



Focus Watch
+
Passions Stream

DAY WATCHES

6am - 9am > Renewal (Heart)

9am - 12pm > Focus (Passions)

12pm - 3pm > Restoration (Nations)

3pm - 6pm > Maranatha (Calendar)

Atmosphere
Spiritual Fields

The second of the four day watches is Focus. We focus on the Passions prayer stream.

Everyone is different. We all have different ways that we live our lives, and we are unique in the ways that we journey through each day before we rest.

For the most part, I've discovered that the second day watch are usually our best hours for working and

focusing on achieving specific goals, accomplishing what we are passionate about.

Attention & Intentions

Previously I shared a list of spiritual gifts to illustrate the great variety of ways Jesus' Holy Spirit moves through God's people around the world. Here's a summary list of different careers and life passions:

Administration, Agriculture, Architecture, Arts, Business, Construction, Communications, Design, Development, Distribution, Education, Engineering, Entertainment, Family, Finance, Food/Drink, Government, Health, Home, Industry, Information, Innovation, Language, Law, Logistics, Management, Manufacturing, Markets, Media, Medicine, Nature, Religion, Resources, Science, Security, Services, Space, Sports, Technology, Transportation, Travel.

It's not exhaustive, but that's already a lot. It's one of the biggest lifetime goals of anyone growing up: to figure out what to do with my life. And this list of various careers represents hundreds of thousands of unique jobs a person can have

Now, let's interlace Holy Spirit fruit through this list of careers and see how Jesus' kingdom comes on earth.

Abiding, Administration, Compassion, Agriculture, Comfort, Architecture, Courage, Arts, Discipleship, Business, Discipline, Construction, Empathy, Communications, Faith, Design, Forgiveness, Development, Freedom, Distribution, Generosity, Education, Gentleness, Engineering, Grace,

Entertainment, Honesty, Family, Hope, Finance, Humility, Food/Drink, Integrity, Government, Joy, Health, Kindness, Home, Love, Industry, Mercy, Information, Patience, Innovation, Peace, Language, Perseverance, Law, Purity, Logistics, Rest, Management, Restoration, Manufacturing, Righteousness, Markets, Unity, Media, Wisdom, Medicine, Wonder, Nature, Flexibility, Religion, Suffering, Resources, Vision, Science, Evangelism, Security, Dreams, Services, Blessing, Space, Advocacy, Sports, Discernment, Technology, Interpretation, Transportation, Persecution, Travel.

The Focus Watch is a time for our best attention and being intentional. We've been up since the Freedom and Renewal Watches, and we have begun spending our time on accomplishing the day's goals. It's important to take what we heard from Jesus' Holy Spirit during the Renewal Watch and either focus on or pray for the day's priorities and upcoming goals.

Every true disciple of Jesus is a temple of Jesus' Holy Spirit. Before, the Holy Spirit lived in the Jewish tabernacle and was ministered to by Jewish priests. Jesus also sent the Holy Spirit to rest upon prophets and kings before he came to earth, but he did not dwell within them. After his ascension, Jesus sent the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Day to enter into the bodies of his disciples, and he is now our Life Companion.

Design Discernment

The Focus Watch is a time for discernment. With the help of Jesus' Spirit, we can navigate all the possible ways we can spend our time to invest deeply,

consistently in those activities that he has revealed and confirmed are from heaven and his will for us.

Living this way can prevent us from compartmentalizing Jesus' Spirit like a checklist item, file folder, or calendar appointment. Jesus' Spirit is with us always; our problem is we cease being aware of him throughout the day. With his help, we can be aware of and attuned to our Abba Father's will for our lives based on his revelation and revealed spiritual gifts and passions.

We are all designed differently, and we all have a unique mix of spiritual gifts and life passions. But together, as one body, we can change the world. And not just make the world a better place to live, because that's not Jesus' Mission he left for us to fulfill.

His Mission is to make disciples of all nations.

In order to pull that off, and one generation will eventually do it through the Holy Spirit, the last generation of our age, we have to all abide in Jesus' Spirit at all times and follow his leadership. There's no other way to reach the whole world with the Gospel AND see disciples making disciples indigenously, because all these new disciples must abide in and depend upon the same Holy Spirit who sent us to them in the first place.

And we all reach lost people differently.

