

# SEVEN<sup>7</sup>H WEEK DEVOTIONAL

---

## monday **ABBA**

*Read Romans 8:15-28, 1 John 3:1-2*

How do I think of God? The answer to that question has everything to do with your willingness to be with him in prayer. Is he distant? Does he seem caring? Is he Father? Is there intimacy with reverence or just reverence? Do I really sense my need of him and his love for me? Am I willing to learn what my Father is like?

---

## tuesday **NAME**

*Read Psalm 75:1-3*

Do we think this way about God's power and authority? What has changed in our world that we don't think in terms of God's unflappable authority? And do we acknowledge his name and his reputation when our world shakes? Do we live knowing he holds our pillars firm?

---

## wednesday **KINGDOM**

*Read Colossians 1:9-23*

The Kingdom is a reality now. Is it shaping your mindset today? Your language? Your pursuits? Will it simply happen to you one day or will it happen through you today?

---

## thursday **WILL**

*Read Luke 22:39-42*

Even Jesus had a human will to submit to the will of the Father. As far as you are concerned, the will of God being done in the earth begins with your life. Your faith. Your love. Your obedience. Are you living in submission? Is it conditional? Do you lay down your will on a regular basis and take up the Father's? Is his will a part of your prayer language (or is your prayer mostly about your will)?

---

## friday **BREAD**

*Read Matthew 6:25-27*

Jesus tells us to pray for bread that will not run out. This Scripture in Matthew 6 is an encouragement that God's heart is already aligned with that prayer. Why do we worry? Is it because we secretly believe we are our own source? Are we afraid we won't be able to provide for those in our care? A big question: Are we willing to live receiving daily bread, or do we need a storehouse to feel secure?

---

## saturday **FORGIVE**

*Read Matthew 18:21-35*

The parable is shocking and stern. But it presents a spiritual reality. Forgiveness is not just important. It's essential. Who must you forgive and how much? Maybe you have to forgive your family after every holiday you are together. Maybe you have to forgive your spouse every time you argue because you are still learning how to dignify one another instead of insult. What's standing in the way of forgiveness? Do you feel forgiven by God? Are you free or are you bound with the barbed wire of guilt? If you can live free in God's forgiveness, then forgiveness for others will come easily to you. If it's not easy for you to forgive, then you haven't understood the forgiveness you have been given by God. There is the place to start before you move another inch in your spiritual life.