

REVD MARK'S DAILY DEVOTIONALS #289 2ND – 6TH FEBRUARY 2026

MONDAY

TODAY'S DEVOTIONAL FROM REVD MARK INVITES US TO REDISCOVER THE QUIET POWER OF ORDINARY FAITH, REMINDING US THAT EVEN THE SMALLEST TRUST, PLACED IN GOD'S HANDS, IS NEVER INSIGNIFICANT.

2nd February – Morning all... Have you ever felt that your faith was too small to really count? Too ordinary. Too quiet. Not bold enough, not brave enough, not dramatic enough to make much difference. We often imagine faith as something spectacular, bold prayers that shake rooms, brave decisions that change everything overnight, stories that sound impressive when shared from a pulpit. We assume real faith must look heroic. But Jesus gently dismantles that idea. He said, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed..." (Matthew 17:20) A mustard seed is nothing special. It doesn't catch your eye. It won't impress anyone. In fact, it's so small it's easily lost between your fingers. And that's exactly Jesus' point. Faith, in God's eyes, is not measured by its size but by its sincerity. The disciples were worried they didn't have enough faith. Jesus wasn't. He wasn't asking for louder prayers or stronger confidence, He was pointing them towards trust, however small, placed in the right hands. Even a mustard seed of faith, when planted in God, carries heaven's attention. Most days, faith looks like getting up and praying anyway. Choosing kindness when you're tired. Forgiving when it would be easier to stay bitter. Showing up when you feel inadequate. These moments rarely feel impressive and it might feel they often go unnoticed. But heaven notices. The truth is a mustard seed in God's hands can move mountains. And heaven never overlooks what the world ignores.

Revd Mark Spiers

TUESDAY

TODAY, I HAD THE NEWS I WAS WAITING FOR - THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO HAVE SENT MESSAGES OF PRAYERFUL SUPPORT AND ENCOURAGEMENT. READ ON...

3rd February – Morning all... Have you ever carried a worry so quietly that hardly anyone else noticed, but it sat with you every day, in the background of your prayers? Today, that worry eased. I received a phone call this morning from my dad, news that he can continue to drive, following a recent eye test requested by the DVLA. On paper, it's a simple outcome. But this is real life, and it means so much more. Independence. Dignity. Freedom. And the relief of knowing that something we'd been holding before God has been gently answered. Scripture tells us, "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you." (1 Peter 5:7) Today I realised just how much anxiety we had been carrying, quietly praying, quietly hoping, quietly trusting, and quietly worrying all at the same time. But God was already at work. He saw the concern behind the prayer, the love behind the worry, and the outcome before we ever knew it. This wasn't a miracle or one of those headline moments, it was deeply personal. It was God's kindness meeting a very real family concern. A reminder that nothing we bring to Him is too small, too ordinary, or too practical to matter. This answered prayer reminds me that God is faithful in the waiting, attentive in the details, and gentle in the way He cares for those we love.

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WEDNESDAY

THANK YOU FOR ALL THE EMAILS REGARDING THE RENEWAL OF MY DRIVING LICENCE. I HAVE BEEN TRULY BLESSED. TODAY, REVD MARK INVITES US TO CONSIDER HOW GOD OFTEN ANSWERS OUR PRAYERS, NOT BY REMOVING THE MOUNTAIN BEFORE US, BUT BY STRENGTHENING US TO CLIMB IT WITH GRACE, TRUST, AND QUIET PERSEVERANCE.

4th February – Morning all... We often come to God asking for removal. Take this away. Fix this now. Change this situation. And sometimes by grace, He does. Mountains move. Doors open. Chains fall. But just as often, the mountain remains, and God does something quieter but no less powerful: He strengthens our legs for the climb. The apostle Paul knew this tension well. He pleaded with God for deliverance, yet God responded, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in

weakness” (2 Corinthians 12:9). The answer wasn’t escape, it was endurance. God didn’t remove the struggle; He redefined where His power would be seen. That’s where this truth meets what we reflected on earlier in the week. Mustard-seed faith doesn’t always produce dramatic change overnight. Sometimes it simply says, I’ll keep going. It climbs another step even when the summit is hidden by cloud. It trusts that God is present not just at the miracle moment, but in the long obedience of ordinary days. God meets us on the mountain, not just beyond it. Scripture reminds us, “Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles” (Isaiah 40:31). Faith, then, is not only about believing God can change circumstances. It’s trusting that He is shaping us through them. What feels like delay may be discipleship. What feels like struggle may be strength being formed. And what feels like weakness may be the very place where God is closest.

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THURSDAY

LIFE CAN SOMETIMES FEEL LIKE A SERIES OF REPEATING CYCLES, BUT GOD OFTEN USES THOSE VERY PATTERNS TO INVITE US INTO DEEPER GROWTH, RENEWED THINKING, AND A NEW WAY FORWARD. READ ON...

5th February – Morning all... Have you ever noticed how certain struggles seem to repeat? The same reaction. The same fear. The same mistake you promised yourself you wouldn’t make again. It can feel frustrating, almost like walking around in circles. I saw this quote the other day, and it made me stop and think: “Every pattern in your life repeats until you learn the lesson. The moment you choose differently, the loop ends and growth begins.” While this idea appears in everyday wisdom, Scripture shows us something even deeper: God does not expose patterns to shame us, He reveals them to transform us. The Bible says, “See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?” (Isaiah 43:19) God is always working towards something new. But stepping into the new often requires leaving behind the old - old thinking, old habits, old wounds. The Israelites walked around the wilderness for forty years, not because God lacked direction, but because He was shaping their hearts. Sometimes the breakthrough in our lives is not found in a changed circumstance, but in a changed choice. When we forgive instead of holding bitterness... When we pray instead of panic... When we trust instead of control... When we obey instead of delay... That’s the moment growth begins. Romans 12:2 says, “Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind.” So, if something in your life feels like a repeating loop, don’t lose heart. It may actually be an invitation, an invitation to trust God differently, to respond differently, to walk forward into the new thing He is already preparing.

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FRIDAY

WE OFTEN LONG FOR INSTANT ANSWERS FROM GOD, YET SCRIPTURE REMINDS US THAT LASTING TRANSFORMATION IS USUALLY SHAPED THROUGH FAITHFUL OBEDIENCE IN THE ORDINARY, EVERYDAY MOMENTS. HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEKEND.

6th February – Morning all... Have you ever wished God would change everything in a single moment? One dramatic answer that makes the struggle disappear. Actor Denzel Washington once said, “Without commitment, you’ll never start. Without consistency, you’ll never finish.” Spiritual growth often works the same way. Transformation rarely happens in one dramatic moment; it’s formed through steady faithfulness in the small things. There’s a wonderful story in 2 Kings about a man named Naaman. He expected a grand display of power. Instead, he was told to do something simple, wash in the River Jordan again and again. It felt ordinary. Unimpressive. Easy to dismiss. But Scripture says, “So he went down and dipped himself in the Jordan seven times... and his flesh was restored.” (2 Kings 5:14) The miracle was not in spectacle. It was in obedience. So, know this, that quiet prayer you keep praying... That choice to respond with grace... That decision to trust God one more day... None of it is wasted. Repeated obedience becomes real change. Don’t underestimate today’s small step. What feels ordinary to you may be the very place where God is preparing restoration. Because in God’s hands, small obedience becomes lasting transformation.

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