



# Leadership from Behind the Scenes



Discover how military spouses and family members lead with strength, prayer, and stability from behind the scenes.

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## Introduction

**Leadership** often brings to mind visible roles, commanding presence, and public decision-making. Yet, for many military spouses and family members, leadership happens in quieter, less visible ways. These days, we explore what it means to be a leader from behind the scenes—offering stability, prayer, and unwavering strength to those who serve.

Military life is full of uncertainty, challenges, and sacrifice. While service members answer calls to duty, their families lead the home front, carrying burdens that often go unnoticed. This study honors that unique leadership role, rooted in faith and perseverance.

*Throughout this plan, you will discover biblical examples and principles of leadership that speak directly to your experience.* We'll delve into Scripture that reminds you of your vital role and encourages you to maintain strength not through position or visibility, but through steadfast love, prayer, and support.

As you engage these devotionals, reflect on how God equips and uses you to be a leader in your family and community. Your prayers uphold service members, your stability brings peace in storms, and your faith exemplifies God's unfailing love.

Join us as we learn how to lead with courage and grace — even from behind the scenes. 🙏





## Day 1: 🛡️ Strength Behind the Scenes



## Your Verse

*Joshua 1:9 - "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Isaiah 40:31 - "But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength."*
- *Psalms 46:1 - "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."*



# Devotional: Courage and Strength Come from God

**Leadership from behind the scenes begins with strength—strength not of muscle or position, but of spirit.** Joshua was charged to lead Israel into an unknown future. God’s command to him reminds us that courage comes from God’s presence, not circumstances.

As a military spouse or family member, you face challenges that test your endurance. Unknown deployments, hardships, and uncertainties may cause fear or discouragement. Yet, God calls you to be strong and courageous.

Lean into the promise that *God is with you wherever you go*. When strength feels depleted, remember it is renewed as you place your hope in Him. Your role—though often unseen—is powerful and necessary in holding your family and community steady.

Trust God to be your refuge and strength when trials press in. From this place of divine courage, you lead with a calm assurance that impacts everyone around you.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you currently find strength during difficult times in your military family life?

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2. In what ways can you lean more deeply on God's presence for courage?

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3. What fears or discouragements do you need to surrender to God today?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a moment when you felt God's strength carry you through a challenge.

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2. List practical ways you can demonstrate courage in your role this week.

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3. Reflect on how God's promise to Joshua applies specifically to your life.

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## Prayer for Today

**Heavenly Father**, thank You that You are our ever-present help and refuge. Help me to embrace the courage You offer, especially when I feel weary or afraid. Strengthen me as I support my family from behind the scenes. Let Your peace guard my heart and mind in every circumstance. Equip me to lead with love and confidence, knowing You are with me always. In Jesus' name, *amen.* 🙏 🛡️ ❤️





## Day 2: 🐦 Leading Through Prayer



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## Your Verse

*Philippians 4:6 - "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Thessalonians 5:17 - "Pray continually."*
- *James 5:16 - "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*



# Devotional: Powerful Leadership Through Persistent Prayer

**Prayer is a vital leadership tool for military families.** When you pray, you actively take part in guiding your family and service member through challenges—often when you cannot physically intervene.

Paul encourages believers to bring every concern to God with thanksgiving. Prayer shifts our focus from worry to dependence on God's sovereignty. By faithfully praying, you create a strong spiritual foundation around your family, safeguarding them with God's peace and power.

*Leading through prayer means opening your heart honestly to God, interceding for your loved ones, and trusting Him to act.* Even when situations feel overwhelming, this consistent connection with God sustains you and those you love from behind the scenes.

Remember, your prayers are not insignificant—they are a bold, effective act of leadership in the spirit.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How does your prayer life influence your leadership role within your family?

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2. What anxieties can you bring to God in prayer right now?

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3. How can you cultivate a habit of continual prayer during busy or stressful seasons?

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## Journaling Prompts

1. Document specific prayer requests you have for your family and service member.

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2. Write about how God has answered prayers in your life before.

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3. Create a prayer schedule or list to remind yourself to pray continually.

