

A 7-DAY DEVOTIONAL SERIES

GOD TOOK NOTE

FAITHFULNESS NEVER GOES UNSEEN



“So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

We live in a world where visibility is often mistaken for significance. We can become so accustomed to likes, applause, titles and public recognition that, without realising it, we begin measuring the value of what we do by whether anyone notices.

But God measures differently.

“I know all the things you do...” Revelation 2:2

God doesn't look for publicity; He looks for faithfulness. Some assignments will place us in the spotlight, while others will happen quietly where few people will ever know what we did. Yet every act of obedience matters when it contributes to God's agenda.

The Bible is filled with famous names, but it also deliberately records people who appeared briefly, performed seemingly small acts of obedience and disappeared from the narrative. We may easily overlook them, but God didn't.

And that should encourage us.

Perhaps you're serving, giving, praying, supporting, opening doors or helping someone else fulfil their assignment without receiving much recognition. Don't underestimate what God can accomplish through your quiet obedience.

Over the next seven days, we'll look at some of these less-visible people and discover why God took note of them.



DAY 1 — GOD SEES

“This is an inventory of the materials used in building the Tabernacle of the Covenant... as Moses directed, and Ithamar son of Aaron the priest served as recorder.” Exodus 38:21

God had given Moses the assignment of building in the wilderness. As with any building project there were multiple moving parts especially around inventory and Bible takes note that Ithamar recorded the inventory figures.

“Call for your brother, Aaron, and his sons, Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar, and Ithamar...” Exodus 28:1

Ithamar was the last of Aaron’s four sons who served with him as priests. He wasn’t Moses who performed many miracles and led Israel out of Egypt and through the wilderness years. He wasn’t Aaron who was well known as God’s priest. He was the one who recorded inventory, yet his role was noted because he did it well.

Ithamar’s role today could be likened to bookkeeping, or a similar “back office” role in an organisation. It may not get public applause, but God is noting our faithfulness in these roles. And He rewards faithfulness not publicity.

There is something deeply reassuring about knowing that God sees what people may overlook. Someone else may even receive recognition for something you helped build. But heaven keeps different records. When people are our audience, recognition becomes our reward. But when God is our audience, faithfulness becomes our priority. Jesus repeatedly taught about a Father “who sees in secret.” This means obscurity is never invisibility where God is concerned.

Keep showing up. Keep serving. Keep obeying. God sees.

Prayer: Father, help me live with an awareness that You see me. Free me from dependence on human recognition and teach me to find satisfaction in faithfully pleasing You.



DAY 2 — SHIPHRAH AND PUAH: FEAR GOD MORE

“But because the midwives feared God, they refused to obey the king’s orders. They allowed the boys to live, too.” Exodus 1:17

Shiphrah and Puah weren’t political leaders or military commanders. They were midwives faced with an instruction directly from Pharaoh to k*ll Hebrew baby boys at birth. This was at a time when pharaoh wasn’t seen just as a king, but as a god. No one dared disobey him. And the instruction was clearly important to pharaoh. Yet two simple midwives refused to obey him because they feared God more.

We often imagine significant Kingdom assignments as large platforms, but sometimes advancing God’s agenda simply means making the right decision when nobody is watching. These women protected lives—including a generation from which Moses would emerge. Think about that. These two women simply doing their jobs with conviction became part of God’s strategy for preserving Israel’s future.

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16

Never underestimate the spiritual significance of your professional decisions. Your workplace is one of the places where God expects you to demonstrate His values and shining your light can simply mean walking in the fear of God. This can look different in each business or profession. It may mean not inflating invoices or falsifying figures. It may look like saying no when everyone else says yes. It could be being diligent at work because you’re working for God not for profit.

“Who are those who fear the LORD? He will show them the path they should choose. They will live in prosperity, and their children will inherit the land. The LORD is a friend to those who fear him. He teaches them his covenant.” Psalms 25:12-14

“Fear the LORD, you his godly people, for those who fear him will have all they need.” Psalms 34:9

However it is we demonstrate it, God takes note of those that fear Him. Shiphrah and Puah preserved the sons of others so God gave them their own families (Ex 1:21). Nothing the enemy dangles before us can ever compare to what God can do for those who fear Him.

Prayer: Father, give me courage to honour You in every environment regardless of who takes note. Thank You for reminding me that Your eyes are on those who fear You. May reverence for You be greater than my fear of people, consequences or institutions.



DAY 3 — HUR: HOLD UP THEIR HANDS

“Then Aaron and Hur stood on each side of Moses, holding up his hands.” Exodus 17:12

Amalek instigated a battle with Israel and in that battle Joshua and his men fought while Moses prayed. But Moses couldn't complete his assignment without the help of Aaron and Hur who held up his hands. Victory came because everyone came together to do their part. Different assignments. Same victory.

