

Devotional Book

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Evangelical Missionary  
CHURCH OF CANADA

# DAYS OF LEADERSHIP RENEWAL

**JEREMIAH 1:10**

*See, today I appoint you over nations and  
kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy  
and overthrow, to build and to plant.*



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**Based on Jeremiah 1:10**

*“See, I have this day set you over the nations and over the kingdoms, to root out and to pull down, to destroy and to throw down, to build and to plant.”*

## Week 1: Uprooting and Tearing Down

### Day 1: Root Out Pride & Self Righteousness

- **Scripture:** James 4:6 – “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Luke 18:9–14 Parable of the Pharisee and the tax collector
- **Reflection:** Pride blinds us to our own sin, and keeps us from loving others and collaborating. Ask God to reveal hidden pride.
- **Prayer:** “Lord, search my heart and remove any pride that hinders Your work in me and through me.”
- **Application:** Journal one area where pride has blocked growth and kept you from loving others as Jesus does. Ask God for supernatural love for those you exalt yourself over.

### Day 2: Pull Down Fear

- **Scripture:** 2 Timothy 1:7 – “For God did not give us a spirit of timidity or cowardice or fear, but (He has given us a spirit of power and of love and of sound judgment and personal discipline (abilities that result in a calm, well-balanced mind and self-control). “
- **Reflection:** Leadership demands courage rooted in trust. God knew we would wrestle with fear when He commanded us not to fear over 100 times in Scripture.
- **Prayer:** “Father, replace my fear with faith. Help me lead myself and others bravely as I walk in the Spirit.”
- **Application:** Speak aloud one fear and declare God’s truth over it.



### Day 3: Destroy Division & Unforgiveness

- **Scripture:** Psalm 133:1 – “How good and pleasant it is when God’s people live together in unity!” Matthew 18:21–35 Parable of the unforgiving servant.
- **Reflection:** Division weakens the body and our witness. Unity glorifies God.
- **Prayer:** “Jesus, make me a peacemaker. Show me any disunity I’ve contributed to.”
- **Application:** Reach out to someone you’ve had tension with and initiate reconciliation OR write a Psalm pouring out your hurt and grief and pain if you can’t yet. Include a “but God” section that points to the mercy and forgiveness He died for you to experience and ask for the grace to apply that to those who you feel hurt by.

### Day 4: Throw Down Idols

- **Scripture:** Exodus 20:3 – “You shall have no other gods before Me.” Matthew 22:37-38 The Great Commandment
- **Reflection:** Idols aren’t just statues—they’re anything we prioritize above or love more than God.
- **Prayer:** “Reveal what I’ve placed above You, Lord. Show me your perspective on it and a way forward that I haven’t yet seen.”
- **Application:** Fast from one idol (e.g., screens, approval, control, greed, materialism) today and as you are tempted keep confessing that putting it before God is sin.

### Day 5: Root Out Complacency & Injustice

- **Scripture:** Romans 12:11 – “Never be lacking in zeal...” Micah 6:8b “A what does the Lord require of you? To act justly, to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.”
- **Reflection:** Complacency breeds stagnation. Revival begins with hunger, aligning our hearts with God’s and doing what He says.
- **Prayer:** “Ignite fresh fire in me, Lord. Awaken my spirit to the things that matter to you.”
- **Application:** Spend 30 minutes in uninterrupted worship and prayer for the church to BE the Good news.





## Day 6: Pull Down Religious Hypocrisy & Empty Rituals

- **Scripture:** Read Mark 7:6–13- Isaiah 29:13 “These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are merely human rules.”
- **Reflection:** The spiritually blind often think they see clearly and rightly, and impose their ways on others. Those who truly love the light do not run from it.
- **Prayer:** “Show me any unclean way in me, Jesus. I want to honor you and worship you in Spirit and in truth and help others do the same.”
- **Application:** Pause and ask Him to show you any “unclean way” in you. Admit any hypocrisy in yourself and make an intentional plan to turn from it. Go Deeper: scan the rules (written or unwritten) in your local church. Are they the same things Jesus elevates?

## Day 7: Destroy Generational Hindrances

- **Scripture:** Galatians 3:13 – “Christ redeemed us from the curse...”
- **Reflection:** Some patterns persist until confronted. We are called to break ungodly cycles, not participate in them.
- **Prayer:** “Jesus, show me any generational curses that I’ve agreed with. I cut it off and repent of it in Jesus name. Fill me to overflowing with the Holy Spirit alone.”
- **Application:** Write a prayer of freedom for your family and ministry.

## Week 2: Building and Planting

Establishing godly vision, healthy leadership culture, and spiritual disciplines.

## Day 8: Build Prayer Foundations

- **Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 5:17 – “Pray without ceasing.”
- **Reflection:** Prayer is the engine of our relationship with God. Without it, we drift.
- **Prayer:** “Make me a leader who prioritizes my relationship with you and has everything else flow from there.”
- **Application:** Schedule daily prayer time and guard it fiercely.



### Day 9: Plant Truth

- **Scripture:** John 8:32 – “You will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.”
- **Reflection:** Lies will come at us all day. We need to meditate on truth deeply and consistently.
- **Prayer:** “Help me be rooted in Your truth and able to discern lies both in myself and in our ministries.”
- **Application:** Allow a moment of silence and ask God to show you any truth you need to hold onto today. Share it with someone on your team or in your family.