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Day 2: 🕊️ Leading Through Prayer

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, teach me to lean into prayer as my leadership strength. Help me to release anxiety and present all my requests to You with a thankful heart. May my prayers be bold, consistent, and full of faith. Surround my family and those serving with Your protection and peace. Guide me to be a faithful intercessor. In Jesus' powerful name, *amen*. 🙏 🕊️ 📖





## Day 3: 🌿 Cultivating Stability at Home



## Your Verse

*1 Corinthians 14:40 - "But everything should be done in a fitting and orderly way."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 14:1 - "The wise woman builds her house, but with her own hands the foolish one tears hers down."*
- *Colossians 3:15 - "Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts."*



## Devotional: Building Peace and Order at Home

**Stability is a hallmark of leadership within the military family dynamic.**

When life feels unstable outside, the order and peace you cultivate at home become anchors for your loved ones' well-being.

The apostle Paul instructs believers to bring order and peace to all they do. Similarly, the Proverbs contrast wisdom with folly—highlighting the steady woman who builds her home with intentionality.

*Your commitment to creating a peaceful, organized, and loving environment is a leadership act that brings calm amid chaos.* Whether that's through routines, emotional support, or creating spaces for rest and encouragement, your steady hands and heart provide the foundation your family needs.

In doing so, you also model Christ's peace and wisdom to your children and community, growing resilience that honors God.



## Reflect and Apply

1. Where in your home or routine could more stability and order help your family thrive?

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2. How do you foster peace in your household during stressful times?

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3. What challenges do you face in maintaining consistency, and how can God help you overcome them?

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Day 3: 🌱 Cultivating Stability at Home

## Journaling Prompts

1. Identify one area in your home life where you can introduce more order or routine.

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2. Write about a time when your household felt peaceful and what made that possible.

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3. Reflect on how your efforts to build stability impact your family's spiritual health.

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Day 3: 🌿 Cultivating Stability at Home

## Prayer for Today

**God of peace**, thank You for the gift of stability in the midst of uncertainty. Help me build a home where love, order, and Your peace reign. Teach me how to create routines and environments that nurture my family's heart and mind. May Your peace rule in our hearts and homes today. In Jesus' name, *amen*. 🙏





## Day 4: 🔥 Leading with Endurance



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## Your Verse

*Galatians 6:9 - "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Hebrews 12:1 - "Let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us."*
- *Romans 12:12 - "Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer."*



## Day 4: 🔥 Leading with Endurance

## Devotional: Faithful Endurance in Leadership

**Leadership behind the scenes often requires endurance.** The military lifestyle can stretch your patience and energy, but Scripture encourages us to keep persevering.

Paul reminds believers not to grow weary in doing good, promising a harvest for those who remain faithful. This call to endurance means staying committed even when results seem distant or the path is tiring.

*Like a long race, your leadership involves daily acts of kindness, encouragement, and faithful prayer that build strength and resilience. You are planting seeds that God will use in His timing to bring fruit.*

Choose hope, patience, and joyful faith as companions on this journey. Your endurance is a powerful testimony of God's sustaining grace for your family and community.



## Day 4: 🔥 Leading with Endurance

## Reflect and Apply

1. What areas of your role feel exhausting, and how can you draw renewed strength from God?

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2. How does the promise of a harvest encourage you to press on?

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3. In what ways can you celebrate small victories to sustain your endurance?

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Day 4: 🔥 Leading with Endurance

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time when persevering led to a meaningful breakthrough.

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2. List ways you can practice joy, patience, and faithfulness each day.

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3. Reflect on how you can support others who may be weary in their roles.

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Day 4: 🔥 Leading with Endurance

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, thank You for the strength to endure. When I feel weary, remind me of the harvest You promise. Help me to run my race with patience, hope, and joy. Renew my spirit each day so I may continue leading my family with faithful love. In Jesus' name, *amen*. 🙏🔥💪





## Day 5: ✨ Leading with Love and Sacrifice



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## Your Verse

*John 15:13 - "Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *1 Corinthians 13:4-7 - "Love is patient, love is kind... it always protects, always trusts..."*
- *Ephesians 5:2 - "Walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us."*



Day 5: ✨ Leading with Love and Sacrifice

## Devotional: Sacrificial Love Defines Leadership

**Love is the heart of true leadership.** Military spouses and family members demonstrate sacrificial love daily, often putting others' needs before their own.

Jesus' words remind us that laying down our lives—figuratively or literally—is the greatest form of love. In your case, this may mean sacrificing time, energy, or personal comfort to care for your family and encourage your service member.

*Leading with love means embodying patience, kindness, and protection, even when it's hard.* Christ's example empowers you to love without counting the cost, creating a powerful bond that sustains and uplifts those you lead.

