



# 21-DAY DEVOTIONAL

JANUARY 2 - 30, 2026

MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY



## PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION

Beloved, we begin this new year with a bold declaration and a unified commitment: **God comes first**. Not in theory, not in language, but in the living reality of our everyday decisions. January has always been our month of consecration, but this year carries a deeper call and a greater demand. The Lord is positioning us—not just to survive, but to stand, to shine, and to seize every spiritual opportunity He sets before us.

These 21 days are an invitation to slow down, strip away distractions, and surrender fully. As you walk through this devotional journey, you will notice a divine progression—**Heart → Habits → House → Hands**. This is intentional. God begins His work internally, then steadily shapes your lifestyle, your relationships, and your assignment. By the time you reach the final pages, my prayer is that you will feel spiritually sharpened, emotionally strengthened, and fully aligned for the year ahead.

## PASTOR'S INTRODUCTION CONTINUED

Approach each day with expectation. Some devotions will comfort you. Others will confront you. All of them will call you higher. Let the Scriptures speak deeply. Let the reflections guide honestly. Let the prayers anchor you. And let every “God-First Step” push you toward consistent spiritual momentum.

I am believing for breakthrough in your heart, clarity in your habits, peace in your home, and power in your hands. May this consecration ignite fresh fire in your walk with Christ and set the tone for everything that follows in 2026.

**Let's consecrate—and then let's conquer.**

With love and expectation,

**Pastor Rush**

# 2026 THEME

God  
**FIRST**

# DAY 1

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

### FIRST FIRE

“My heart says of you, ‘Seek His face!’  
Your face, Lord, I will seek.”

Psalm 27:8 NIV

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There is something sacred about how you start a thing. Beginnings carry weight. They shape momentum. They reveal priority. And on this very first day of our consecration journey, we are declaring—boldly and without apology—that God comes FIRST.

# DAY 1

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Psalm 27:8 is the beating heart of consecration: “*Seek His face!*” It isn’t a whisper; it’s a summons. David doesn’t treat seeking God as an accessory to his life. He treats it as the absolute center of his existence. The voice within him says, “Seek Him,” and he responds with surrender: “*Your face, Lord, I will seek.*”

That’s the cry that ignites consecration.  
That’s the fire that fuels spiritual conquest.  
That’s the posture that positions you for a year of God-first alignment.

Long before God asks you to conquer anything, He calls you to **consecrate everything**. Before you step into new victories, new territories, or new assignments, God wants to renew your desire for Him. Not His blessings. Not His benefits. **Him**.

# DAY 1

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

Today is not about warming up—it's about waking up.

Waking up your hunger.

Waking up your focus.

Waking up your faith.

Putting God first is not a slogan for the year; it's a lifestyle for the believer. It's choosing the face of God before the favor of God. It's saying, "Lord, You get the first look, the first thought, the first seat, the first yes."

This is the day to slow down, strip away distractions, and start the year seeking Him—not casually, but passionately. Let this be your declaration as you cross the threshold into this month:

**"God, You are my first pursuit. My first desire. My first devotion."**

If you set the flame today, God will sustain the fire all month long.

# DAY 1

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 2

### REFLECTION

What is one area of your life that must yield so you can seek God first?

### PRAYER

Father, today I respond to Your call to seek Your face. Awaken my hunger and align my heart. Remove anything that competes with You, and ignite a fresh fire within me. Be my first pursuit and my deepest desire. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### TODAY'S GOD-FIRST STEP

Start the day by giving God your first uninterrupted moment.

# DAY 2

## MONDAY, JANUARY 5

### GOD FIRST IN MY HEART

“Search me, O God, and know my heart... and lead me in the way everlasting.”

