

Denzel Washington Puts Faith Above Fame: 'I Follow the Lord'

Transformation in the Christian life doesn't come primarily from large encounters at conferences or altars. Instead, it comes from daily, intentional moments spent with God. As Vlad Savchuk reminds us, "A thing that changes your life is not a large encounter with God at the altar. What's going to really change your life is the daily encounters that you have in your own bedroom." Here are four of those ways that you can practically walk with the Holy Spirit every day.

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1. Schedule Your Priorities, Not Just Your Day

Many Christians live reactively, moving from Sunday to Sunday or conference to conference. The key is to put God first every day. Matthew 6:33 instructs us: "Seek first the kingdom of God, and all these things shall be added to you."

Savchuk emphasizes the importance of morning devotion: "If God is not first in our thoughts and efforts in the morning, he will be in the last place the remaining of the day."



To order Vlad Savchuk's new book, [Make The Devil Homeless](#), visit .

By prioritizing God at the start of your day, you shape your mindset, decisions and actions for the hours that follow.

2. Wake Up Early and Spend Time in Prayer

Morning prayer sets the tone for the day and helps you avoid distraction and temptation. Savchuk shares his story of beginning early morning prayer as a teen. “I started to go as a 16-year-old. I asked my pastor for the keys. I opened the church, turned on a little of music. And my prayer life, my hosting the Holy Spirit, started by building an early prayer.”

Even if you’re not naturally an early riser, a small adjustment can make a big difference. “Set your alarm 30 minutes earlier and start that today. You go and you spend time with the Holy Spirit. You go and you spend time in God’s word. You go and you spend time in worship.”

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3. Go to Prayer to Be With God, Not to Find Him

God is already present; prayer is about relationship, not searching. Savchuk explains: “Don’t go to prayer to find God. Go to prayer to be with Him.”

He further references Exodus 24:12 to show that God desires our presence, saying that we should “just be there.”

Approaching prayer with this mindset transforms it from duty into delight. You are offering your presence to God, just as a loved one delights in spending time with you.

4. Let Your Daily Life Reflect Your Encounter With God

How you live your day-to-day life and how you spend time with God are inseparable.

“How you live your day shapes how you encounter God,” Savchuk says. And how you experience God shapes how you live your day.”

Consistent encounters with the Holy Spirit help guard against temptation, guide your decisions and cultivate holiness, wisdom and joy.

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Communing with the Holy Spirit is ultimately about relationship, not rules. By prioritizing time with God, rising early, entering prayer with the right mindset and letting your life reflect your encounters with Christ, you can develop intimacy with the Holy Spirit that transforms both your spiritual life and your daily decisions.

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Dinesh D’Souza Explains Why Democrats and MSNBC Are Losing Ground

As the High Holy Days approach, prophetic voice Amanda Grace is urging believers to remain alert and prayerful. In a recent broadcast, she warned that significant spiritual battles are unfolding in America and abroad.

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Grace noted that September brings not only the Jewish High Holy Days but also another blood moon—this one visible over Asia and Europe. Given the volatile state of global affairs, she urged viewers to pay close attention to the timing of these events. “There is something moving about within this nation and with the Holy Land,” Grace said, calling certain dates “target dates” to watch. She highlighted August 29 due to its numeric connection to 9/11, with warnings to intercede ahead of time.

Adding urgency to these warnings, Grace recalled a vivid dream from October 2023 that came strongly back to mind in recent days. In the dream, President Donald Trump appeared on a golf course with an injured leg, looking frazzled and unwell. At the time, the dream was interpreted as a call to pray for his health and safety, but she now believes it may also point to a broader strategy of the enemy to physically harm Trump.

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Right after Grace shared this dream, news broke that a New York woman had been arrested for threatening to kill Trump in a disturbing social media post. The 50-year-old allegedly posted about her willingness to “sacrificially kill” the president. She reportedly traveled to Washington, D.C., with the intent to act on her threats if an opportunity arose.

Grace emphasized that this was more than a random outburst. “That’s a spirit talking,” she said, pointing to the phrase “sacrificial kill” as evidence of deeper spiritual forces at work. According to her interpretation, demonic powers are seeking a “big sacrifice” in this season to empower dark

agendas leading into the 2026 midterms and 2028 presidential election.

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“This isn’t just trying to go after somebody. They are looking for a sacrifice,” Grace warned, urging Christians to intercede specifically against these schemes. She also pointed to high-level “spiritual altars” in cities like Washington, D.C., and New York, which she believes the kingdom of darkness is using as footholds to influence nations.

With the convergence of the High Holy Days, blood moon, and what she sees as an increase in spiritual warfare, Grace’s message was clear: “We have to intercede and pray for their safety. The kingdom of darkness is out in this season looking to accomplish that.”

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Is the Plague Returning? California Resident Infected

Are we looking at the possible return of something lethal?

According to Fox News, a resident of California became infected with the plague, which health officials believe happened after the person was bit by a flea during a camping trip to Lake Tahoe.

