
THE NEW PSALMIST BAPTIST CHURCH
EMPOWERING DISCIPLES
REVIVAL
ENCOUNTER
DARE TO
BELIEVE
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4-6
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2026
31-DAY DEVOTIONAL
RE26




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THE JOURNEY TOWARD RE26

REvival Encounter 2026 calls us from lingering faith to living faith. James 2:17 presses the question: What does faith look like when it becomes visible? Mark 9:23 invites us to dare to believe. These thirty-one days are designed to carry New Psalmist toward revival through Scripture, reflection, prayer, and daily practice.

This is a spiritual practice. Give God your attention each day. Read slowly. Reflect honestly. Do the action step. Write your own response under “Today I will trust Jesus by…” The aim of this is deeper than completing thirty-one readings. We are asking Christ to form a people whose faith can be seen in worship, obedience, service, generosity, justice, witness, community, and hope.

Begin early enough for the final days to carry the church directly into RE26 and come to the

services expecting that God has already been preparing you for something to be revealed to you just. Bring your family. Bring your questions.

Bring somebody who needs hope. Above all, bring a heart that wants more of Jesus.

Primary Scripture: James 2:17
Supporting Scripture: Mark 9:23

DAILY RHYTHM

- Read the Scripture aloud.
- Read the Reflection slowly.
- Sit with the Summary and Closing Thought.
- Complete the Living Faith Practice.
- Finish the sentence “Today I will trust Jesus by…”
- Pray the closing prayer.









WEEK 1

WAKE UP:
FAITH MUST LIVE





// DAY 1

Faith That Gets Up

James 2:14–17; Mark 9:23

Reflection: James will not let comfortable faith just sit still. He asks what good it is to speak faith when nothing in life moves with it. His concern is that living faith eventually becomes visible in the way we live and walk. In fact, it causes us to forgive, serve, give, speak, shows up, and obey. Think of a house with every light switched on while the front door stays locked. The power is present, yet nobody can enter. Living faith opens the door because it wants persons to enter.

Jesus says that everything is possible for the one who believes. That promise does not turn faith into magic or give us control of every outcome. It gives us courage to participate in what God is doing. Some of us have survived disappointment by lowering expectation.

We still believe in God, yet we have stopped expecting God to disturb our routines.

Revival begins when faith gets up from the chair and expectations come alive once again. During these thirty-one days, ask a deeper question than, "*Do I believe?*" Ask, "*Where would belief take me if I stopped holding it at a safe distance?*" God may already be preparing you for something that will require a stronger, practiced yes.

Summary:

Faith becomes living faith when belief begins to move through our choices.

Closing Thought:

Faith was never meant to sit in the sanctuary.

Living Faith Practice:

Choose one area where you have been waiting. Take one faithful, responsible step today.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord Jesus, awaken my faith. Give me courage to live what I say I believe. Amen.

// DAY 2

The Door Between Belief and Obedience

Luke 6:46–49; James 1:22

Reflection: Jesus asks why people call Him Lord and then fail to do what He says. Then He describes two builders. Both hear His words. One acts on them and digs down to rock. The other leaves the words on the surface. Storms reveal foundations.

Many people admire Jesus. Disciples build on Him. The difference often appears in ordinary obedience. We know we *should* pray, apologize, serve, give, tell the truth, resist bitterness, or seek help. Yet they do not seem to be able to conform to the very things they say they believe. The gap between knowing and doing can become the place where faith lingers.

Imagine standing before an automatic door that opens only when you move toward it.

You can believe the door works, explain its mechanism, and watch others walk through. At some point you must step forward. That is the step faith is calling us to make.

Revival is God calling us forward to tell us that we can make these steps and that it is time to make them We are preparing for more than emotional excitement. We are digging new foundations. Each act of obedience says, *"Jesus, I trust Your way enough to build my life on it."* When we gather for RE26, may we arrive with hearts already practiced in saying *"yes."* The sermon will then meet a heart that has learned how to respond.

Summary:

Obedience is the bridge that carries belief into life.

Closing Thought:

The rock is discovered beneath the place where we obey.

Living Faith Practice:

Identify one clear teaching of Jesus you already know. Practice it intentionally today.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord Jesus, awaken my faith. Give me courage to live what I say I believe. Amen.

// DAY 3

Believe God Again

Psalm 77:7–14; Mark 9:24

Reflection: The father in Mark 9 gives one of Scripture's most honest prayers: *"I do believe; help me overcome my unbelief."* Faith and fear are both in the room. Many of us know that mixture. We have watched doors close, people leave, jobs disappear, bodies weaken, and plans change. Disappointment can teach the soul to whisper, *"Do not expect too much."*

Psalm 77 knows that territory. The writer begins with painful questions and then turns toward memory: *"I will remember the deeds of the Lord."* Memory can become medicine.

In the Black church, testimony has often served this purpose. Somebody tells what God has done, and another person borrows courage from the story. The testimony never says the

trouble was small. **It declares that trouble was never the whole story.**

Today, *dare to believe God again.* You do not need manufactured certainty. Bring Jesus the faith you have and ask Him to strengthen it. Revival often begins with a trembling sentence: "Lord, I am willing to trust You one more time." That sentence can become a doorway through which hope enters again.