Psalm 139:23-24 ESV

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Before God shifts your year, He starts with your heart. January is our month of consecration, and this first Monday sets the tone: **God must be first in the hidden places before He can be first in the visible places.**

# DAY 2

## MONDAY, JANUARY 5

Psalm 139:23–24 is a bold prayer. It is not a whisper—it is an invitation. David opens his heart wide and asks God to search him, examine him, test him, and ultimately lead him. That kind of vulnerability is not weakness; it is worship. It is the heart posture that positions a believer for breakthrough.

Consecration begins internally before it manifests externally. You cannot conquer what you refuse to confront, and you cannot confront what you won't let God reveal. When your heart is aligned with Him—your motives, desires, attitudes, and decisions follow. Purity leads to power. Surrender leads to strength. Alignment leads to acceleration.

This week is about giving God full access. Not just to your schedule, but to your soul. Not just to your actions, but to your attitudes. Not just to your behavior, but to your beliefs. God doesn't want a portion of your heart—He wants the throne.

If you give Him the heart, He will shape the year.

# DAY 2

## MONDAY, JANUARY 5

### REFLECTION

What is one part of your heart you need to surrender to God this week?

### PRAYER

Father, search me and reveal what You see. Cleanse my motives, align my desires, and purify my thoughts. Lead me in the way everlasting and make my heart fully Yours. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### TODAY'S GOD-FIRST STEP

Begin the day with one honest conversation with God.

# DAY 3

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

### THE HEART GOD CAN USE

“Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.”

Proverbs 4:23 NIV

### DEVOTIONAL

Your heart is more than the place where you feel—it is the center of your spiritual life. Scripture says *everything you do* flows from it. That means your attitude, your decisions, your responses, your relationships, your priorities, and your worship all have one source: the condition of your heart. No wonder the enemy doesn’t attack your calendar first—he attacks your heart.

# DAY 3

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

To **guard your heart** doesn't mean to hide it. It means to steward it. It means being selective about what enters, what stays, and what must be removed. Some things purify the heart. Some things poison it. Consecration is the courageous act of closing the door on what contaminates and opening the door to what cultivates Christlike character.

Guarding the heart is not passive; it's proactive. It looks like evaluating conversations that drain you, environments that distract you, influences that dull you, and attitudes that damage you. It means stepping back long enough to ask: "Is this helping my heart honor God, or is it hindering it?"

The most powerful believers aren't the busiest—they're the **cleanest**. When your heart is guarded, your life becomes guided. When your heart is surrendered, your steps become ordered. When your heart is pure, your discernment sharpens.

# DAY 3

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

As we consecrate this week, ask the Lord to show you what needs protection—and what needs eviction. Because when God has your heart, He will have everything that flows from it.

### REFLECTION

What is one influence, attitude, or distraction you need to guard your heart against today?

### PRAYER

Lord, help me guard my heart with wisdom and discipline. Show me what strengthens me and what weakens me. Purify my desires and protect my mind. Lead me in paths that honor You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

# DAY 3

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 6

### TODAY'S GOD-FIRST STEP

Remove one distraction that competes for your heart's attention.

# DAY 4

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

### WHEN THE HEART DRIFTS

“Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”

Revelation 2:4 NKJV

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Drifting rarely happens suddenly. It happens slowly, silently, subtly. The church in Ephesus wasn't rebuked for rebellion—they were rebuked for **replacement**. Their activity increased, but their affection decreased. They were still serving, still working, still involved—but their hearts had quietly shifted away from their first love.

# DAY 4

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Drift is dangerous because it's deceptive. You can be busy for God but no longer burning for God. You can be consistent in ministry but inconsistent in intimacy. You can know the language of faith but lose the longing for fellowship with Him.

How does drift happen?

It happens when good things become god things.

When responsibilities replace relationship.

When service overshadows surrender.

When routine replaces reverence.

The remedy? Jesus gives it plainly:

**Remember. Repent. Return.**

Remember where you were.

Repent for where you drifted.

Return to the place of passion, purity, and pursuit.

# DAY 4

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

Consecration is not about guilt—it's about getting back. Getting back to the simplicity of loving Jesus with a clean, uncluttered heart. Getting back to hunger that outshines habit. Getting back to a faith that is tender, not tired.