There's not best practices. There's no perfect strategy. There's no secret sauce to make the perfect disciple. There's processes and patterns, there's preferences

and opinions, there's education and experiences, but the key to finishing Jesus' Great Commission is abiding in the Holy Spirit; not working hard and making it happen.

So, let's focus. Let's discern and embrace our passions. Let's dig deeper into God's heart for each one of us than we ever have before. Let's be free to ask hard questions like, "Am I where God wants me?" "Am I free to be myself and follow Jesus' Spirit in this place and on this team?" "Am I making compromises to be comfortable or live up to the expectations of others instead of living in the freedom of pursuing my calling?" "Why am I here and what is my Abba Father asking me to do with my life before I die?" "When do I feel the most close to the Lord, when I know that I'm smack dab in the center of his will and working with him and not against him?"

Heaven Here

In Luke, we see Jesus visit a village with a crook, a hustler who cheated his community for a profit. Zacchaeus was hated and despised, but no one could accuse him because he worked for the Empire. Jesus found this lowlife and invited himself over for dinner. Zacchaeus had heard of Jesus the Miracle Worker & Wise Teacher and was honored, delighted to host this great man in his home. Over a meal, Jesus the Nazarene shared his heart for Yahweh's kingdom including living by righteous values like humility, integrity, and generosity. Zacchaeus came to a moment of repentance and transformation. Listening to Jesus, he realized he was far from God and needed to come home. He was a lost son stealing from his

neighbors, a Dark Robin Hood, stealing from the poor to make himself wealthy. He decided to follow Jesus and said he would give away half his wealth to the poor and pay back four times greater what he stole!

That's the kingdom of heaven on earth. Jesus could have done anything in that village that day. He could have healed all the sick and delivered all the possessed, and all of that would have been just as wonderful as always, but Jesus did something special and incredible, he changed this sinner into a saint. A man well on his way to hell was radically delivered, his name was sealed in the Lamb's Book of Life, and his reputation transformed from vile to generous. His career was in Finance, but he used it for harm and hostility. He remained in Finance, but now he would be an agent for charity and generosity.

We can easily hang out with Jesus first thing in the morning, and then it's off to the races. We leave Jesus in the closed Bible book or app and live as if he's no longer around until the next time we read his Word or feel guilty and run to him for help.

Jesus died for more than our return to heaven; he died to restore us to friendship with God.

And that's how the people around us will meet Jesus, through our friendship and companionship with his Spirit. The Renewal Watch is designed to flow naturally into the Focus Watch. We fill up to overflowing when we first awake: drinking his Word, remembering his promises, and receiving his blessings. Then, the Heart Renewal overflow streams into our day of activities and goals, and Jesus' Spirit goes with us from morning

worship into interactions and activities with family, at work, in the fields, traveling, communicating, planning, performing, whatever we are doing that day, Jesus' Spirit is Immanuel: God with us.

It's why we need the Spirit to focus on fewer things, so that we can do them well, doing them by the Spirit rather than by our strength and knowledge. Just as we are vessels to be filled early in the morning with God's Word & Spirit, so we need our Father to shepherd and direct our steps throughout all day watches: the Good Shepherd of both day and night.

Remember that Jesus is Redeemer, and he can take anything we desire or pursue and redeem it for his glory. When God created Adam & Eve, he blessed them with purpose to their lives. He told them to have dominion on the earth and faithfully care for all creation. It's not just sitting around doing nothing; it's abiding with Jesus as he shepherds the shepherds.

Let's invite Jesus into our whole day, not just our mornings. Let's practice his presence as we work, take care of our families, travel and create, manage and steward, develop and dream. If we are true disciples, then Jesus' Spirit is already living in us, so we aren't inviting him in, because he already is in us. Instead, we are practicing awareness and communion: knowing he's there all the time, sharing freely with him what we think and how we feel, and continual conversation with our Father, Friend, and Field Guide & Guardian.

He will guide as we abide.