Summary:

Faith can be honest about fear and still reach toward Jesus.

Closing Thought:

Sometimes revival begins with borrowed courage and remembered mercy.

Living Faith Practice:

Write three moments when God carried, provided for, or strengthened you.
Read them aloud.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, I believe. Meet me where disappointment has weakened my expectation. Amen.

// DAY 4

Offer God Something

Hebrews 11:4; Romans 12:1

Reflection: Hebrews says Abel offered God a better sacrifice by faith. His faith was visible in what he brought. Romans 12 calls believers to offer themselves as living sacrifices. Faith always puts something on the altar.

The altar may hold our time, pride, convenience, money, resentment, schedule, or desire to control. We often ask God for renewal while protecting the very thing that keeps us from being renewed. Abel's witness asks, "What am I bringing to God that costs me attention and trust?"

Imagine a musician carrying an instrument into rehearsal but refusing to tune it. The instrument belongs in the orchestra, yet it cannot blend because it will not yield to the tuning fork.

Worship tunes us. Surrender tunes us. God is shaping a people who can carry His sound into the world.

This devotional itself is an offering. You are giving God minutes you could spend elsewhere. Let those minutes become sacred. As RE26 approaches, come ready to bring more than attendance. Bring yourself. God may ask for something deeper because He intends to form something deeper in you.

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// DAY 5

Walk With God

Hebrews 11:5–6; Genesis 5:24

Reflection: Enoch's biography is astonishingly short: *he walked faithfully with God. Hebrews says his life pleased God.* Before we talk about mountains moving, Enoch teaches us the miracle of companionship.

Walking is rhythmic. Step after step. Ordinary movement over time. Many people want a dramatic encounter with God while ignoring the daily walk. Revival services can ignite a flame, but daily fellowship tends the fire. Prayer, Scripture, worship, service, silence, and obedience keep turning our attention toward God.

Picture two friends walking the same route each morning. At first they exchange small talk. Over months, conversation deepens. They learn

each other's pauses, concerns, humor, and hopes. Relationship grows through repeated presence. Our life with Christ develops through repeated presence too.

Today, resist the pressure to make faith spectacular. Walk with Jesus through the day you actually have. Invite Him into the commute, meeting, kitchen, doctor's office, and uncertainty. By RE26, may we be a people already walking with God, ready to recognize His voice when He speaks.

Summary:

Deep faith is often built through ordinary days of repeated attention to God.

Closing Thought:

Revival fire burns best in a life that has learned to walk with God.

Living Faith Practice:

Take a 15-minute prayer walk. Speak to Jesus about what you see, fear, hope, and need.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord Jesus, teach me to walk with You in the ordinary places of my life. Amen.

// DAY 6

Faith That Pleases God

Hebrews 11:6; John 15:5

Reflection: Hebrews says the person who comes to God must believe that God is and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him. The verse is deeply relational. Faith believes God is present and worth seeking.

Sometimes prayer becomes a transaction. We bring requests, wait for answers, and measure God by the speed of the response. Jesus invites us deeper: “Remain in me.” The reward of seeking God includes God Himself.

A child may run to a parent asking for help tying a shoe. The shoe matters. Underneath the request is a deeper security: “You are here, and I can come to you.” That is faith.

As we prepare for revival, seek more than a solution. Seek Christ. Bring the job concern,

family strain, political anxiety, private disappointment, and unanswered question. Then stay long enough to ask, *"Jesus, what do You want me to know about You here?"* RE26 can become more than a series of services if we arrive hungry for the Giver. The deepest revival may be the recovery of our desire simply to know Christ.

Summary:

Faith seeks God because God Himself is our deepest treasure.

Closing Thought:

Do not stop at the blessing when the Blesser is near.

Living Faith Practice:

Spend ten minutes praying without asking for anything. Praise God for who He is.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God, deepen my desire for You. Let my heart seek Your presence with joy. Amen.

// DAY 7

When Faith Meets Monday

Colossians 3:17; Micah 6:8

Reflection: Faith can sound powerful on Sunday and become difficult by Monday morning. Paul says whatever we do, in word or deed, should be done in the name of the Lord Jesus. Micah gives everyday verbs: do justice, love mercy, walk humbly. Living faith enters calendars and conversations.

A carpenter does not prove skill by admiring blueprints. Skill appears when wood is measured, cut, joined, and built. Scripture gives the blueprint of Christlike life. Monday is the workshop.

Consider your workplace, home, school, neighborhood, and online presence. What would it look like to dare to believe there? Perhaps it means refusing gossip, advocating

for someone overlooked, doing excellent work after discouragement, or treating a person with dignity when the culture rewards contempt.

Revival should make us more alive to God and more useful to our neighbors. The church is strongest when worship leaves the building in the bodies of believers. Let this week become rehearsal. When we gather for RE26, we want to bring stories of faith that already started moving in kitchens, offices, classrooms, streets, and homes.

Summary:
Living faith carries the name of Jesus into ordinary responsibilities.

Closing Thought:
Monday is where Sunday learns to walk.

Living Faith Practice:
Choose one ordinary responsibility today and do it consciously as an act of worship.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Jesus, let my faith be visible in the way I work, speak, and treat people today. Amen.