This week, let the Spirit recalibrate your heart. If anything has nudged Jesus out of first place, today is the day to set it right. He doesn't condemn the drifting heart—He calls it home.

## REFLECTION

Where has your heart drifted away from “first love” affection for Jesus?

# DAY 4

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 7

### PRAYER

Lord, bring my heart back to first love. Restore my hunger, renew my passion, and reset my priorities. Turn my drift into devotion again. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### TODAY'S GOD-FIRST STEP

Spend 5 minutes remembering and thanking God for what He first saved you from.

# DAY 5

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

### THE HEART THAT SURRENDERS

“Create in me a clean heart, O God;  
and renew a right spirit within me.”

Psalm 51:10 KJV

### DEVOTIONAL

A consecrated life is not built on perfection—it is built on **surrender**. Psalm 51 is David’s cry not from a mountain but from a valley. He prays not as a king who has everything together, but as a believer who desperately needs God to put him back together. And God answers surrendered hearts.

# DAY 5

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

David doesn't say, "Lord, help me fix myself." He says, "**Create in me...**"—because he knows only God can renovate the heart from the inside out. Consecration is the place where we stop trying to manage sin and start allowing God to cleanse us from it. It's where we release our pride, drop our defenses, and welcome the Holy Spirit's deep work.

A clean heart isn't a polished heart—it's a purified one. It's a heart that chooses conviction over comfort. It's a heart that embraces honesty instead of hiding. It's a heart that says, "Lord, if You reveal it, I'll release it."

When God renews your spirit, He restores your stability. He lifts the heaviness. He clears the confusion. He strengthens the places that were shaky. And He opens the door for fresh fellowship.

Surrender isn't weakness. Surrender is the strategy that leads to strength, clarity, and closeness with God. Today, let His hands shape your heart again.

# DAY 5

## THURSDAY, JANUARY 8

### REFLECTION

What is one area where God is calling you to deeper surrender?

“Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
and renew a right spirit within me.”

### PRAYER

Father, create in me a clean heart. Wash me, renew me, and restore me. Remove every impurity and renew a right spirit within me. I surrender my whole heart to You. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### TODAY'S GOD-FIRST STEP

Pray Psalm 51:10 aloud three times today.

# DAY 6

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

### THE HEART THAT FOLLOWS

“And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you...”

Ezekiel 36:26 ESV

### DEVOTIONAL

Consecration is not just about what God removes—it's about what God **replaces**. When He cleanses, He also restores. When He takes out the heart of stone, He replaces it with a heart of flesh—a heart that can feel, discern, respond, and follow Him fully.

# DAY 6

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

God doesn't just want to purify your life—He wants to renew your desires. A new heart doesn't only resist sin; it **runs toward God**. A new spirit doesn't only avoid what is wrong; it embraces what is right. Consecration creates the capacity to follow God without the weight of old patterns pulling you back.

Sometimes the greatest barrier to breakthrough is not the enemy—it's the old heart. The hardened places. The stubborn places. The numb places. But God makes a promise: "**I will give you a new heart.**" That means transformation is not self-made; it is Spirit-made.

This is the beauty of consecration: God doesn't just refine you—He redefines you. He reshapes your inner life so you can walk in newness of life. He gives you a heart that wants Him, seeks Him, and follows Him.

As we close the first week, thank God not just for what He's taken out—but for what He's putting in.

# DAY 6

## FRIDAY, JANUARY 9

### REFLECTION

What new desire or new direction do you sense God forming in your heart?

### PRAYER

Lord, thank You for the promise of a new heart. Remove every hardened place and renew my spirit. Make me sensitive to Your voice and quick to follow Your leading. Shape me into who You've called me to be. In Jesus' name, Amen.

### TODAY'S GOD-FIRST STEP

Act on one prompting the Holy Spirit gives you today.