Hur wasn't a priest, he didn't lead the army or hold up the staff. He simply recognised where support was needed and stepped into the gap. Sometimes the assignment isn't to lead but to strengthen the person God has called to lead. This requires maturity because supporting roles rarely receive the recognition leadership roles attract. Yet without Aaron and Hur, Moses' hands would have remained down and the battle would have shifted against Israel.

“Yes, the body has many different parts, not just one part... All of you together are Christ's body, and each of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:14, 27

Kingdom impact is rarely the work of one person. Someone prays. Someone finances. Someone strategises. Someone opens a door. Someone carries the vision. Someone quietly holds up another person's hands. This means that no role is more important than another in God's estimate because He planned everything to work together. So we should never despise a supporting role God gives us. Our faithfulness may be helping someone else remain strong enough to complete an assignment that affects many people.

“The one who plants and the one who waters work together with the same purpose. And both will be rewarded for their own hard work.” 1 Corinthians 3:8

The focus isn't, “Who gets the credit?” Rather it is, “Did God's agenda advance?” God is just and He always sees to it that even quiet obedience is rewarded. Once this truth settles in our heart, there will be no need to envy anyone. Our focus will just be on making sure we're doing what God has called us to do in every sphere of life.

Prayer: Father, give me the humility to recognise the role You have assigned me. Teach me to strengthen others without needing recognition and to celebrate every victory that advances Your Kingdom.



DAY 4 — BARZILLAI: FUND THE ASSIGNMENT

“When David arrived at Mahanaim, he was warmly greeted... by Barzillai of Gilead from Rogelim.” 2 Samuel 17:27

“Barzillai of Gilead had come down from Rogelim to escort the king across the Jordan. He was very old—eighty years of age—and very wealthy. He was the one who had provided food for the king during his stay in Mahanaim.” 2 Samuel 19:31-32

When David needed help Barzillai made his resources available to him. At this point David was fleeing from his son Absalom who had usurped him and was after his life. There was no political benefit to Barzillai to help David and yet he provided for David and those with him while they were on the run. He used his wealth to fund God’s agenda for David.

When David was returning to Jerusalem to reclaim his throne Barzillai escorted him across the Jordan. He didn’t ask for a position in government and declined even when David later offered to take him to Jerusalem and care for him. His wealth had already served its purpose.

God sometimes gives us resources because somebody else’s assignment will need them. Your money, relationships, expertise or influence may become provision for something God wants accomplished. Barzillai reminds us that financing God’s agenda is itself an assignment.

“Be kind to the sons of Barzillai of Gilead. Make them permanent guests at your table, for they took care of me when I fled from your brother Absalom.” 1 Kings 2:7

David gave specific instructions to Solomon regarding Barzillai’s sons. God took note of Barzillai and his generosity was rewarded through generations. The things we do for God impacts not just us, but those around us and sometimes even those yet to be born. And He takes note of generous stewardship.

Prayer: Father, everything I have belongs to You. Show me where my resources can advance Your purposes, and give me the wisdom and generosity to release what You have placed in my hands.



DAY 5 — ONESIPHORUS: REFRESH PEOPLE

“May the Lord show special kindness to Onesiphorus and all his family because he often visited and encouraged me...” 2 Timothy 1:16

Paul was an apostle whose ministry changed nations. He went to areas where Jesus hadn't been preached and faced a lot of opposition in the process, persecuted by his own and the Gentiles. He was jailed, shipwrecked, robbed, beaten, all the while bearing the burden of the churches he planted (2 Cor 11:23-27). Paul did a lot, but he also carried a lot and he noted that Onesiphorus was one of the people that refreshed him. And God considered that important enough to record.

“If your gift is to encourage others, be encouraging. If it is giving, give generously. If God has given you leadership ability, take the responsibility seriously. And if you have a gift for showing kindness to others, do it gladly.” Romans 12:8

Never underestimate the ministry of encouragement. Everyone is carrying a burden or going through something. Sometimes the weight of the assignment or just daily living can lead to tiredness, discouragement or private struggles that not many will see. God may not ask you to carry their assignment; He may simply ask you to refresh them while they carry it.

“The generous will prosper; those who refresh others will themselves be refreshed.” Proverbs 11:25

A phone call can be ministry. Showing up can be ministry. A meal can be ministry. An encouraging message can be ministry. Standing beside someone during a difficult season can be ministry. You may never know how much your encouragement helped someone continue. And guess what? God shows us in His word that encouragers will also be encouraged.

Paul remembered Onesiphorus because when others disappeared, he showed up. Who has God placed around you that needs refreshing? Don't merely admire people carrying heavy assignment, strengthen them. When you see someone is down, ask God to show you how you be a source of refreshing. Remember, nothing we ever do for God is in vain.