WEEK 2

WALK AND BUILD: FAITH BECOMES PRACTICE





// DAY 8

Build Before You See It

Hebrews 11:7; Genesis 6:13–22

Reflection: Noah received a word about rain before there was evidence of rain. Hebrews says that in holy fear he built an ark. Faith prepared before the evidence was visible.

Imagine neighbors passing the construction site. Day after day they see wood, tools, sweat, and a strange structure rising under a clear sky. Noah's faith had sawdust on it; it was measurable in cubits.

Many of God's important preparations happen before the reason becomes obvious. We pray before crisis, save before need, study before opportunity, repair a relationship before the family gathering, and strengthen discipleship before cultural storms grow stronger.

Perhaps God is using these thirty-one days to build something in you before you know why you will need it. Do not despise preparation. RE26 may become a moment when a word from God meets a structure He has quietly been building in your heart. Noah teaches us that faith does not wait for clouds. It honors the word of God enough to start building. Some future strength is being constructed by today's obedience.

Summary:

Faith prepares for what God has spoken before circumstances confirm it.

Closing Thought:

Sometimes obedience looks like building an ark under a blue sky.

Living Faith Practice:

Take one practical preparation step toward something you believe God is calling you to do.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, give me Noah's courage to prepare faithfully before I can see the outcome. Amen.

// DAY 9

Obedience Has a Sound

Genesis 6:22; John 14:21

Reflection: Genesis gives Noah an extraordinary sentence: Noah did everything just as God commanded him. There is no thunder in the sentence. There is obedience.

We often associate revival with sound: music, preaching, praise, prayer. Heaven also hears the sound of obedience. It sounds like the apology made before pride stops it, the computer closing when temptation appears, a meal delivered, a truth spoken, a boundary honored, or a ministry assignment accepted. These choices rarely come with organ music. Yet they are worship.

Jesus says that the one who loves Him keeps His commands. Love becomes visible through obedience. We are responding to Someone who loved us first.

Think of a dancer learning choreography. Repetition eventually turns instruction into instinct. Each small act of obedience trains the soul to move with Jesus. By RE26, may our church have practiced enough yeses that when God calls for a larger yes, our hearts already know the steps. Revival can then become acceleration of a life already leaning toward Christ.

Summary:

Obedience is love for Jesus made visible.

Closing Thought:

Heaven hears the quiet sound of a faithful yes.

Living Faith Practice:

Do one thing today that you know Christ has been prompting you to do, before you negotiate with yourself.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Jesus, make obedience my response to Your love. Train my heart to say yes quickly. Amen.

// DAY 10

Faith in a Storm Culture

Psalm 46:1–3; Matthew 7:24–25

Reflection: Psalm 46 imagines the earth giving way and mountains falling into the sea. The language is large because fear can feel large. Many people live with economic uncertainty, political pressure, social conflict, and private worry. The ground seems to move.

The psalm begins with God: *"God is our refuge and strength."* A lighthouse does not argue with the storm. It keeps shining from a foundation anchored beneath the waves. Faith locates us inside a reality larger than the storm: the presence and reign of God.

Jesus says the house built on His words can endure rain, flood, and wind. The storm may strike. The house stands.

This is one reason we need revival. We need formation sturdy enough to live faithfully within this world. The gathered church reminds us that we are not facing history alone. God is present, Christ is Lord, the Spirit is at work, and we belong to one another. Come toward RE26 as someone strengthening the foundation. Let worship enlarge your awareness of the God whose Kingdom dwarfs the forces that frighten us.

Summary:

Faith makes God's presence decisive in the middle of real storms.

Closing Thought:

A strong foundation does its deepest work when the weather turns.

Living Faith Practice:

Turn one worry into a specific prayer and one responsible action you can take today.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God our refuge, steady me in an unsteady world. Root my life in Christ. Amen.

// DAY 11

The Courage to Go

Hebrews 11:8; Genesis 12:1–4

Reflection: Abraham obeyed and went even though he did not know where he was going. Faith sometimes receives a direction before it receives a map.

We want God to show destination, route, weather, cost, and outcome. God sometimes gives the next step. Abraham's obedience became a pilgrimage, and each mile taught him more about the God who called him.

Think of driving at night. Headlights rarely illuminate the entire highway. They show enough road to keep moving. Grace often works like that. God gives enough light for faithful movement.

What step is visible now? A conversation, application, ministry role, financial adjustment,

return to worship, decision to seek counseling, or commitment to serve? Daring faith may feel less like leaping off a cliff and more like taking the next obedient step while trusting the One who sees the road.

God may be preparing you through movement. By revival, you may discover that the journey itself has changed you. The destination matters, and so does the disciple you are becoming on the way.

Summary:

Faith can move with God before it possesses the full map.

Closing Thought:

Headlights give enough light for the next faithful mile.

Living Faith Practice:

Name the next clear step before you. Take it today if it is wise and possible.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God of Abraham, give me courage to move when You give direction. Amen.

// DAY 12

Waiting Without Withering

Hebrews 11:9–10; Psalm 27:13–14

Reflection: Abraham lived in tents while waiting for a city whose architect and builder is God. The promise was real. The waiting was real too.