### Day 10: Build Unity

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 4:3 – “Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit...”
- **Reflection:** Unity isn’t automatic—it’s intentional.
- **Prayer:** “Help me build bridges, not caverns.”
- **Application:** Take your next step from day 3 last week. (*Reach out to someone you’ve had tension with and initiate reconciliation OR write a Psalm pouring out your hurt and grief and pain if you can’t yet. Include a “but God” section that points to the mercy and forgiveness He died for you to experience and ask for the grace to apply that to those who you feel hurt by.*)

### Day 11: Plant Honor

- **Scripture:** Romans 12:10 – “Honor one another above yourselves.”
- **Reflection:** Honor creates safety and longevity in leadership.
- **Prayer:** “Teach me to see and honor others as You do.”
- **Application:** Publicly celebrate someone’s contribution or write a card of specific and prayerful thanks.

### Day 12: Build Kingdom Systems

- **Scripture:** Proverbs 24:3 – “By wisdom a house is built...”
- **Reflection:** Systems reflect values. Are yours kingdom-centered?
- **Prayer:** “Give me wisdom to build what lasts.”
- **Application:** Prayerfully audit one system in your ministry. Align it with kingdom principles.



### Day 13: Plant Vision

- **Scripture:** Habakkuk 2:2 – “Write down the revelation and make it plain on tablets so that a herald may run with it.”
- **Reflection:** Vision from God gives fruitful kingdom direction. Without it, resources, time and energy are wasted and people wander. Are you following God’s vision for your life and ministry?
- **Prayer:** “Lord, am I aligned with your will and your ways? I want what you want.”
- **Application:** Write or revisit your ministry vision statement.

### Day 14: Build Endurance

- **Scripture:** Hebrews 12:1 – “Run with perseverance the race marked out for us.”
- **Reflection:** Endurance is built through daily training and discipline.
- **Prayer:** “Strengthen me and help me walk obediently for the long haul, God.”
- **Application:** Reflect on previous times where you had to endure and not become weary in doing good. Thank God for how He sustains you.

### Week 3: Reflection and Celebrating (Days 15–21)

#### Day 15: Active Listening

- **Scripture:** John 10:27 “My sheep listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me.”
- **Reflection:** What has God been speaking to you the last 2 weeks?
- **Prayer:** “God help me to not just be a hearer of the word, but a doer. I do not want to be deceived, but to actively follow you.”
- **Application:** Spend 10 minutes in silence, asking God to show you how to obediently apply what He has spoken to you. Write it down.

#### Day 16: Be Honest with God

- **Scripture:** Psalm 51:6 amp “Behold, You desire truth in the innermost being, and in the hidden part (of my heart) You will make me know wisdom.”
- **Reflection:** God knows everything but loves to hear from us
- **Prayer:** “God I want to follow You, You know all my fears and all the barriers. Help me be honest with you now.”
- **Application:** Express your fears and excitement to Jesus about what it would mean to take this bold step this year. Ask Him to help you walk by faith even in your doubts, fears and unbelief.



### Day 17: Step into Courage

- **Scripture:** Isaiah 41:10 “So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.”
- **Reflection:** Courage isn’t the absence of fear; it’s obedience in spite of it. Do it afraid but don’t do it alone.
- **Prayer:** “God I say Yes to you today. Show me who to invite into my step of obedience”
- **Application:** Tell someone what God is asking you to do and invite them to check in with you on how it’s going.

### Day 18: Expect Growth

- **Scripture:** John 15:5 amp “I am the Vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in Him bears much fruit, for (otherwise) apart from Me (that is, cut off from vital union with Me) you can do nothing.”
- **Reflection:** Growth comes from staying connected to Jesus and continually asking, seeking and knocking in prayer.
- **Prayer:** “Help me stay intimately connected to you and bear fruit that lasts .”
- **Application:** Take 10 minutes and ponder what it means to abide in Jesus' presence today.

### Day 19: Watch for God-Moments

- **Scripture:** Ephesians 5:16 “...making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil.”
- **Reflection:** As we are open to partnering with Jesus throughout our day, the Holy Spirit will show us opportunities that we would otherwise miss.
- **Prayer:** “Help me see the opportunities You’ve arranged for me today. Help me partner well with You.”
- **Application:** Invest in a 60 second longer conversation with someone God puts in your path today.

### Day 20: Thank Him

- **Scripture:** Psalm 100:4- “Enter His gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to Him and praise His name.”
- **Reflection:** Gratitude is a form of spiritual warfare. No matter how we feel, we can enter God’s presence and perspective through thanksgiving.



- **Prayer:** “Jesus, every good and perfect gift is from you, help me to notice you and thank you more every day as I seek to walk by faith.”
- **Application:** Start a regular rhythm of gratitude. Perhaps it’s the first thing you do when you hear your alarm clock and as you hit the pillow. Perhaps it’s a gratitude journal or a family pattern at a mealtime. Be diligent to thank God for every good thing.

## Day 21: Celebrate and Commit

- **Scripture:** Psalm 126:3- “The Lord has done great things for us and we are filled with joy.”
- **Reflection:** Celebration honors God and strengthens faith.
- **Prayer:** “Thank You for all You’ve done in me in these 21 days. I commit to faithfully following you in all the ways You’ve revealed.”
- **Application:** Share one testimony from this journey with someone else. Join the National zoom call and do communion with us if time allows.

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Thank you for joining us on this journey of intentionally removing what does not honor God, planting what does and praying His kingdom come on earth as it is in heaven. We’d love to hear from you! How did you interact with this season of prayer? What God-stories have come out of this focused time?