May your leadership be marked by this selfless love, reflecting God's heart to your family and community.



Day 5: ✨ Leading with Love and Sacrifice

## Reflect and Apply

1. How does sacrificial love shape your leadership role?

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2. In what ways can you show more patience and kindness during difficult moments?

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3. Are there areas where you need to set healthy boundaries while still leading with love?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Reflect on a recent sacrifice you made for your family and what you learned.

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2. Write about how love has transformed your leadership approach.

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3. List practical ways to show Christ-like love each day.

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Day 5: ✨ Leading with Love and Sacrifice

## Prayer for Today

**Father God**, thank You for showing us the greatest love through Jesus. Help me to lead with that same sacrificial love in my family. Teach me patience, kindness, and humility. Strengthen me to lay down my needs for others and reflect Your love in every action. In Jesus' name, *amen*. 🙏 ✨ ❤️





## Day 6: Supporting Leaders with Faith



## Your Verse

*Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 - "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Galatians 6:2 - "Carry each other's burdens, and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ."*
- *Romans 15:5 - "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had."*



## Devotional: Encouraging Leaders Through Support

**Supporting those in visible leadership roles is a crucial behind-the-scenes ministry.** As a military spouse or family member, you enable service members to carry out their duties by providing encouragement, practical help, and spiritual support.

Ecclesiastes reminds us that partnership strengthens all involved. When one stumbles, the other is there to lift them up. Your role can uplift your service member in ways that improve their endurance and focus.

*Faithful support is an expression of Christ's love that provides encouragement and endurance.* Carrying burdens together reflects the heart of God's community and leadership.

Embrace your role as a steadfast encourager, knowing your faith-filled support advances God's purposes in your family and beyond.



## Reflect and Apply

1. How do you currently support your service member's leadership role?

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2. What additional ways can you offer encouragement or assistance?

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3. How does your faith motivate you to carry others' burdens?

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# Journaling Prompts

1. Write about a time your support made a difference to a leader in your family.

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2. List ways you can practically encourage those in leadership around you.

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3. Reflect on how mutual support reflects Jesus' heart for community.

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Day 6: 🌀 Supporting Leaders with Faith

## Prayer for Today

**Lord**, thank You for the gift of partnership and support. Help me to encourage and uplift those You've called to lead. Give me wisdom and strength to carry burdens and offer hope. May my faithfulness in support reflect Your love and build endurance in our family. In Jesus' name, *amen*. 🙏 🌀 💛





## Day 7: 🏔️ Hope and Vision for Tomorrow



## Your Verse

*Jeremiah 29:11 – "For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future."*

## Supporting Scriptures

- *Proverbs 29:18 – "Where there is no revelation, people cast off restraint; but blessed is the one who heeds wisdom's instruction."*
- *Romans 8:28 – "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him."*



Day 7: 🌄 Hope and Vision for Tomorrow

## Devotional: Leading with Hope and God's Plan

**Leadership includes holding hope and vision for the future.** Military families often face uncertainty, but God's promises offer assurance and direction.

Jeremiah's words remind us that God's plans are for our good and hope-filled future. As a military spouse or family member, you're positioned to hold fast to this vision, sustaining your family with faith.

*Vision keeps focus aligned with God's purposes, making it possible to endure present difficulties.* Listening to God's instruction and trusting His working bring peace and direction.

Today, embrace hope as your leadership compass. Your faith-filled outlook inspires those around you and declares that God's plan is greater than any challenge you face.



Day 7: 🌄 Hope and Vision for Tomorrow

## Reflect and Apply

1. What hopes and dreams do you hold for your family and future?

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2. How can you stay anchored in God's promises when facing uncertainty?

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3. In what ways can you share this hope to encourage others?

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Day 7: 🌄 Hope and Vision for Tomorrow

## Journaling Prompts

1. Write a letter to your family expressing your vision and hope for them.

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2. Reflect on how God's promises have guided you in the past.

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3. List scriptures that reinforce your faith in God's good plans.

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Day 7: 🌄 Hope and Vision for Tomorrow

## Prayer for Today

**Gracious God**, thank You for the hope and future You promise. Help me to trust Your plans even when the way is unclear. Give me vision to lead with faith and courage. May my hope inspire my family and community to hold fast to You. In Jesus' name, *amen*. 🙏 🌄 ✨





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