Waiting can drain the color out of hope if we interpret delay as abandonment. Scripture offers another possibility. Waiting can become a workshop where God strengthens the heart. Psalm 27 says, *"Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart."* Waiting is active trust. We keep praying, serving, learning, loving, and preparing while refusing to force what only God can give.

Think of bread rising under a cloth. For a while nothing dramatic appears to happen, yet life is working through the dough. Some prayers are

in that covered-bowl season. God may be at work in places you cannot see.

Revival does not guarantee instant answers. It renews our capacity to wait with God. As RE26 approaches, bring your unanswered prayers. Bring them as evidence that you are still seeking, still trusting, still daring to believe. A delayed answer does not mean an absent God. The waiting room can become a classroom of faith.

Summary:

Waiting becomes faithful when we remain responsive to God while the answer unfolds.

Closing Thought:

Delay can be a workshop where God strengthens the heart.

Living Faith Practice:

Return to one long-standing prayer. Pray it again slowly, then do one life-giving thing while you wait.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, keep my hope alive in seasons of delay. Teach me to wait with You. Amen.

// DAY 13

Faith That Laughs Again

Genesis 18:9–14; Hebrews 11:11

Reflection: Sarah laughed when she heard the promise. Her laughter carried the ache of years. Sometimes disappointment develops its own vocabulary: *"After all this time? Now?"*

God asks, *"Is anything too hard for the Lord?"* The question invites us to remember who God is. Sarah's body had a history. God's promise had a future.

Many people stop dreaming because hope has embarrassed them before. We protect ourselves by expecting less. Resurrection faith keeps a window open. Imagine an old tree that appears finished in winter. The branches look empty. Deep inside, life is waiting for the season to turn. Faith does not paint fake leaves on winter branches. Faith remembers that winter is not the only season God made.

Today, allow yourself to hope again in one area. Your hope may need wisdom, patience, and adjustment. Still, do not let disappointment become your theologian. Bring the impossiblelooking place to Christ. Revival is a season for the soul to laugh again, this time with wonder. God may be restoring your capacity to imagine a future with Him.

Summary:

Faith refuses to let disappointment have the final word about what God can do.

Closing Thought:

Winter branches are not proof that spring has been cancelled.

Living Faith Practice:

Write one hope you have stopped naming. Offer it to God without demanding the outcome.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God of promise, heal the places where disappointment has taught me to expect too little from You. Amen.

// DAY 14

The Altar of Surrender

Hebrews 11:17–19; Genesis 22:1–14

Reflection: Abraham's journey reaches a painful summit. The promised son becomes the place of surrender. Hebrews says Abraham reasoned that God could even raise the dead. Faith sometimes trusts God with the very gift God gave.

We can cling tightly to roles, plans, children, careers, reputations, and dreams because they matter deeply. The danger comes when the gift becomes the ground of our security. Abraham's altar asks: Can I trust God even here?

A closed fist can hold something tightly, but it cannot receive anything new. Surrender opens the hand. This story requires reverence. Scripture ultimately reveals God as the One who provides. The spiritual point is trust.

Abraham learns again that the promise rests on God's faithfulness.

As we prepare for revival, ask what you have been gripping. Surrender places what matters into the hands of the One who matters most. Some of the deepest revival moments happen when we stop negotiating and whisper, *"Lord, this belongs to You too."* The altar can become the place where fear loses ownership of us.

Summary:

Surrender places precious things into the hands of a trustworthy God.

Closing Thought:

A closed fist protects control; an open hand makes room for grace.

Living Faith Practice:

Name one thing you are trying to control. Pray over it with open hands for two minutes.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Provider God, teach me to trust You with what I love, fear, and cannot control. Amen.






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WEEK 3

GO, WAIT, TRUST: FAITH LEARNS COURAGE





// DAY 15

Bless the Future

Hebrews 11:20–22; Genesis 48:15–16

Reflection: Hebrews remembers Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph near the ends of their lives because they blessed the future. Their faith looked beyond the present moment.

Living faith is generational. We often measure faith by what it helps us survive today. Scripture also asks what our faith is depositing into tomorrow. What are younger people learning about God by watching us? What stories, habits, courage, generosity, and hope are we handing forward?

Picture a relay race. The goal is not simply to run well while holding the baton. The race depends on the handoff. A generation can run magnificently and still lose ground if it never learns to pass faith.

Church commitment matters here. The church is one place where generations overlap long enough to bless one another. Children hear elders testify. Elders watch young adults imagine new ministries. Families learn worship together. RE26 can become a handoff moment. Come ready to receive from those who walked before you and to bless those coming behind you. Revival should leave the next generation with more faith, more courage, and a clearer picture of Jesus.

Summary:

Living faith blesses people we may never live long enough to see become all God intends.

Closing Thought:

Do not finish your lap still holding the baton.

Living Faith Practice:

Encourage someone younger than you, or thank someone older who helped form your faith.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God of generations, make my faith a blessing that travels farther than my lifetime. Amen.

// DAY 16

Faith With a Future Tense

Hebrews 11:22; Genesis 50:24–25

Reflection: Joseph had lived through betrayal, slavery, false accusation, power, famine, reunion, and forgiveness. Near death, he spoke about the future: “God will surely come to your aid.” He gave instructions about his bones because he believed Egypt was not the end of the story.