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In an official statement, the El Dorado County Health and Human Services Agency said that "It's believed that the person may have been bitten by an infected flea while camping in the South Lake Tahoe area. Health officials are investigating the situation."

Fox further notes that the plague is usually spread through fleas that have "fed on infected squirrels, chipmunks or other wild rodents." So far this year, four rodents in the Tahoe Basin have been found positive for the plague.

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The recent reports of California's plague case, alongside viral images of rabbits, squirrels and deer with strange tumors and growths, paint a troubling picture of nature seemingly going awry. From a biblical perspective, such events echo the warnings found in Scripture about pestilence, disease and the upheaval of creation in the last days, signaling that the world may be moving closer to conditions described in the end times.

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While science investigates the causes behind these strange outbreaks, Scripture encourages the faithful to discern the times, hold fast to God's Word and pray for protection as the world experiences unprecedented disturbances in both nature and health.

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What James Dobson Said About Donald Trump Before He Passed

Prior to his passing, Dr. James Dobson stood up for faith, family, marriage and conservative values for decades. In a previous interview with CBN, Dobson shared his thoughts on President Donald Trump.

In the video shared to X by Pastor Travis Johnson, Dobson said, "People, conservative people who come up to me and say, 'Well, what's he like?' The truth of the matter is that he's much more of a gentleman than anybody knows he is."

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Dobson further shared the admiration that he had for Trump as a man of his word. "He has kept every promise he made to the faith community. I really do love and appreciate that man..."

In the post, Johnson also noted how he was "Thankful Dr. Dobson took a strong stand for our president when others would not."

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To pre-order Travis Johnson's new book, (Un)Embarrassed of Jesus, visit .

Dr. James Dobson's legacy was defined not only by his unwavering commitment to faith and family but also by his

courage to speak boldly in defense of his convictions. Even in the face of controversy, he consistently championed principles he believed would strengthen communities and uphold moral values, demonstrating a life lived with integrity and purpose.

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Dobson's willingness to stand firmly for what he believed, regardless of popular opinion, serves as a lasting example of principled courage and devotion to God, family and country.

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When Is John MacArthur's Celebration of Life? Details You Need to Know

Last month, Pastor John MacArthur of Grace Community Church passed away at the age of 86. Now, the church has announced all the pertinent details concerning his upcoming service for tomorrow, August 23.

On the Grace Community Church website, the memorial service is set to begin at 10:30 a.m. Pacific Standard Time. Visitors can begin parking starting at 7 a.m., and the building will open at 7:30 a.m.

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The church also notes that "Seating will be open throughout the Campus, including the rooms in the Tower Building, an air-

conditioned tent in the Main Parking Lot, and additional locations will be equipped with screens for your convenience.”



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The service will also be livestreamed for those around the world who would like to pay their respects as well.

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The service will be livestreamed from the Worship Center to every room on campus, ensuring all in attendance can participate. The Chapel will be dedicated to Spanish-speaking guests. Additionally, translation into Spanish, Mandarin, Russian, Korean, Arabic and Armenian will be available via our livestream on the church website.

To accommodate as many guests as possible, additional seating in the Shepherds Conference tent will be available for all who wish to join us in person.

On X, the Grace to You ministry further encouraged people to stream the service through their website, social media and apps.

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Continue to lift up MacArthur's family in prayer as they navigate this new season of life.

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Jonathan Cahn: Avatars and Ancient Spiritual Forces Shaping America

Jonathan Cahn's new book, "The Avatar," is a profound exploration of the spiritual forces shaping today's world, blending biblical prophecy, global encounters and modern political insight. Known for connecting Scripture to contemporary events, Cahn shared exclusive insights into this latest book with Charisma Media founder and CEO Stephen Strang on the Strang Report Podcast.

Cahn explains how an "avatar," is "a vessel or manifestation or image of a god... it's all over the world." While rooted in Hindu tradition, the idea appears across cultures: humans can unknowingly become living embodiments of spiritual forces. Cahn asks a startling question: "Could there be an avatar on the stage?"

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Cahn's insights are drawn not only from Scripture but from his personal experiences in nations steeped in spiritual activity. In India, he recounts a harrowing encounter on a foggy road between Agra and Delhi, where overturned vehicles mirrored the trickster god Krishna's mythology. Later, when he sounded the shofar in front of 70,000 people, and said, "it was like a mass exorcism—people screaming, and the spirits fled," he recalls. Across Africa and Brazil, he observed the same patterns: "They believe that the gods possess people, and the people become avatars—living, moving gods themselves."

Cahn emphasizes that these global encounters are not merely curiosities—they serve as warnings for the West. Citing Jesus' teaching that a cleansed space left empty allows the spirit to return with greater power, Cahn warns: "Any nation or civilization that empties itself of God—the gods are coming back. The spirits are coming back." He points to cultural milestones, like the Olympic opening ceremony's controversial depiction of the Last Supper replaced with pagan imagery, as evidence of a broader spiritual shift.

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