



# GPS: Guided by the Presence & Spirit

## A 21-Day Devotional



**With God directing your journey, this could be the best year of your life so far!**

This 21-day devotional is designed to help you spend time with God and incorporate this process into your life:

**Hear His voice. Trust His voice. Follow His voice.**

Each day you have some **scriptures** from the Bible to read, then **a devotional thought** to consider, and even **some reflection questions** to go through by yourself or with friends. Then a brief **prayer**, which can also serve as a catalyst to spark a more productive and enjoyable prayer time with God.

We also invite you to **follow along with us at Vision Church on social media** (Vision Church Gaston), and to participate in our **worship services on Sundays**. This 3-week journey can help you not only spend time with Jesus, but to shape some habits in your life that can help you walk close with Him all year long!

We are glad you are joining us on this adventure!

**Alongside you on the journey,**

Matt Vanderbilt

Vision Church Lead Pastor

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### Day 1 — God Still Speaks

**Primary Scripture:** Hebrews 1:1-2

**Additional Reading:** Genesis 1:1-3; John 1:1-5

#### **Devotional Thought:**

From the very beginning, God reveals Himself as a speaking God. Creation itself came into being through His voice, and Scripture reminds us that He continues to speak through His Son. Our journey with God begins by believing that He desires to guide us personally, not leave us to navigate life alone.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Where have you seen evidence that God wants to communicate with His people?
2. What expectations do you currently have about hearing God's voice?

#### **Prayer:**

God, awaken my heart to believe that You still speak and that You desire to guide my life.



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### Day 2 — The Voice of the Shepherd

**Primary Scripture:** John 10:2–5

**Additional Reading:** Psalm 23:1–4; Ezekiel 34:11–12

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Jesus describes Himself as a shepherd whose sheep recognize His voice. This recognition grows through relationship, trust, and time spent together. As we walk closely with Him, His guidance becomes clearer, even when other voices compete for our attention.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What voices most often compete with God's voice in your life?
2. How can you intentionally create space to listen for Jesus this week?

#### **Prayer:**

Jesus, help me grow familiar with Your voice and trust where You lead.

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### Day 3 — Learning to Listen

**Primary Scripture:** 1 Samuel 3:1–10

**Additional Reading:** Psalm 46:10; Proverbs 2:1–5

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Samuel had to learn how to listen before he could recognize God's voice. Listening requires stillness, patience, and humility. God often speaks more clearly when we quiet our hearts and give Him our full attention.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What distractions make it difficult for you to listen to God?
2. What might it look like for you to practice stillness today?

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Lord, teach me to listen carefully and respond when You speak.



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### Day 4 — God's Voice Aligns with His Word

**Primary Scripture:** Psalm 119:105

**Additional Reading:** 2 Timothy 3:16–17; Joshua 1:7–8

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God's guidance will never contradict His written Word. Scripture acts as a reliable map, helping us discern whether what we sense aligns with God's character and truth. The more we know the Bible, the more confidently we can follow God's direction.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How does Scripture help you discern God's guidance?
2. What habits can help you stay rooted in God's Word?

#### **Prayer:**

God, anchor my heart in Your Word so I can recognize Your voice clearly.

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### Day 5 — Trusting God's Direction

**Primary Scripture:** Proverbs 3:5–6

**Additional Reading:** Psalm 37:3–5; Isaiah 30:21

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God promises to make our paths straight when we trust Him fully. His guidance may not always make sense in the moment, but it always leads toward life and purpose. Trust grows as we choose obedience over understanding.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Where is God asking you to trust Him right now?
2. What makes trusting God's direction challenging for you?

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, help me trust You with my whole heart and follow where You lead.

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### Day 6 — Obedience Unlocks Clarity

**Primary Scripture:** John 14:23-24

**Additional Reading:** Deuteronomy 28:1-14;  
James 1:22-25

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Often, clarity comes after obedience, not before. Jesus teaches that those who love Him will obey His words, and in doing so experience deeper relationship with God. Each step of obedience sharpens our spiritual hearing.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Is there something God has already asked you to do that you've delayed?
2. How has obedience helped you hear God more clearly in the past?

