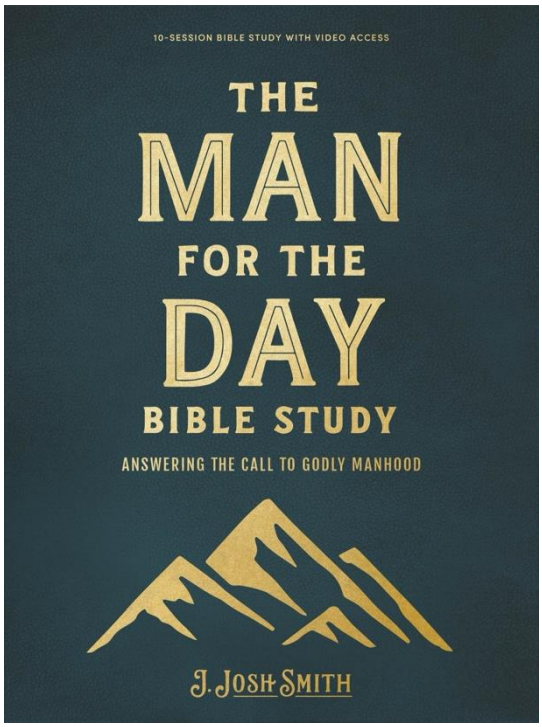
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J. Josh Smith's 'The Man for the Day' Now Available as 10-Week Bible Study

BRENTWOOD, Tenn., Sept. 15, 2026—"Here is the day for the man, where is the man for the day?" Charles Spurgeon famously asked in a sermon on Feb. 5, 1888.



Pastor and author J. Josh Smith poses this poignant question in his new Bible study, "The Man for the Day: Answering the Call to Godly Manhood," from Lifeway Christian Resources. Smith released a best-selling trade book by the same name earlier this year.

In this time marked by spiritual longing and cultural change, Smith issues a bold challenge for men to reject passivity and embrace God's higher calling.

Drawing inspiration from the life of Elijah, the new 10-session Bible study equips men to embrace ten essential qualities that prepare them to lead their families, churches and communities with courage and conviction.

"The Man for the Day" includes:

- Ten small-group sessions—covering surrender, preparation, direction, courage, resolve, fire, repentance, anger, prayer and weakness—with video teaching from Smith.
- Personal study between sessions, so men engage Scripture and apply it throughout the week, not just in the group meeting.
- A leader guide and tips for leading a group, equipping pastors and small-group leaders to disciple men with confidence.

Smith's 2022 book, "The Titus Ten," resonated deeply nationwide, resulting in a Bible study format to equip churches for men's ministry. "The Man for the Day" now follows that same pattern, continuing Smith's emphasis on discipling men living amid modern challenges.

"We are desperately in need of godly men: Bible-believing, sin-hating, Spirit-filled, gospel-proclaiming men," said Smith. "Not just masculine men. But men who are ready and willing to do whatever God calls them do."

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About the Author

J. Josh Smith serves as senior pastor of Prince Avenue Baptist Church and is the author of "The Man for the Day" and "The Titus Ten," both available as books and Bible studies. He has spent the last 20 years as a local church pastor and investing in men. He is passionate about seeing churches, families and communities transformed by developing godly men from the inside out. Smith holds degrees from Liberty University, Southeastern Seminary and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. He and his wife Andrea have five children.

In operation since 1891, **Lifeway Christian Resources** is one of the leading providers of Christian resources, including Bibles, books, Bible studies, group curriculum, Christian music and movies, Vacation Bible School and church supplies, as well as camps and events for all ages. Lifeway is the world's largest provider of Spanish Bibles.

Author Q&A

Q: What does it mean to be "the man for the day" in today's world, and how do you define that role?

Smith: I define "the man for the day" as a man who is ready and willing to be used by God when, where and how God desires to use him. To be a man who is ready, he must be prepared. For a man to be willing, he must be surrendered. This is the kind of man God uses. This is the kind of men God is looking for. This is the kind of man our families and communities are desperate for. "The Man for the Day" was written to raise them up.

