



# DOVER DAILY DEVOTIONS

On Sunday we learned from 2 Samuel 7 that David's good desire to build a temple met God's better timing and plan: before David could build a house for God, God promised to build David a house, a lasting dynasty. We learned to let zeal kneel to God's instruction through Scripture, wise counsel, providence, and a surrendered heart. The promise pointed to Solomon in part and finally to Jesus, the sinless Son and true temple, who by His death and resurrection is building a living people from every nation and will one day fill a renewed creation with God's presence. We closed by sitting before the Lord like David and praying His promises back to Him, asking Him to do as He has spoken and to send us in mission.

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## Monday - Good Desire, Wrong Time

### Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 7:1-7

### Devotional:

David wanted to honor God with a temple, yet God reminded him that He had not asked for one. Good desires can arrive at the wrong time. The Lord invited David to listen before he rushed ahead. We often assume we know what God wants. The wiser path is to ask first. Patience is not passivity. It is prayerful attentiveness that seeks God's voice in His Word.

Begin this week by slowing your pace. Search the Scriptures, invite counsel, and notice providence. Let gratitude rise without grabbing the steering wheel.

### Reflect:

Where have I tried to do a good thing at the wrong time?

Which habits help me hear God before I move?

Who are the trusted voices I will invite to speak into my plans?

## Prayer

Father, quiet my impulses and tune my heart to Your word. Keep me from rushing ahead of Your wisdom. Teach me to ask, to wait, and to obey. In Jesus' name, amen.

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# Tuesday - Remember and Rest

## Scripture Reading:

2 Samuel 7:8-11

## Devotional:

God answered David by rehearsing grace. "I took you... I have been with you... I will give you rest..." Before God told David what to do, He reminded him what He had done and what He would do.

Humility grows when we count God's mercies. We should plan responsibly, but we should also always remember to rest in the God who carries us. Commit your work to the Lord, and your plans will be established. Let gratitude shape your goals. Begin with remembrance, continue with reliance, and end with praise.

## Reflect:

Which specific mercies from God am I remembering today?

How does remembering change the way I plan and decide?

What plan do I need to place back into God's hands?

## Prayer

Lord, You took me up and You keep me. Establish what comes from You and sift what does not. I place my plans in Your care. Through Christ, amen.

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# Wednesday - Not You, Not Yet

## Scripture Reading:

1 Chronicles 22:8–9

## Devotional:

David was a man of war, but the temple belonged to a son of rest. God chose Solomon for the task. The right project needed the right person in the right season. Sometimes God says not you or not yet. That is not rejection. It is redirection from the Lord who knows how to match calling with timing. Trust the One who gives rest. If a door closes, receive it as protection. If a door opens, walk through it with peace, not haste.

## Reflect:

Where might God be saying not you or not yet in my life?

How can I pursue faithfulness when I am not the primary builder?

What would peace look like in my current decisions?

## Prayer

God of rest, rule my pace and my place. Give me grace to accept Your assignments and release the ones that are not mine. Fill me with peace as I obey. In Jesus' name, amen.

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# Thursday - The True Temple

## Scripture Reading:

John 2:19–21

## Devotional:

Solomon built a house of stone, but Jesus pointed to His own body as the true temple. In Him God and humanity meet. His death and resurrection raised a living sanctuary that cannot be

shaken.

The Son of David is also the sinless Son of God. He bore our chastisement and gave us His righteousness. At His cross our guilt ended. At His empty tomb our hope began.

Draw near to God through Christ today. Worship does not start with a place. It starts with a Person who welcomes you by grace.

## **Reflect:**

What does it mean that Jesus is the true temple for my daily worship?

Where do I need to rest again in the finished work of the cross?

How can I practice drawing near to God throughout this day?

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, You are my meeting place with God. Thank You for bearing my sin and giving me Your righteousness. Keep me near Your heart. Amen.

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# **Friday - A People Built Together**

## **Scripture Reading:**

1 Peter 2:4-5

The risen Christ is building a people, not just a place. By the Spirit we become living stones, joined together as a spiritual house. Together we display His presence and praise. This house does not stay small. The promise to David widens to the nations. God rebuilds the fallen tent so that all peoples may seek the Lord.

Offer your life to the Master Builder. Use your gifts for the good of His church. Seek the lost with humble courage, and welcome them into God's household.

## **Discuss**

Where am I serving as a living stone in my local church?

Who outside the faith can I invite to explore Jesus with me?

What step can our group take to make room for new people?

## **Prayer**

Master Builder, set me in place where I can serve. Fill Your church with Your presence and power. Bring the nations to Your Son. In His name, amen.

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# **Saturday - Pray the Promises**

## **Scripture Reading:**

2 Samuel 7:25–29

## **Devotional:**

David sat before the Lord and turned promise into prayer. He said, And now, O Lord God, do as You have spoken. God's promises are not empty slogans. They are fuel for faith. Pray what God has said. He will never leave you. Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved. Jesus will build His church. Let truth give courage and praise.

End the week with confidence. If God is God and His words are true, then hope stands firm. Ask for a blessing that lasts and live for the honor of His name.

## **Discuss:**

Which promise of God am I praying back to Him today?

How does praying Scripture change my outlook on a challenge I face?

What long obedience do I need to renew before the Lord?

## **Prayer:**

O Lord God, You are God and Your words are true. Do as You have spoken. Bless Your people, build Your church, and keep me steadfast in hope. Through Jesus Christ, amen.