



THE

DETERMINATION

DEVOTIONAL

7-Day Guide

A journey to build your faith, strengthen your focus,
and fulfill God's purpose for your life.



I can do all things
through Christ
which strengtheneth me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13 (KJV)



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Welcome to **Abiding Truth Ministries**! We are so overjoyed that we were able to connect with you. At ATM, our heartbeat is to ensure you are **Spiritually Directed and Socially Connected**.

I want to personally walk you through this 7-day journey based on a message God gave me on *Determination*. My prayer is that these next few days will shift your perspective, fortify your faith, and give you the resilience to **catch, cultivate, and commission** the divine purpose inside you. Let's dive in together.



Bishop Benjamin and Pastor Juanita Green



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DAY 1: DEMOLISHING THE ELEPHANT

BREAKING DOWN OVERWHELMING SEASONS

"And Joshua the son of Nun sent out of Shittim two men to spy secretly, saying, Go view the land, even Jericho..."

JOSHUA 2:1 (KJV)

THE CORE LESSON

I define determination as a **firmness of purpose** and a **persistent effort** in the face of difficulty. When you look at an overwhelming assignment or a massive life change, it's easy to freeze up. I often ask our congregation: **how do you eat an elephant? One bite at a time.** Do not let the scale of your vision paralyze you; break it down into small, manageable, achievable steps of daily obedience, and watch God work.

REFLECTION & ACTION

-  **[CULTIVATE]** What God-given dream, family transition, or major life responsibility currently feels so massive that it is causing you to procrastinate or feel overwhelmed?
-  **[COMMISSION]** Identify just **one micro-step** you can take toward that large goal today. Write it down, commit it to prayer, and execute it before the day ends.



DAY 2: FACING YOUR JERICHO

SHIFTING VISION FROM THE WALLS TO THE PROMISE

"And as soon as we had heard these things, our hearts did melt, neither did there remain any more courage in any man, because of you: for the Lord your God, he is God in heaven above, and in earth beneath."

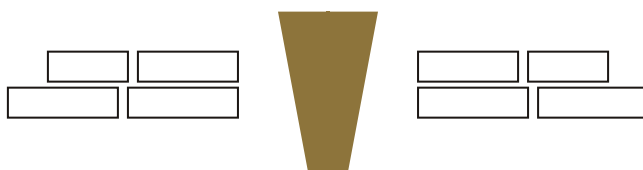
JOSHUA 2:11 (KJV)

THE CORE LESSON

To conquer the "Jericho" seasons of your life, you have to look past the intimidating height of the walls and **focus entirely on God's track record**. When I study how Israel took the land, I see that they didn't just stumble into success—they relied on a faith that moves into consistent action. I want to challenge you to **set clear goals** and keep **visual reminders** of God's promises right in front of your eyes so the "giants" in your path lose their power to terrify you.

REFLECTION & ACTION

-  **[CULTIVATE]** Are your thoughts currently consumed by the size of the obstacles in front of you, or by the magnitude of the God who goes before you?
-  **[COMMISSION]** Create a physical or digital visual reminder of a goal or scripture promise God has given you. Place it on your bathroom mirror, your refrigerator, or your phone lock screen to anchor your focus this week.



DAY 3: FINISH THE STRIKE

THE DANGER OF STOPPING TOO SOON

"And he said, Take the arrows. And he took them. And he said unto the king of Israel, Smite upon the ground. And he smote thrice, and stayed. And the man of God was wroth with him..."

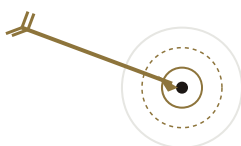
2 KINGS 13:18-19 (KJV)

THE CORE LESSON

It is easy to start a spiritual journey with high enthusiasm, but **partial obedience or half-hearted effort** will always yield incomplete victories. When I look at the account of King Joash and the prophet Elisha, I am reminded of how dangerous it is to stop too soon and fail to expend the necessary energy for full victory. I want to warn you against quitting on the verge of your breakthrough—**keep striking the ground until the enemy is completely defeated.**

REFLECTION & ACTION

-  **[CULTIVATE]** In what area of your life—be it prayer, breaking an old habit, a financial goal, or a relationship—have you settled for a "partial victory" because you stopped putting in the effort too soon?
-  **[COMMISSION]** Go back to the altar of prayer or back to that unfinished goal today. Lift your hands and resolve to **"strike the ground" again** with fresh, unrelenting energy.