#### **Prayer:**

Jesus, give me the courage to obey You, even when the path feels uncertain.



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### Day 7 — Guided One Step at a Time

**Primary Scripture:** Psalm 32:8

**Additional Reading:** Exodus 13:21-22;  
Matthew 6:33-34

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God often guides us one step at a time rather than revealing the entire journey. This daily dependence builds trust and keeps us close to Him. Following God's GPS means walking faithfully today and trusting Him with tomorrow.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What is the next step God may be inviting you to take?
2. How can focusing on today's obedience reduce anxiety about the future?

#### **Prayer:**

God, help me follow You faithfully, one step at a time.



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### Day 8 — God Leads Through His Spirit

**Primary Scripture:** Romans 8:5-14

**Additional Reading:** John 14:16-17;  
Galatians 5:16-18

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God does not leave us to navigate life alone; He places His Spirit within us to guide our steps. The Holy Spirit leads gently, often through inner promptings aligned with God's Word. Learning to follow the Spirit requires sensitivity, surrender, and trust.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How do you typically sense the Holy Spirit's guidance in your life?
2. What does it look like for you to walk by the Spirit daily?

#### **Prayer:**

Holy Spirit, help me recognize Your guidance and follow You faithfully.



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### Day 9 — Peace as a Guide

**Primary Scripture:** Colossians 3:15

**Additional Reading:** Isaiah 26:3; Philippians 4:6–7

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God often uses peace as a directional signal in our lives. When we surrender our worries to Him, His peace guards our hearts and minds. While peace does not replace wisdom, it often confirms when we are moving in God's direction.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Where do you sense peace—or a lack of it—regarding current decisions?
2. How can prayer help you discern God's peace more clearly?

#### **Prayer:**

God, teach me to recognize Your peace as You guide my decisions.



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### Day 10 — God Speaks Through Wise Counsel

**Primary Scripture:** Proverbs 11:14

**Additional Reading:** Proverbs 15:22;  
Ecclesiastes 4:9–12

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God often confirms His guidance through the wisdom of others. Trusted, godly counsel can help clarify what God is saying and protect us from acting in isolation. Listening humbly to others is part of following God's GPS.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Who are the trusted voices God has placed in your life?
2. How open are you to receiving guidance through others?

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, give me humility to seek and receive wise counsel.



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### Day 11 — When God Redirects

**Primary Scripture:** Proverbs 16:9

**Additional Reading:** Acts 16:6–10; Psalm 37:23–24

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Sometimes God's guidance involves redirection rather than confirmation. Closed doors can be just as meaningful as open ones when we trust God's sovereignty. Even detours are part of His purposeful plan.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Have you experienced a season where God redirected your plans?
2. How do you typically respond when things don't go as expected?

#### **Prayer:**

God, help me trust You even when You redirect my path.



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### Day 12 — Waiting for God's Timing

**Primary Scripture:** Psalm 27:14

**Additional Reading:** Isaiah 40:31;  
Lamentations 3:25–26

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Waiting is often a key part of God's guidance. While we may desire immediate answers, God uses waiting to strengthen our faith and deepen our dependence on Him. Trusting God's timing keeps us aligned with His purposes.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What is God asking you to wait on right now?
2. How can waiting become an act of worship rather than frustration?

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, give me patience to trust Your perfect timing.



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### Day 13 — Courage to Follow God's Lead

**Primary Scripture:** Joshua 1:9

**Additional Reading:** Deuteronomy 31:6;  
Psalm 56:3-4

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Following God's guidance often requires courage. Fear can tempt us to stay comfortable instead of stepping into obedience. God promises His presence, empowering us to move forward with confidence and faith.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Where might fear be holding you back from obedience?
2. How does God's promise of His presence encourage you?

#### **Prayer:**

God, give me courage to follow You wherever You lead.