Faith has a future tense. Our circumstances can become so immediate that we forget God is still writing. Job loss can feel final. A diagnosis can feel final. Cultural hostility can feel final. Joseph teaches us to place today inside God’s longer story.

Imagine reading only the middle chapter of a novel and assuming you know the ending. We often do that with life. Faith says, “This chapter is real, and the Author is still writing.”

Joseph's confidence did not come from an easy life. His hope was forged through adversity. You do not need a pain-free biography to become a hopeful person. Bring your unfinished story toward RE26. Ask God to restore future tense to your faith. God is still at work in you, in your family, in the church, and in the world He loves.

Summary:

Faith places the present chapter inside God's larger story.

Closing Thought:

The Author is still writing.

Living Faith Practice:

Complete this sentence: "With God, my future can still include..."

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, give my faith a future tense. Help me live today with confidence in Your continuing work. Amen.

// DAY 17

Refuse the Wrong Identity

Hebrews 11:24–26; 1 Peter 2:9

Reflection: Hebrews says Moses refused to be known as the son of Pharaoh's daughter and chose identification with the people of God. Faith involved refusal before it involved leadership.

Culture constantly names us: successful, failed, employed, unemployed, important, invisible, old, young, powerful, powerless. Christ gives a deeper name: beloved, called, redeemed, sent.

Moses had access to privilege, yet he discerned an allegiance greater than status. His refusal was costly. Living faith sometimes says no to a version of life that would be easier but less faithful.

Think of a coat that once fit and now restricts movement. There are identities we must

outgrow because God is calling us into fuller obedience. Perhaps you have been wearing a label given by failure, family history, fear, or somebody else's expectation.

Revival can become a renaming place. Come to RE26 prepared to hear who you are in Christ. When identity is anchored in Him, we become freer to serve, lead, risk, and love without needing everybody's approval. A living faith grows from a settled belonging.

Summary:

Faith may require refusing a lesser identity so we can live from who God says we are.

Closing Thought:

Some labels must be laid down before calling can breathe.

Living Faith Practice:

Write one limiting label you have accepted. Replace it with a Scripture-shaped truth about your identity in Christ.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Jesus, anchor my identity in You. Free me from names that keep me smaller than Your calling. Amen.

// DAY 18

Faith That Chooses a Side

Hebrews 11:24–27; Joshua 24:15

Reflection: Moses chose solidarity with an oppressed people rather than the temporary advantages of the palace. His faith carried moral direction. Faith is deeply personal and it also shapes public life.

Joshua tells Israel, *"Choose this day whom you will serve."* Every generation faces choices about allegiance. When public life becomes anxious and polarized, fear, party, tribe, race, class, or comfort can become the loudest voice. Living faith keeps Jesus Lord.

That allegiance shapes how we engage injustice. We seek truth, protect dignity, serve neighbors, speak for the vulnerable, and refuse hatred. Courageous faith can confront what is wrong while remaining governed by the character of Christ.

A compass does not remove rough terrain. It prevents the terrain from deciding the direction. Jesus is our compass. As RE26 approaches, ask what has been determining your direction. Revival should clarify allegiance. We gather to remember that our first loyalty belongs to Christ and His Kingdom. From that center we enter a troubled world with courage, humility, justice, mercy, and hope.

Summary:

Living faith gives our public life a Christ-centered moral direction.

Closing Thought:

A compass keeps us from losing north.

Living Faith Practice:

Before reacting to one troubling issue today, pause and ask, "What response would honor Jesus?"

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: King Jesus, govern my loyalties. Form my public witness in Your truth, justice, mercy, and love. Amen.

// DAY 19

When Fear Chases You

Hebrews 11:27; Exodus 14:10–14

Reflection: Israel saw Pharaoh's army and the sea. Fear had evidence. Moses told the people to stand firm and see the deliverance of the Lord. Faith does not require fear to disappear before obedience begins.

Fear narrows vision. It makes the threat feel like the entire landscape. God widens the frame. There was an army behind them and a sea before them. There was also God among them.

Imagine standing too close to a large painting. One dark section can fill your entire view. Step back and the dark color becomes part of a larger picture. Prayer often helps us step back into God's larger reality.

Many people are carrying legitimate fears about work, family, health, violence, politics,

and the future. Bring those fears honestly to Christ. Then ask what fear is trying to make you forget. RE26 should become a place where the church remembers together. God has made ways before. God can give courage now. The presence of danger does not cancel the presence of God, and fear does not get to narrate the whole story.

Summary:

Fear may have evidence, and faith still has God.

Closing Thought:

Do not let one dark corner become the whole painting.

Living Faith Practice:

Name your strongest current fear. Then name three truths about God that remain true in its presence.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God who makes a way, widen my vision beyond fear and teach me to trust Your presence. Amen.

// DAY 20

The Step Into the Water

Joshua 3:13–17; James 2:17

Reflection: At the Jordan River, the water did not part while the priests remained safely on the bank. Their feet touched the water, and then the way opened.

Some doors respond to movement. We can spend years praying for courage while avoiding the place where courage grows. Courage grows through faithful action. The step does not manipulate God. It demonstrates trust.

