

SABBATH FLOW

Cascading the Sabbath into the Week Ahead

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Daily Devotional Guide

SUNDAY

Inside Something Moving

"In which also you stand."

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Reflect: Sometimes the most powerful movements are the ones we do not immediately feel. A child can be carried across the world on a plane and think only a few moments have passed. We can live on a planet spinning and moving through space and still feel completely still. In the same way, we can stand inside the gospel and forget that we are standing inside something alive, powerful, and already moving.

Paul reminds us that the gospel is not static. It is something proclaimed, received, stood in, held firmly, and experienced as God's saving work in us. Today, you do not have to manufacture spiritual momentum by yourself. Begin by remembering where you already stand. You are standing in the good news of Jesus Christ, and that good news is carrying you toward resurrection.

Pray: Lord Jesus, awaken me to the gospel I am already standing in. Help me sense its movement and trust where You are carrying me. Amen.

MONDAY

Gospel Is Being Gospelled

"The good news that I proclaimed to you."

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:1-2

Reflect: The gospel is not meant to sit still. Paul received it, proclaimed it, and the Corinthians received it in turn. The good news moved from life to life, from voice to voice, from heart to heart. That is still how the gospel moves. It is gospelled.

This does not mean every conversation has to feel forced or scripted. It means your life can become part of the movement of God's good news. Your kindness can gospel. Your forgiveness can gospel. Your courage can gospel. Your words can gospel. Today, ask Jesus to let His good news move through you in a natural, faithful, Spirit-led way.

Pray: Lord, let Your gospel move through my life. Help me announce Your goodness through my words, choices, and presence. Amen.

TUESDAY

News, Not Advice

“Repent, and believe in the good news.”

Read: Mark 1:14–15; 1 Corinthians 15:1–2

Reflect: Advice tells us what we might try. News tells us what has happened. Advice can be helpful, but it often leaves us carrying the weight of our own improvement. The gospel is different. Jesus does not merely bring us a new philosophy, a new rule of life, or a better spirituality. He announces that the reign of God has drawn near.

That means reality itself has shifted in Jesus. We are not just trying harder to become better people; we are being reoriented inside a new world. Today, let yourself rest in the good news that God has acted first. Then ask how your life might realign around the King who has already come near.

Pray: King Jesus, help me receive Your gospel as reality-changing news. Realign my heart with Your reign today. Amen.

WEDNESDAY

The Full Gospel Movement

“Christ died... he was buried... he was raised... he appeared.”

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:3–8

Reflect: Paul gives us the gospel as a movement of Jesus’ whole saving life. Christ lived, died, was buried, was raised, and appeared. His death matters deeply, but it is not isolated from His life or His resurrection. Jesus lived the life God intended for humanity, entered the world’s sin and death, and rose again as the beginning of God’s new creation.

The appearances matter because resurrection is not merely a symbol or private spiritual idea. The risen Jesus was seen alive. The gospel keeps moving because Jesus is alive. Today, hold together the whole gospel movement: His life, His cross, His resurrection, His living presence, and His continuing reign.

Pray: Risen Jesus, keep Your whole gospel at the center of my faith. Let Your life, death, and resurrection shape my life today. Amen.

THURSDAY

But Now Christ Has Been Raised

“But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead.”

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:12–22

Reflect: Paul is honest about what happens if resurrection is removed. Faith becomes empty. Hope becomes empty. The gospel becomes old news, a memory without living power. But Paul does not leave us there. He turns the corner with the words, “But in fact Christ has been raised.”

Those words change everything. Resurrection means God’s future

has already broken into the present. Jesus is the firstfruits, the beginning of the harvest God intends for humanity and creation. Today, whatever feels dead, stuck, or hopeless in you is not beyond the reach of the risen Christ. His resurrection is not only the promise of the end; it is the power of new life already beginning.

Pray: Risen Jesus, help me live today in the hope and power of Your resurrection. Bring Your new life into the places where I feel stuck or afraid. Amen.

FRIDAY

A Foretaste of the Future

"The first fruits of those who have died."

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:20–28

Reflect: To believe in the risen Christ is to become a participant in His resurrection life. Your life becomes a sign, a witness, a foretaste of the future transplanted into the present. You are not merely waiting for God's future; in Christ, something of that future is already growing in you.

This means your everyday life matters. Your home, work, relationships, choices, forgiveness, honesty, hospitality, and love can all become places where God's future peeks through. You do not need to reduce mission to a program or event. Today, simply ask: where can my life become a small but real sign of the new creation God has begun in Christ?

Pray: Lord, make my life a foretaste of Your future. Let Your resurrection life be seen in ordinary places today. Amen.

SABBATH

Gospeling the Gospel

"So that God may be all in all."

Read: 1 Corinthians 15:24–28

Reflect: Christ is bringing every rival reign under His rule. Fear, pride, division, injustice, violence, and death itself are being confronted by the reign of the risen Jesus. We do not complete this work by ourselves, but we do participate in it. The gospel moves through people whose lives have been caught up in resurrection.

You are invited to move with the movement. Not by striving anxiously, but by living as someone planted here from God's future. Your life can carry healing into wounded places. Your witness can invite others into the reality transforming you. You are not merely believing the gospel and sitting back. In Christ, by the Spirit, you are gospeling the gospel.

Pray: King Jesus, move through my life so others may see and enter Your resurrection reality. Make me part of Your healing movement toward new creation. Amen. 🌹

Group Study Guide

Pray: Risen Jesus, awaken us to the gospel already in motion. Help us receive it, stand in it, protect its resurrection center, and live as signs of Your future already begun. Amen.

Open: When have you been carried by something moving without really noticing it?

Read: Read 1 Corinthians 15:1–8, 20–28 aloud together.

Discuss: Pick as many as time allows.

1. What verbs does Paul use to describe the gospel in verses 1–2?
2. What does Paul say is “of first importance” in verses 3–8?
3. Why do the resurrection appearances matter?
4. What does Paul say happens if Christ has not been raised?
5. What changes with the words “But in fact” in verse 20?
6. What does “firstfruits” teach us about Jesus’ resurrection?
7. What enemies does Christ defeat in verses 24–28?

Reflect: The gospel is not static information stored in the mind. It is the living announcement that Christ has died, Christ has been raised, and Christ is reigning until every rival power is brought under God’s rule. To believe this gospel is

to live inside something already moving. We do not create the movement; we awaken to it, stand in it, and learn to move with it.

This means the gospel is bigger than personal assurance, though it includes that beautiful gift. It is also bigger than religious advice, spiritual self-improvement, or church activity. The gospel announces that reality has changed in Jesus Christ. His resurrection is the future breaking into the present, and everyone who belongs to Him becomes a sign, witness, and foretaste of that future here and now.

So we are called to embody and extend the gospel. We live it in our homes, relationships, work, church, choices, forgiveness, justice, mercy, and witness. As Christ brings every rival reign under His rule, our lives become places where fear, pride, division, injustice, violence, and death-dealing powers begin to lose their grip. We are not merely believing the gospel and sitting back. We are gospeling the gospel.

Pray: Lord Jesus, make us people who do not merely believe the gospel and sit back. Make us people who gospel the gospel. Amen. 🍷