DAY 4: THE UPSTREAM ANOINTING

OUTLASTING YOUR ENVIRONMENT

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."

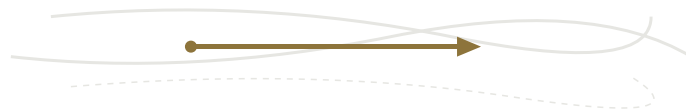
1 CORINTHIANS 15:58 (KJV)

THE CORE LESSON

I love to look at the Arctic Tern and the King Salmon as examples of innate, unstoppable drive. The salmon is wired to **swim upstream against fierce, punishing currents** because it refuses to be kept from its destination. I want to remind you that opposition and adversity are not signs that you are out of God's will; they are proof that **your destination is valuable** and that the Holy Spirit has placed the stamina inside you to outlast the environment.

REFLECTION & ACTION

-  **[CULTIVATE]** When the social or circumstantial currents of life pull hard against your faith and values, what spiritual anchors do you rely on to keep moving forward?
-  **[COMMISSION]** Don't fight the current alone; we are designed to be **Socially Connected**. Reach out to someone you met at ATM, or plan to connect with a ministry leader or small group this week to find the community support you need to keep swimming upstream.



DAY 5: IDENTIFYING THE PURPOSE KILLERS

DEFENDING YOUR FOCUS

"He said unto him, I am a prophet also as thou art; and an angel spake unto me by the word of the Lord, saying, Bring him back with thee into thine house... But he lied unto him."

1 KINGS 13:18 (KJV)

THE CORE LESSON

Let me give you a straight definition: **a distraction is anything that prevents you from giving full attention to your primary, God-given assignment.** I call distractions "purpose killers," and I firmly believe we cannot blame our environment for our lack of progress—we must take responsibility to improve our focus. If you listen to voices that contradict your original, divine instructions from God, you will get derailed.

REFLECTION & ACTION

-  **[CULTIVATE]** What modern distraction (such as social media, toxic conversations, procrastination, or the trap of perfectionism) is currently draining the time and focus you should be dedicating to your divine purpose?
-  **[COMMISSION]** Establish a strategic boundary today. Audit your day and **fast from one specific digital or lifestyle distraction** for the next 48 hours to clear your spiritual vision.

DAY 6: PROTECTING YOUR SPIRITUAL FUEL

THE PRIORITY OF PERSONAL OIL

"But the wise answered, saying, Not so; lest there be not enough for us and you: but go ye rather to them that sell, and buy for yourselves."

MATTHEW 25:9 (KJV)

THE CORE LESSON

Staying singular in your focus requires a holy guard over your spiritual condition. When I look at the five wise virgins who refused to give away their oil, and Mary who chose to sit at Jesus' feet, I see the necessity of **prioritizing your personal intimacy with Christ** over the demands and busyness of life. I challenge you to learn how to say a holy "no" to secondary things so you can **keep your own lamp burning bright.**

REFLECTION & ACTION

-  **[CULTIVATE]** Is your spiritual lamp running dangerously low on oil because you are trying to manage everyone else's expectations while ignoring your own time with God?
-  **[COMMISSION]** Set a **15-minute appointment** on your calendar today to sit quietly at the feet of Jesus. Turn off all notifications, open your Bible, and allow Him to refill your spiritual tank.



DAY 7: POSITIONED FOR PROMOTION

STRUGGLE NOW, SUCCESS LATER

"And Pharaoh said unto Joseph... Thou shalt be over my house, and according unto thy word shall all my people be ruled: only in the throne will I be greater than thou."

GENESIS 41:39-40 (KJV)

THE CORE LESSON

As we close this series, I want to leave you with a foundational truth: **your present struggles are the exact training grounds God uses to build your future achievements.** I have had to walk through heavy seasons of personal adversity and deep family loss myself, but I held onto faith because I know how the story ends. Just like Joseph, if you are willing to **endure the "struggle now"** while keeping your eyes completely fixed on Jesus, your **"success later"** is already guaranteed by God.

REFLECTION & ACTION

🔍 **[CULTIVATE]** How does shifting your perspective to see your current trial as "divine positioning" change the way you view your circumstances?

⚡ **[COMMISSION]** Write out a declaration of faith thanking God in advance for the victory that will emerge from your current struggle. Take a bold step to **discover and deploy your God-given gifts here at ATM**, trusting that He is moving you from the struggle to the success!