Imagine learning to swim while standing beside the pool reading instructions. At some point the body must enter the water. Information becomes *experience*.

Where are you standing on the bank? Perhaps you need to join a ministry, return to

worship, reconcile with someone, apply for an opportunity, share your testimony, begin counseling, or volunteer in the community. Wisdom matters, and so does movement.

James says faith without works is dead. The Jordan story helps us see living faith as embodied trust. By RE26, may we have wet feet. May we come to worship with stories that began because we stepped where God was leading. The water may become the classroom where trust moves from idea into instinct.

Summary:

Living faith puts feet into the place where trust becomes experience.

Closing Thought:

Some waters open after obedient feet get wet.

Living Faith Practice:

Take one wise step toward a place you have been praying about.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, give me courage to step where You are leading. Meet me in the movement. Amen.

// DAY 21

Rahab: Faith Behind an Unlikely Door

Hebrews 11:31; Joshua 2:8–14

Reflection: Rahab is one of the great surprises in Hebrews 11. She lived in Jericho, outside Israel's covenant story, carrying a complicated reputation. Yet she recognized what God was doing and acted courageously.

Grace knows how to enter unlikely addresses. Rahab's faith became visible in hospitality, risk, protection, and allegiance. She tied a scarlet cord in the window and trusted the promise connected to it. Her past did not disqualify her from a future in God's story.

Many people quietly assume revival is for people who already have everything together. Rahab destroys that assumption. God meets people in complicated places and calls us from there.

Think of light coming through a cracked window. The crack does not stop the light. Sometimes the very places we are ashamed of become openings through which grace becomes visible.

If you feel spiritually distant, come closer. If your story has chapters you would rather hide, bring them to Christ. RE26 is an invitation to living faith. Jesus is still revealing futures behind unlikely doors, and grace still has the last word over our past.

Summary:

Grace can write faith into lives that other people have already summarized.

Closing Thought:

A cracked window can still let in light.

Living Faith Practice:

Reach toward God from the place you actually are. Tell Him one truth you usually hide.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Jesus, meet me in the real story of my life and lead me into the future Your grace makes possible. Amen.


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WEEK 4

BLESS, SERVE, PRACTICE: FAITH ENTERS THE WORLD





// DAY 22

Faith That Blesses the City

Jeremiah 29:7; Matthew 5:14–16

Reflection: God told exiles in Babylon to seek the peace and prosperity of the city where they lived. Jesus calls His followers the light of the world. Living faith turns outward.

Revival that stops at the church door is incomplete. Faith prays for people and helps with groceries. Faith sings and serves. Faith invites neighbors and pays attention to what burdens them. Faith sees the gas pump, food bill, lonely senior, overwhelmed parent, and unemployed worker as places where Christ can be represented.

A window is useful because light passes through it. The church is at its best when the grace we receive moves through us.

Ask God to make you interruptible. Someone may need encouragement, practical help, prayer, a ride, a meal, a contact, or simply respect. Small acts can become sacraments of hope.

As we move toward RE26, let the community feel some of the revival before the first sermon is preached. The credibility of our worship grows when our neighbors can see the compassion, justice, generosity, and hope of Jesus taking flesh in us.

Summary:

Living faith turns received grace into visible blessing.

Closing Thought:

Let the city feel some of the revival before the first sermon is preached.

Living Faith Practice:

Bless one person outside your household in a practical way today.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, make me a conduit of Your goodness. Show me who needs to experience Your care through me. Amen

// DAY 23

Generosity Breaks Fear's Grip

2 Corinthians 9:6–8; Proverbs 11:24–25

Reflection: Scarcity tells us to close the hand. Grace teaches us when and how to open it. Paul describes generosity as sowing. Seed that stays forever in the bag never becomes a harvest. He says God loves a cheerful giver and provides what is needed for every good work.

Generosity is larger than money. We can give attention, encouragement, knowledge, hospitality, influence, time, and opportunity. Money matters too because it often touches our sense of security.

Imagine holding sand in a clenched fist. The tighter the grip, the more exhausting it becomes. An open hand is ready to receive and release.

Living faith trusts God enough to resist the tyranny of "*mine.*" The RE26 vision calls us toward visible faith, and generosity is one of its clearest languages. That begins privately in the heart.

Today, give wisely and intentionally. Let generosity become a declaration: fear will not be my financial theology. God is my source, and I am called to be a blessing. Every generous act loosens scarcity's claim on the imagination.

Summary:

Generosity is faith refusing to let scarcity become lord.

Closing Thought:

An open hand can release blessing and remain ready to receive grace.

Living Faith Practice:

Give something today: money, food, time, encouragement, or access to an opportunity.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Generous God, loosen fear's grip on me and make my life a channel of blessing. Amen.

// DAY 24

Prayer That Expects God

Acts 12:5–16; Philippians 4:6–7

Reflection: The church prayed earnestly for Peter while he was imprisoned. Then Peter was released and knocked on the door. The praying believers initially struggled to believe the answer was standing outside. The story feels wonderfully human. Sometimes our prayers outrun our expectations.

Prayer is one way living faith practices attention to God. We bring requests, and we learn to recognize God's activity. Expectant prayer keeps its eyes open.

