Declarations for Every Day

- ***Today*— I'll live a life of celebration.** The brooding life is not holy. To many, it might look holy but a grave-digger and skeptic do not a Kingdom make.
- ***Today*— I'll simplify to remove distractions.** Our inability to hear God is directly linked to the static of modern life. It's perhaps the greatest plague of the church. We are uncomfortable with silence. The things we place before our eyes, the multitude of messages we receive on a daily basis, even the food that we eat potentially blocks our reception of God's voice. We often expel the voice of God through texts, emails, Facebook, radio, TV, and music.
- ***Today*— I'll meditate on Holy Scripture.** Don't just read it. Become preoccupied with it! Stuff your self full of holy words and you'll see it bring a blessing of peace over your life because your eyes and ears are open to His Word.
- ***Today* I'll follow God's heart and not my own.** Keep in mind what God thinks of your heart: It is deceitful. Culture says, "Follow your heart." Please don't. It's a dead-end proposition. Discover the heart of God and follow His. Stop all self-promotion campaigns. We all involved in a throne battle. Ask yourself: "Who will I place on the throne of my life? To which king will I bow down?"
- ***Today* I'll clarify boundaries in my personal world**. The ability to hear God is directly related to our ability to say **no** to lots of things in your life- even a few good things. We understand that we are not capable of doing everything for everybody. Your closest friends will not understand it. Some will be disappointed in you and others will think you are a prude, but celebrate your boundaries. If you understand the purpose you have

been created to achieve, saying **NO** (sometimes in bold and all caps) is not just recommended, it is required.

- ***Today* I'll seek discernment regarding my day.** Every morning, ask for wisdom and courage. You need them both in order to discern the voice of Holy God and to do whatever He tells you to do.
- ***Today* I won't tolerate negativity.** If you find yourself surrounded by negative, whiney, sarcastic people, consider the architecture of you life and think about doing a little renovation.
- ***Today* I'll have faith in the process.** St. John of the Cross, an early church father coined the term: the dark midnight of the soul. "*The journey in Faith—the midnight of the soul when the light has all faded away and darkness has completely descended.*" He concludes that many Christ followers don't wish to endure the power of pain and tragedy that is necessary to pass through before the light shines again. An overriding theme of the Bible is that suffering is not simply to be experienced but celebrated. It produces a deeper intimacy with God.

No matter what the day brings, if I rest in these declarations, I will be safely set.