Revelation

Verses To Guide Us

Alignment > Jesus said, “In this manner, therefore, pray: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come. Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.” (Matthew 6:9-10 NKJV)

Bread of Life > “I am the Bread of Life,” Jesus told them. “Those who come to me will never be hungry; those who believe in me will never be thirsty.” (John 6:35 GNB)

Building Up > What then, brothers? When you come together, each one has a hymn, a lesson, a revelation, a tongue, or an interpretation. Let all things be done for building up. (1 Corinthians 14:26 ESV)

Centerpiece > So, my dear Christian friends, companions in following this call to the heights, take a good hard look at Jesus. He’s the Centerpiece of everything we believe, faithful in everything God gave him to do. Moses was also faithful, but Jesus gets far more honor. A builder is more valuable than a building any day. Every house has a builder, but the Builder behind them all is God. Moses did a good job in God’s house, but it was all servant work, getting things ready for what was to come. Christ as Son is in charge of the house. (Hebrews 3:1-6 MSG)

Clarity > Then you will understand what is right and just and fair—every good path. For wisdom will enter your heart, and knowledge will be pleasant to your soul. Discretion will protect you, and understanding will guard you. (Proverbs 2:9-11 NIV)

Deep Roots > Now that you have welcomed the Anointed One, Jesus the Lord, into your lives, continue to journey with Him and allow Him to shape your lives. Let your roots grow down deeply in Him, and let Him build you up on a Firm Foundation. Be strong in the faith, just as you were taught, and always spill over with thankfulness. (Colossians 2:6-7 VOICE)

Father of Glory > May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of Glory, give to you the Spirit of Wisdom and Revelation in the Knowledge of him, the eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that you may know what is the hope of his calling, what are the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints. (Ephesians 1:17-18 NKJV)

Focus > We do not focus on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18 CSB)

Head Over Every Power > For in Christ all the fullness of the Deity lives in bodily form, and in Christ you have been brought to fullness. He is the Head over every power and authority. (Colossians 2:9-10 NIV)

Impartial Judge > Since you call on him as your Heavenly Father, the Impartial Judge who judges according to each one's works, live each day with holy awe and reverence throughout your time on earth. For you know that your lives were ransomed once and for all from the empty and futile way of life handed down from generation to generation. It was not a ransom payment of silver and gold, which eventually perishes, but the precious blood of Christ—who like a spotless,

unblemished lamb was sacrificed for us.
(1 Peter 1:17-19 TPT)

Insight > The spiritual man has insight into everything, and that bothers and baffles the man of the world, who can't understand him at all. How could he? For certainly he has never been one to know the Lord's thoughts, or to discuss them with him, or to move the hands of God by prayer. But, strange as it seems, we Christians actually do have within us a portion of the very thoughts and mind of Christ.
(1 Corinthians 2:15-16 TLB)

Know God's Will > Christian brothers and sisters, I ask you from my heart to give your bodies to God because of His loving-kindness to us. Let your bodies be a living and holy gift given to God. He is pleased with this kind of gift. This is the true worship that you should give Him. Do not act like the sinful people of the world. Let God change your life. First of all, let Him give you a new mind. Then you will know what God wants you to do. And the things you do will be good and pleasing and perfect. (Romans 12:1-2 NLV)

Maker > Does a clay pot dare argue with its Maker, a pot that is like all the others? Does the clay ask the Potter what he is doing? Does the pot complain that its Maker has no skill? Do we dare say to our parents, "Why did you make me like this?" The LORD, the Holy God of Israel, the One who shapes the future, says: "You have no right to question me about my children or to tell me what I ought to do! I am the One who made the earth and created human beings to live there. By my power I stretched out the heavens; I

control the sun, the moon, and the stars.”
(Isaiah 45:9-12 GNT)

Passions > Each person is given something to do that shows who God is: everyone gets in on it, everyone benefits. All kinds of things are handed out by the Spirit, and to all kinds of people! The variety is wonderful: wise counsel, clear understanding, simple trust, healing the sick, miraculous acts, proclamation, distinguishing between spirits, tongues, interpretation of tongues. All these gifts have a common origin, but are handed out one by one by the One Spirit of God. He decides who gets what, and when.
(1 Corinthians 12:6-11 MSG)

Potter > And yet, O LORD, you are our Father. We are the clay, and you are the Potter. We all are formed by your hand. Don't be so angry with us, LORD. Please don't remember our sins forever. Look at us, we pray, and see that we are all your people. (Isaiah 64:8-9 NLT)

Reveal > Jesus said, “I will not abandon you as orphans; I will come to you. In a little while, the world will no longer behold Me, but you will behold Me. Because I live, you also will live! In that day, you will know that I am in My Father, you are in Me, and I am in you. He who has My commandments and keeps them is the one who loves Me. He who loves Me will be loved by My Father, and I will love him and reveal Myself to him.” (John 14:18-21 TLV)