Prayer: Father, make me sensitive to people who need encouragement. Show me who I can strengthen, refresh and support, and help me become someone who consistently adds strength to others



DAY 6 — JOANNA: USE WHAT YOU HAVE

“Joanna... and many others who were contributing from their own resources to support Jesus and his disciples.” Luke 8:3

“It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna...and several other women who told the apostles what had happened.” Luke 24:10

Jesus’ ministry had financial supporters among whom was Joanna. We know relatively little about her, yet Scripture intentionally tells us that she used her resources to support Jesus’ ministry. Even at resurrection, Joanna was part of the women who told others Jesus had risen. This gives us an insight into her character as she was committed to Jesus right to the end.

The miracles, teaching and travelling ministry we read about the earthly ministry of Jesus also involved practical needs—food, accommodation, transportation and other expenses and God prepared people whose assignment was to provide resources. This means that for every God ordained project, assignment, role, He has already prepared people to support its success.

“Then the LORD said to Elijah, “Go and live in the village of Zarephath, near the city of Sidon. I have instructed a widow there to feed you.”” 1 Kings 17:8-9

“From the half-tribe of Manasseh west of the Jordan, 18,000 men were designated by name to help David become king.” 1 Chronicles 12:31

The same way Joanna was assigned to support the ministry of Jesus, the widow of Zarephath was assigned to support Elijah for a period. Likewise when it was time for David to become king, there were men who were designated by name to support him. As diverse as these examples and their contributions are, they’re all connected to purpose. God positions us in careers, businesses, places of influence and even seemingly ordinary places because we have a role to play using what He has given us.

The question is never how much we have, but whether what we have is available to God. Joanna’s contribution reminds us that generosity with our resources (time, talents, finances, etc) can become partnership with heaven. Your resources can travel where you cannot. They can support people you may never meet and help accomplish things you could never do alone.

Prayer: Father, help me recognise everything I possess as a tool for Your purposes. Give me wisdom to know what to support and generosity to participate wholeheartedly in what You are doing



DAY 7 — LYDIA: A HEART THAT RESPONDS

“One who heard us was a woman named Lydia... The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.” Acts 16:14

Lydia's story is a beautiful reminder that God takes note not only of what we do, but of how we respond when He speaks. Lydia was already a successful businesswoman—a seller of purple cloth—and a worshipper of God. Yet when Paul arrived in Philippi and began teaching, she didn't allow what she already knew or had achieved to make her unteachable. Scripture says, “The Lord opened her heart.” But an open heart required a response.

“She and her household were baptized, and she asked us to be her guests. “If you agree that I am a true believer in the Lord,” she said, “come and stay at my home.” And she urged us until we agreed.” Acts 16:15

After receiving the message, Lydia was baptized and immediately opened her home to Paul and his companions. Later, when Paul and Silas left prison, they returned to her house, where believers had gathered (Acts 16:40). Her home had become a place where God's purposes could advance. Sometimes God is not asking us to do something dramatic. He is simply looking for a heart that will recognise what He is doing and respond with what is already available.

Lydia had a home, resources, relationships and influence. When God touched her heart, these became tools for the Kingdom. Perhaps this is a reflection point for us: What has God already placed in our hands that could become useful to His agenda if we simply responded? God took note of Lydia because an open heart became an open life. May ours be the same.

Prayer: Father, keep my heart sensitive and responsive to You. Help me recognise what You are doing and willingly make available everything You have entrusted to me. May my life, resources and influence become instruments for advancing Your purposes.



CONCLUSION— YOUR NAME MATTERS TO GOD

“For God is not unjust. He will not forget how hard you have worked for him and how you have shown your love to him by caring for other believers, as you still do.” Hebrews 6:10

Perhaps the most beautiful lesson from the people we have looked at over the last few days is simple: God remembers.

Human beings may forget your contribution. Organisations may change. Leaders may move on. People you helped may never fully understand what your obedience cost you. But God doesn't forget.

This frees us from constantly keeping score. We don't have to advertise every sacrifice or become resentful when others receive recognition. We can remain enthusiastic because our confidence isn't in people's ability to reward us, it is in God's character.

Your assignment may be visible or hidden. You may be the person at the forefront, leading the business/initiative/project, financing, organising, encouraging, opening doors or simply holding someone's hands up.

What matters most to God is faithfulness. One day, the greatest acknowledgement will not be applause from people but approval from the One whose opinion ultimately matters:

“Well done, good and faithful servant.”

So keep going.

Keep serving.

Keep giving.

Keep obeying.

Nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

Prayer: Father, thank You that You see and remember every act of obedience. Help me remain faithful whether I am celebrated or unnoticed. May my greatest desire always be to hear You say, “Well done.”



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