Imagine ordering a package and never checking the porch. Prayer can become like that when we ask God to work but never look for new possibilities, changed attitudes, opened relationships, or invitations to act.

As RE26 approaches, pray for revival specifically. Pray for the pastor, preachers, worship leaders, staff, volunteers, guests, children, families, online worshipers, and people who do not yet know they need to come. Pray that faith becomes visible in the church and community.

Then watch the door. God may answer some prayers by changing circumstances. He may answer others by changing us. Expectation teaches the soul to notice grace when it knocks.

Summary:

Expectant prayer asks God to move and stays attentive to how God may answer

Closing Thought:

After you pray, remember to check the door.

Living Faith Practice:

Pray by name for three people you want God to draw closer to Christ during RE26.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, deepen my prayer life and sharpen my attention to Your answers and invitations. Amen.

// DAY 25

Make Room

Isaiah 54:2–3; 2 Kings 4:1–7

Reflection: The prophet says, *"Enlarge the place of your tent."* In 2 Kings, a widow gathers empty jars, and the oil keeps flowing until there are no more containers. Preparation creates capacity.

We cannot manufacture the Spirit of God. We can make room. We can clear distractions, reconcile relationships, adjust schedules, and create spiritual space. The RE26 emphasis on consecration and holy expectation carries this wisdom.

A cluttered room may contain everything valuable and still leave no space to move. Some souls feel like that. Every corner is crowded with notifications, deadlines, worry, noise, and reaction.

What needs to move so you can receive? Perhaps this is the day to protect the RE26 dates on your calendar. Perhaps you need to tell your family, “We are going together.” Perhaps you need to turn down something good so you can become available for something sacred.

God is preparing us for something. Make room. Spiritual preparation does not force God’s hand. It makes us more available to recognize, receive, and respond to what God is doing.

Summary:

Preparation is one way faith creates capacity for what God may want to do.

Closing Thought:

Empty space can become holy space.

Living Faith Practice:

Clear one block of time this week for prayer and protect the upcoming RE26 services on your calendar.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God, clear what crowds my soul and make me available for Your work. Amen.

// DAY 26

Fasting: Turning Down One Voice to Hear Another

Matthew 6:16–18; Psalm 63:1

Reflection: Fasting is a spiritual practice of desire. We willingly set aside something that regularly claims our attention so that hunger can point us toward God.

The fast itself is not magic. The direction of the hunger matters. If you skip food and spend the entire time irritated, you have mostly practiced being hungry. If hunger becomes a bell calling you to prayer, Scripture, humility, and surrender, the practice begins to form us.

Think of tuning a radio. Many frequencies may be present, yet one signal becomes clearer as competing noise is reduced. Fasting lowers certain noises so we can attend more fully to God.

Some people cannot safely fast from food. A media fast, entertainment fast, or another wise form of abstinence can serve the same spiritual intention. Health comes first.

As RE26 draws nearer, fasting can help move us from passive belief into active consecration. We are saying with our bodies, *"Jesus, I want You more than constant comfort."* Desire becomes a teacher when it repeatedly points us back toward Christ.

Summary:

Fasting turns ordinary desire into a reminder to seek God.

Closing Thought:

Reduce one noise so the soul can hear another Voice more clearly.

Living Faith Practice:

Choose a safe fast for part of today and replace the time with prayer and Scripture.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Jesus, redirect my appetites toward You. Use this practice to deepen my attention and obedience. Amen.

// DAY 27

Sabbath: Faith That Knows When to Stop

Mark 2:27; Psalm 127:1–2

Reflection: Active faith can become frantic faith if we forget that God remains God when we stop working. Sabbath teaches trust through rest.

Productivity can become a way of proving worth or controlling uncertainty. Sabbath interrupts the illusion that everything depends on us. Psalm 127 says God gives sleep to those He loves. Jesus says Sabbath was made for people, a gift.

Imagine gripping a steering wheel after the car is parked. Nothing is gained by continuing to hold on. Rest is the practice of releasing the wheel.

Sabbath does not mean ignoring responsibility. It creates a holy boundary where we receive life instead of producing it. Worship, unhurried meals, naps, laughter, nature, prayer, and family can become acts of trust.

A church prepared for revival needs rested souls. Exhaustion can make us spiritually numb and emotionally brittle. Before RE26, practice stopping. Let God remind you that His Kingdom does not collapse when you take your hands off the machinery. Rest can be a declaration of faith: God is working while I receive the gift of being human.

Summary:

Sabbath trains us to trust that God is active even when we are resting.

Closing Thought:

Sometimes faith acts.
Sometimes faith sleeps.

Living Faith Practice:

Create at least one hour of phone-light, work-free Sabbath space today.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: God of rest, teach me to receive my limits as a gift and to trust Your continuing work. Amen.

// DAY 28

Come Back to the Table

Acts 2:42–47; Hebrews 10:24–25

Reflection: The early church devoted itself to teaching, fellowship, breaking bread, and prayer. Faith grew in gathered life. We need one another.

Modern life makes isolation easy. We can stream worship, order groceries, work remotely, and communicate without being physically present. Technology is a gift. It can also quietly teach us that community is optional.