Revealer of Mysteries > Blessed be the name of God forever and ever, for he alone has all wisdom and all power. World events are under his control. He removes kings and sets others on their thrones. He

gives wise men their wisdom and scholars their intelligence. He reveals profound mysteries beyond man's understanding. He knows all hidden things, for he is Light, and darkness is no obstacle to him. I thank and praise you, O God of My Fathers, for you have given me wisdom and glowing health, and now even this vision of the king's dream and the understanding of what it means. (Daniel 2:20-23 TLB)

Spiritual Rock > I don't want you to forget, dear brothers and sisters, about our ancestors in the wilderness long ago. All of them were guided by a cloud that moved ahead of them, and all of them walked through the sea on dry ground. In the cloud and in the sea, all of them were baptized as followers of Moses. All of them ate the same Spiritual Food, and all of them drank the same Spiritual Water. For they drank from the Spiritual Rock that traveled with them, and that Rock was Christ. (1 Corinthians 10:1-4 NLT)

Surrendered Life > Jesus said, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul?" (Mark 8:34-37 NIV)

Wait > Though my father and mother forsake me, the LORD will receive me. Teach me your way, LORD; lead me in a straight path because of my oppressors. Do not turn me over to the desire of my foes, for false witnesses rise up against me, spouting malicious accusations. I remain confident of this: I will see the

goodness of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD; be strong and take heart and wait for the LORD. (Psalm 27:10-14 NIV)

Treasures

Practicing Heaven Here & Now

Promises

- Jesus was beaten and crucified before noon. Our Messiah joyfully persevered through the most painful experience a human can endure: torture and crucifixion. He took on the cross because he loved us, and because he trusted his Heavenly Father to strengthen and sustain him. (Matthew 27:27-44)
- Peter's Pentecost Day sermon was in the morning before noon. He preached about God's promises unfolding through Israel's history, fulfilled in full through Jesus death, burial, and resurrection. Three thousand Jews believed in Yahweh's promises that day and were saved and baptized. (Acts 2:14-41)
- Proverbs says that those who seek God's righteousness are like the sun rising at dawn, shining brighter and brighter until noonday. This promise illustrates how the longer we follow Jesus Christ, the more we experience his love, blessings, promises, gifts, and power. (Proverbs 4:18)
- Jesus is Yahweh's Radiant Glory. He shines with beauty and majesty. His Truth fills the earth with wisdom, and the nations return to their Creator singing and bringing many gifts. Jesus sustains us

all: our beating hearts and breathing lungs. All creation is under to Jesus' authority. (Hebrews 1:1-4)

- So often we want to know God's will for self-centered reasons; however, Jesus tells us that to discern our Heavenly Father's will, we must first worship him and surrender fully to his lordship. When we do, he transforms us, aligning our desires with his values. Then, we can clearly understand his ways and will by his Word & Spirit. (Romans 12:1-2)
- We don't have to worry about what will happen each day. Let us trust in the LORD, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ. If we will seek him with all our hearts with a passion for righteousness, all else we desire will be added to us. (Matthew 6:31-34)
- As true disciples of Jesus Messiah, we know where we are going when we die. We have been delivered from hell and set free from all fear. We are free to forget what lies behind and press on to achieve all that our Heavenly Father has asked us to pursue and practice in Jesus' Holy Spirit. (Philippians 3:12-14)
- We are made strong by God's presence and salvation. We are called to remain faithful, to be steadfast in our decision to follow Jesus. We do this by trusting in our Abba Father's promises, abiding in his Word, and resting in his Spirit. (Isaiah 26:1-4)
- God saved us by his grace. His will from the beginning has been to rescue the very creation that betrayed his love. We are not saved by good works, so we can't boast that we are saved or free. God gives even greater grace by inviting all believers to

join him in his mission to restore all nations, tribes, and peoples to his kingdom. (Ephesians 2:6-10)

- Following Jesus is not safe or simple, but it's worth giving up everything and enduring all persecution and suffering for his global glory. (Acts 20:22-24)

Prayers

- Rejoice that we have Immanuel, God With Us, to help us focus on all our Father calls us to accomplish.
- Celebrate our Abba Father's incredible creation design: to make us in his image, to restore us to his heavenly kingdom, and to guide us in all his Truth.
- Be still and wait for the LORD. Listen for Jesus' Spirit speaking to you. Focus on his revelation, remember his amazing stories, and rest in his perfect love.
- Pray for discernment and clarity to know God's will, to understand his revelation, and to learn how to apply his wisdom and Truth to your decisions.
- Pray for the prophetic skill of calling forth, where you spend time getting to know someone, and the Holy Spirit reveals their gifts and passions, and speak out what you've heard and bless them in Jesus' name.
- Intercede for all those wrestling with distractions, deceptions, and divisions. God is not a god of chaos; he is Light, Truth, and Wisdom. Pray for those who are distracted to remain focused, those who are deceived to see and believe the Light, and those who are divided to come together in Jesus Christ.