Q: What concerns and questions are you hearing in your own ministry with men in recent months?

Smith: I believe that most Christian men want to be used by God. Most men want to love their wives, lead their families, walk in victory over sin and be a witness for Christ. Most men want to be

faithful and useful. But those same men often walk around feeling discouraged and defeated. Men need encouragement. Men also need a need clear roadmap to becoming the kind of man God created them to be and the kind of man they want to be.

Q: How can men lead with integrity and purpose in their homes, workplaces and communities right now?

Smith: In my book "The Titus Ten," I say that a man cannot walk in authority until he has learned to walk under authority. If a man wants to lead others, he must first learn how to submit to Christ. I continue with that theme in "The Man for the Day."

If a man is going to lead with integrity and purpose in his home, workplace and community, he must first learn to be led by Christ. God does not build men from the outside in. God builds men from the inside out. The first work—and the most important work—a man must be committed to is the work in his own soul before God. This is why "The Man for the Day" begins with surrender.

Q: What practical steps can men take today to strengthen their faith and character?

Smith: Almost every area of life comes down to faithfulness in the small and simple things. Often, the issue is not that we don't know what to do. It's that we aren't doing what we know we should do. For a man to strengthen his faith and character, he must be committed to the most basic, yet most essential and life-giving practices. He must choose to walk with God today. He must be committed to his personal time with God, committed to his local church and committed to his fight against sin. It's almost always the neglect of the basics that keeps us from becoming the men God wants us to be.

Q: How do you see the church empowering men to live out their calling in the present cultural climate?

Smith: The specific vision, content and tone of "The Man for the Day" was written to empower men to live out their calling in the present cultural moment. The New Testament makes it clear that the church plays an essential role in encouraging and equipping men to live out their God-given calling. If most men want to be used by God but are paralyzed by the feelings of discouragement and defeat, men need encouragement, affirmation and practical instruction. Men don't need to hear about how they are failing. Most men already know that. Men need an empowering, affirming and encouraging voice to give them practical steps into becoming the man God created them to be.

Q: What are the calls God is placing on men's hearts?

Smith: Men often think about their calling as something significant God wants to do with them in the future. The heart behind "The Man for the Day" is that men would be able to identify and walk

in their calling today. Men must see their most essential calling is to be a follower of Jesus, a church member, a husband, a father and a friend. These are the most essential callings of a man's life. God is looking for men who are faithful in their most basic callings. And when men are faithful in those areas, God will entrust them with more.

Q: If you could give one challenge to men, what would it be?

Smith: Be the man today that you want to be someday. We often have a vision of the kind of man we want to be, yet the man we are today is not moving us in that direction. We are becoming today the man we will be someday. So, be faithful today. Walk with Jesus today. Fight sin today. Sacrificially serve your church and your wife today. Share the gospel today. Be God's man today.

Q: How would you encourage someone who is discipling men right now?

Smith: When I talk to men who are disciplining other men, I encourage them to go into that disciplining relationship realizing that most likely, the men they are meeting with want to be used by God, feel like they are failing in most areas of their lives, and need deep encouragement and practical exhortation. Men need someone who believes in them. Men need someone who will encourage them. Men need someone who will give them basic instruction on what it means to walk with God today. Discipling relationships with men need to focus more on today. If we can teach men how to be men of God today, we will be training them to be "the man for the day"—men who are ready and willing to be used by God when, where and how God wants to use them.

Q: Why turn "The Man for the Day" into a Bible study, and how can churches use it?

Smith: "The Man for the Day" was written to help men grow in their relationship with Christ and learn how to be useful to him. Both spiritual growth and usefulness are partly cultivated in community. Without the help, support, accountability and encouragement of other men, we cannot become the men God has called us to be.

The local church is the primary training ground for Godly men, yet so few churches focus on men. "The Man for the Day" Bible Study is intended to be a resource a local church can use to both gather and disciple its men. Whether it be a small group setting or a large group setting, this study is intended to force them to think carefully about their relationship with Christ and spur them on to be the kind of man God created them to be—and the kind of men we so desperately need.