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### Day 14 — God Is Faithful to Guide

**Primary Scripture:** Psalm 48:14

**Additional Reading:** Psalm 73:23-24; Isaiah 58:11

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God's guidance is not temporary; it is lifelong. Scripture assures us that God faithfully leads His people from beginning to end. Reflecting on His past faithfulness strengthens our confidence in His future direction.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How have you seen God faithfully guide you in the past?
2. How does remembering His faithfulness shape your trust today?

#### **Prayer:**

Faithful God, thank You for guiding me all the days of my life.



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### Day 15 — Obedience Brings Direction

**Primary Scripture:** Psalm 25:9

**Additional Reading:** Luke 11:28; James 1:5–6

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God often reveals His guidance as we choose humility and obedience. When we submit our desires to Him, He promises to teach us His ways. Direction flows more clearly when our hearts are willing to follow rather than control.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Is there an area where God may be asking for greater obedience from you?
2. How does humility position you to hear God more clearly?

#### **Prayer:**

God, soften my heart and help me walk in obedience to Your will.



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### Day 16 — God Guides Through Prayer

**Primary Scripture:** Jeremiah 33:3

**Additional Reading:** Matthew 7:7-11; Philippians 4:6

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Prayer is not just asking God for direction; it is positioning ourselves to receive it. God invites us to call on Him with confidence, promising to respond with wisdom and clarity. Prayer aligns our hearts with His purposes.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How intentional is your prayer life when facing decisions?
2. What might change if prayer became your first response instead of your last?

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, teach me to seek Your guidance through consistent prayer.



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### Day 17 — Discernment in a Noisy World

**Primary Scripture:** Romans 12:2

**Additional Reading:** Hebrews 5:14; 1 Kings 19:11–13

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God's voice is often quiet compared to the noise of the world around us. Discernment grows as our minds are renewed and our spiritual senses mature. Making space for God allows us to hear what truly matters.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What noise or distractions make it hard for you to hear God?
2. How can you intentionally create space to listen for His voice?

#### **Prayer:**

God, renew my mind and sharpen my discernment so I can hear You clearly.



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### **Day 18 — Trusting God When the Path Is Unclear**

**Primary Scripture:** Isaiah 42:16

**Additional Reading:** Psalm 119:130; 2 Corinthians 5:7

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God does not always reveal the full map, but He promises to guide us step by step. Faith grows when we trust God in uncertainty, believing that His light is sufficient for the next step. Walking by faith keeps us dependent on Him.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. Where does uncertainty currently challenge your trust in God?
2. What would it look like to take one faithful step forward today?

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, help me trust You even when the path ahead is unclear.



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### **Day 19 — God's Guidance Leads to Life**

**Primary Scripture:** Psalm 16:11

**Additional Reading:** John 10:10; Proverbs 4:18

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God's guidance always leads toward life, not regret or destruction. While obedience may feel costly at times, it ultimately brings joy and fullness. God's path is shaped by His love for us.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How have you experienced life and joy through following God's guidance?
2. What helps you trust that God's way is truly best?

#### **Prayer:**

God, thank You that Your guidance leads me toward life and joy.



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### Day 20 — Walking Daily with God

**Primary Scripture:** Micah 6:8

**Additional Reading:** Galatians 5:25; Psalm 143:8

#### **Devotional Thought:**

God's guidance is meant to shape our daily walk, not just major decisions. Walking humbly with God requires consistent attentiveness and obedience. Each day becomes an opportunity to follow His lead.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What does walking daily with God look like in your current season?
2. How can you grow in consistency with spiritual practices?

#### **Prayer:**

Lord, help me walk closely with You each day.

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### Day 21 — A Lifetime of Following God's GPS

**Primary Scripture:** Proverbs 16:3

**Additional Reading:** Psalm 37:23-24; John 8:12

#### **Devotional Thought:**

Following God's GPS is not a short-term journey but a lifelong commitment. As we commit our ways to Him, God promises to establish our steps and provide light for the path ahead. Our confidence rests in His faithful leadership.

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How has your understanding of God's guidance grown over these 21 days?
2. What commitments can you make to continue following God's lead?

#### **Prayer:**

Faithful God, I commit my life to You. Lead me today and always.



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