- Pray for missionaries around the world to experience more intimate fellowship with Jesus' Holy Spirit. Pray for them to hear the Holy Spirit clearly about what God wants them to focus upon during this season of their lives and ministries.
- Pray for a special movement of trust and faith to saturate our generation; that we will trust in the LORD with all our hearts, love the nations as we love ourselves, and make disciples of all remaining tribes.
- Pray for Jesus' Church to refocus upon the Great Commission. Many churches to day are self-centered, self-focused, and self-dependent. We need churches to return to their calling to give extravagantly and go faithfully to all unreached and unengaged people groups with the Good News.
- Pray for practical application wisdom for disciples discovering their spiritual gifts and life passions to translate theology, doctrine, and Bible stories into their time, relationships, resources, and priorities.
- Pray for Jesus to once again become the Centerpiece of the Church that he died to save and restore. So many churches talk about Jesus, but they exalt themselves. We need churches to shift from talking about Jesus to advocating for him in a way where he is the focus and receives all the glory.
- Pray for the body of Christ to love the nations again. So many churches build up themselves and gather the kingdom's resources into sealed up storehouses where only the local team experiences the benefits.

Intercede for churches to return to the True Gospel and give generously to the Great Commission.

Practice

- Find a list of spiritual gifts or leadership passions. Pray through the list and see if Jesus' Spirit confirms any of those gifts/passions for your life. Then, research specific ways to practice that gift or passion in community with other people.
- So many disciples never get mentored in their gifts and passions. Churches and ministries will help us take a test to figure out the gift, but then no one walks alongside of us to show us how to use it. Once you've figured out a handful of your gifts and passions, start searching for someone who has the same gift or passion, befriend them, and ask them to teach you how to put it into practice.
- Take a look at your calendar and schedule a Passions Day. Spend a whole day focusing on living out your spiritual gifts and passions. Prioritize activities and goals where your passions and gifts can overflow in your relationships and community and bless others for a day. Then, evaluate how it went and what you need to do moving forward.
- Pray through your Contacts list while you have a list of spiritual gifts and life passions next to it. Ask Jesus' Holy Spirit to reveal the gifts and passions of others you know as you pray. Write down what you hear from the Spirit, and call/text everyone that the Spirit revealed one of their gifts/passions and ask them if it's true. If not, ask them about their passions.

- Like career paths and love languages, there's a great diversity of spiritual gifts and life passions. Spend time with someone who has a different passion/gift/skill than you. Ask them to tell you stories and model for you how their gift/passion works. Support someone else in their passions and encourage them.
- We know that great spiritual warfare comes against all who walk in Jesus' Spirit and operate in their gifts and passions. Pray for the body of Christ and worldwide missionaries, for protection and provision for everyone following Jesus' in their gifts/passions streams. Pray for disciples to learn about new spiritual gifts they didn't know they had. Pray for those who are aware of their gifts/passions to come to a deeper understanding of their calling.
- The Bible says Jesus' Holy Spirit distributes all spiritual gifts/passions/skills to the body of Christ as God directs. We also know that we live through changing seasons, tides, stages, and phases of our lifetimes. Jesus' Holy Spirit gives us different spiritual gifts and passions for different seasons. Remember your past and ask the Holy Spirit what gifts he's activated in your life before. Look into your future plans/dreams while looking at a list of spiritual gifts and ask Jesus' Spirit to activate whatever gifts/fruit are needed for the upcoming seasons of your life.
- Pray for the global body of Christ to be fully aligned with and calibrated to our Heavenly Father's heart and will for every one of his sons and daughters. We have all experienced being in a job or situation that didn't feel right. Sometimes that's spiritual warfare;

other times it's the Spirit saying you've ended up somewhere you don't belong. Pray for all disciples to discern their spiritual gifts and passions clearly.