitable gift annuities, regular tithing, or sacrificial giving that actually requires faith. When we give generously, we declare that God is our provider, not our possessions. How might God be calling you to greater generosity? Remember: you cannot out-give God, and your giving reveals what you truly treasure.