

## Hebrews 6 Week 5 -5-Day Devotional

### Day 1: Under God's Mighty Hand

Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11

Devotional: As we begin this journey, let's reflect on what it means to be "under the mighty hand of God." Just as a potter molds clay, God shapes our lives with purpose and care. Today's passage reminds us that humbling ourselves before God is not a sign of weakness, but a position of strength. When we submit to His molding process, we open ourselves to His transformative power.

Consider the areas of your life where you might be resisting God's shaping. Are there places where pride or self-reliance are hindering your spiritual growth? Take a moment to consciously place these areas under God's mighty hand. Remember, His ultimate goal is to exalt you and use you for His glory.

As you go through your day, practice awareness of God's presence. When faced with challenges or decisions, pause and ask, "Lord, how would You have me respond as clay in Your hands?" This posture of humility and dependence can lead to unexpected blessings and spiritual breakthroughs.

### Day 2: The Power of Touch

Reading: Mark 5:21-43

Devotional: Today's reading showcases the power of Jesus' touch. Whether raising a dead girl or healing a woman with a chronic illness, Jesus' hands were conduits of divine power and compassion. This mirrors the doctrine of laying on of hands discussed in the sermon.

Reflect on the times in your life when a touch – whether physical or metaphorical – made a significant impact. Perhaps it was a comforting hug during a difficult time or a supportive

hand on your shoulder. Now, consider how God might be calling you to be His hands in the world today.

Are there people in your life who need the healing touch of compassion, forgiveness, or encouragement? Pray for opportunities to extend God's love through your actions. Remember, as believers, we are called to be Christ's body on earth. Your hands, guided by the Holy Spirit, can be instruments of God's grace and power.

### Day 3: Clean Vessels for God's Use

Reading: 2 Timothy 2:20-26

Devotional: The sermon's analogy of clean water flowing through dirty pipes reminds us of the importance of personal holiness in ministry. Today's passage echoes this theme, calling us to be vessels of honor, useful to the Master.

Take some time for honest self-examination. Are there areas of your life that might be "contaminating" your spiritual effectiveness? Confess these to God, asking for His cleansing and renewal. Remember, God's grace is always available to purify and restore us.

Consider implementing a regular practice of spiritual "housecleaning." This might involve daily confession, accountability with a trusted friend, or periodic spiritual retreats. As you pursue purity, trust that God will make you increasingly useful for His noble purposes.

### Day 4: Commissioned for Service

Reading: Acts 13:1-3

Devotional: The laying on of hands for commissioning, as seen in today's reading, highlights the communal aspect of our spiritual journey. While our relationship with God is personal, we are also part of a larger body of believers.

Reflect on the moments in your life when others have "laid hands" on you – metaphorically or literally – to commission you for service. How did their support and blessing impact your journey? Conversely, consider those you might encourage or commission in their walk with God.

Today, take time to pray for your spiritual leaders and those in your faith community who have invested in your growth. If possible, reach out to someone to offer words of encouragement or affirmation in their calling. Remember, we are all part of God's grand mission, supporting and uplifting one another along the way.

#### Day 5: Working the Works of God

Reading: John 9:1-7

Devotional: We conclude our journey with Jesus' powerful statement about doing the works of God while it is day. This echoes the sermon's emphasis on our hands being instruments for God's work on earth.

As you read about Jesus healing the blind man, notice how He involves the man in his own healing process. Similarly, God often invites us to participate in His work, using our hands as extensions of His grace.

Today, approach your tasks – however mundane they may seem – as opportunities to "work the works of Him who sent me." Whether you're typing an email, preparing a meal, or helping a neighbor, do it with the awareness that your hands can be channels of God's love and purpose.

Pray for discernment to recognize the divine appointments in your day. Ask God to make your hands sensitive to His leading, ready to reach out in compassion, service, or blessing. As you cultivate this mindset, you may find yourself becoming increasingly aware of God's active presence in and through your daily life.