The church is more than content delivery. It is a body. Bodies require connection. We need voices singing beside us, hands serving with us, people who notice when we are missing, younger believers to encourage, older believers to learn from, and strangers who become family in Christ.

A coal removed from a fire may remain hot for a while. Over time, it cools. Put it back among the coals and shared heat matters.

This devotional is meant to deepen commitment to the church because Christ forms us in community. Prepare now to be present for RE26. Come to receive, and come to strengthen somebody else's faith by your presence. Your showing up may be part of somebody else's answer to prayer.

Summary:

Christ forms disciples in community, and our presence strengthens the faith of others.

Closing Thought:

A single coal can glow; shared fire keeps burning.

Living Faith Practice:

Contact one church member you have not seen recently. Encourage them and invite them to RE26.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

Prayer: Lord, deepen my love for Your church. Make my presence a source of encouragement and strength. Amen.






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Invite Somebody Into the Possibility

John 1:43–46; Luke 14:23

Reflection: Philip tells Nathanael he has found the One Moses and the prophets wrote about. Nathanael is skeptical. Philip does not argue him into faith. He says, *"Come and see."*

Invitation is living faith. We sometimes hesitate to invite people to church because we fear rejection or awkwardness. Yet an invitation can be an act of love: something meaningful is happening in my life, and I want you near it.

Think of discovering a place that fed you well during a hard season. You tell someone because the experience was good. If Christ is feeding our souls, invitation becomes natural.

Who needs hope right now? Who is carrying disappointment? Who is spiritually curious?

Who used to attend church? Who is facing unemployment, grief, family strain, or fear?

RE26 is for people we love and people God is drawing. Ask God for a name. Then say, “Come and see.” You do not have to guarantee what will happen. You are opening a door. Faith sometimes looks like making sure there is an empty seat beside you for somebody who needs hope.

Summary:

Invitation is faith making room for another person to encounter Christ

Closing Thought:

Sometimes the faithful sentence is simply, "Come and see."

Living Faith Practice:

Invite one person personally to attend an RE26 service with you.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, place someone on my heart and give me courage to offer a gracious invitation. Amen.

// DAY 30

The Night Before

Psalm 130:5–6; Habakkuk 2:1

Reflection: The watchman waits for morning. Habakkuk takes his position to watch for what God will say. Both images carry expectancy.

There is a special kind of faith that stands on the edge of something and refuses to rush past anticipation. As RE26 arrives, slow down enough to notice what these days have done in you. What has changed? What prayer has deepened? Where have you obeyed? What relationship has softened? What fear has lost some authority? What question has become more important?

Farmers do not dig up seed every morning to see whether it is growing. They prepare, plant, water, and wait. Thirty-one days of Scripture, prayer, and practice are seeds.

Now come to the services expecting God to meet what He has already been cultivating. Arrive early if you can. Sit prayerfully. Bring your Bible, journal, questions, family, and friend. Something is coming, and part of what is coming may already be growing in you. Preparation turns a church service into a meeting place between cultivated hunger and the living Christ.

Summary:

Preparation turns attendance into expectancy.

Closing Thought:

Do not dig up the seed; come ready for what God has been growing.

Living Faith Practice:

Review your notes and circle three places where God has been dealing with you.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord, gather the seeds You have planted in me and prepare me to receive what comes next. Amen.

// DAY 31

Dare to Believe

James 2:17; Mark 9:23; Hebrews 11:1

Reflection: We have reached the threshold. James says faith without works is dead. Jesus says everything is possible for the one who believes. Hebrews says faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.

Thirty-one days ago, we began with a question: What would change if we actually lived like we believe God? Now the question comes home.

What changed in you? Perhaps your circumstances are the same. Perhaps some prayers remain unanswered. Yet maybe your posture has changed. You are praying again, serving again, hoping again, forgiving, giving, walking, waiting, preparing, inviting, and showing up. That is living faith.

Revival is here, and you are not arriving as a spectator. You are bringing thirty-one days of attention and obedience into the room. You are coming hungry for Christ, ready to worship with the church, hear the Word, respond, and carry what God does beyond the sanctuary.

The goal was never merely to finish a devotional. The goal was to want more of Jesus. So come believing. Come ready. Dare to believe God again, and let this ending become a beginning.

Summary:

The devotional ends where living faith begins: in a life ready to keep moving with Jesus.

Closing Thought:

Come to revival carrying hunger, expectancy, and a practiced yes.

Living Faith Practice:

Attend the next RE26 service with intention. Arrive ready to worship, listen, respond, and invite someone into the journey.

Today I will trust Jesus by:

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Prayer: Lord Jesus, I want more of You. Let my faith live. Meet us in revival and send us out transformed. Amen.







A CLOSING CHARGE







Dare to Believe is an invitation to become a church whose faith can be seen. Carry these thirty-one days into worship. Bring your questions, hope, family, testimony, and willingness to respond. Let RE26 become a meeting place between the Word God has been planting and the life you are now ready to live.

May New Psalmist be renewed in worship, deepened in discipleship, strengthened in community, courageous in witness, generous in service, and hungry for Jesus Christ. May we leave revival wanting more of Him and ready to live what we believe.

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