

# HARVEST

## Four Week Devotional

### Overview

This devotional explores **Isaiah 43:19** as both a promise and an invitation: to recognise God's renewing work, trust his provision in every season and partner with him to bring hope and meet needs in your communities. Throughout the four weeks we will dwell on the same handful of Scripture passages and themes. Allow them to take root in your heart and life as you slow down and reflect.

God is already at work, bringing new life, making a way and providing in unexpected places. As you journey through this devotional, may you grow in your ability to:

- **See** what God is doing
- **Trust** his provision
- **Offer** what you have, and
- **Partner** with him in faith



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## Week 1 - Perception

### Key Scripture: Isaiah 43:19

*'See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'*

### Reflection

God begins with an invitation: 'See'.

Sometimes before anything changes externally, something must shift internally.

Perception is often the starting point of faith. This week we are invited to become spiritually attentive. Even in environments that feel 'dry' or uncertain, God is not inactive; he is a well of life! The challenge therefore is not whether God is working, but whether we are perceiving it. It is easy to focus on what we or our communities lack, what has been lost or what feels stuck. But God declares that something new is already springing up. We sometimes just need to catch up with what God is already doing and look with our spiritual eyes!

### Questions for Daily Reflection

- What areas of your life and community feel unchanged, but may actually be in the early stages of renewal?
- What can/do you do to strengthen your ability to discern and partner with God's voice and plans?

### Prayer

*God of new beginnings, open my eyes to perceive your mighty, loving hand at work. Help me not to be limited by past experiences or present circumstances. Give me faith to trust that you are always at work, and give me spiritual eyes to partner with you in the building of your Kingdom. Amen.*

### Practice

God is always up to something, and it doesn't always look the same. Each day can bring a challenge for us to perceive the new things God is doing.

**Each day, pause and ask God these two things:**

**'God, what are you doing that I haven't yet noticed?'**

*Write down anything which comes to mind, even the seemingly 'insignificant'.*

**'God, what dry and desolate areas can I speak your abundant life into?'**

*Pray and declare God's promises over situations that feel dry, difficult or stuck. Jesus has given us authority to pray and intercede, so let's use it with confidence.*



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## Week 2 - Trust

### Key Scriptures:

**Isaiah 43:19**

*'...I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.'*

**Psalms 34:10**

*'Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.'*

### Reflection

Wilderness seasons can feel marked by uncertainty, limitation and lack. And though it may not always be the answer we want to hear, God's promise is not the absence of wilderness but the presence of provision *within* it.

Psalms 34:10 reminds us that true provision is not rooted in our resources, but in God's nature. He is our provider. Even when circumstances feel scarce, spiritual reality declares that in him we lack nothing we truly need. You may feel you currently have trust in God, but it is these wilderness seasons which truly reveal the extent of our trust in him. Faith, then, becomes a choice: will we trust what we see, or what God has said?

Even if you yourself are not going through a wilderness season, you may see it within your corps, your community, your family or in a friend's life. May we continue to look beyond our own needs and intercede in prayer for the Christians and non-Christians around us. May God use us as an encourager and life-giver in these seemingly 'dry' seasons, to bring a perspective of hope.

### Questions for Daily Reflection

- Where do you sense lack or insufficiency right now (spiritually or physically) that God can make a way within? Let this fuel your prayers.
- What would it look like to trust God as your provider in the areas or seasons of 'wilderness'? How could you reflect this trust in the way that you pray? Let this strengthen your daily relationship with God.

### Prayer

*Provider God, you know every need before I do. Teach me to trust in your provision rather than my own understanding. Help me to believe that you are making a way, even in the wilderness, and use me as a life-bringer to those around me. Amen.*

### Practice

Each day this week, **name one area of need** and **thank God in advance** for his provision in that area - even before you see it! This can build trust and gratitude. Consider asking God to bring a specific need to mind for you to focus on - whether in your own life, a loved one's or in your community.



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## Week 3 - Obedience

**Key Scriptures:** 2 Kings 4:1-7; John 6:1-15

### Reflection

Throughout Scripture, God consistently works with what seems insignificant. A small offering feeds thousands. A single jar of oil becomes enough to sustain a family. These stories remind us that the issue is never the size of what we have, but what happens when we place it in God's hands!

We often hesitate, thinking we need more time, more resources or more capacity before we can respond to a need. But God invites us to bring what we have now, trusting him to transform it into something greater.

Abundance does not come from accumulation, but from obedience and trust in God.

### Questions for Daily Reflection

- What are the needs around you that God is drawing your attention to?
- Where might God be asking you to practise generosity?

### Prayer

*God of abundance, I offer you what I have - even when it feels small. Use it for your purposes. Multiply it in ways that bring life and provision to others. Help me to hold nothing back from you. Amen.*

### Practice

Give something intentionally this week - your time, encouragement, attention, or resources - as an act of trust in God's ability to multiply it. Write down what you intend to give and add to your journal any moments of spiritual or practical multiplication that you notice. These moments create powerful testimonies of God's goodness.

### Journal to start and end the week:

#### *Intentions -*

- This week I would like to intentionally give ...

#### *Reflections -*

- What I noticed God do with my obedience ...



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## Week 4 - Partnership

**Key Scriptures:** Isaiah 43:19; Matthew 14:16-20

### Reflection

God does not just provide for his people; he invites them into the process. Again and again we see that God's provision flows through willing hearts and open hands. We are called to that same partnership today - not striving to create abundance ourselves, but participating in what God is already doing.

Sometimes, we put too much pressure on ourselves. We are not the ones who do the saving or the healing. We can end up postponing plans and delaying action when we don't feel we have enough to make a 'big' difference. But that's where God comes in. Others of us aren't taking enough responsibility, and maybe in the busyness of life, we've left it up to God, or others, to do it all. But we are all called to partner with God for Kingdom impact.

So, do we live with expectation - not of excess, but of faithful provision for real needs in our communities? May our own strategising, fears or assumptions not get in the way of the greatest partnership we could ever step into.

### Questions for Daily Reflection

- What areas have I assumed too much responsibility and control for?
- What areas have I overlooked where God wants me to pick up responsibility?
- Where is God inviting me to be part of his provision for others?

### Prayer

*Gracious God, thank you for inviting me into your work. Help me to respond with faith and generosity. Use my life to bring provision, hope and renewal to those around me. Amen.*

### Practice

Each day, write down one area of your personal life, work, corps, community, or another context, where you are choosing to wait with faith-filled expectation for God's provision.

After prayerful reflection, describe what it might look like to partner with God in that area - remaining active and responsible, without taking full control, and trusting without disengaging.

### Daily Journal:

- Where am I expecting to see God's provision?
- What does it look like for me to partner with God in this area of need?

