



But God... - pt 2
“Reconciled”
(Romans 5:6-11)
Sunday, April 5, 2026

5-Day Resurrection Devotional Guide

Day 1: The Gift of Reconciliation

Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Devotional: While we were utterly helpless, Christ came at just the right time. This is the stunning reality of the gospel—Jesus didn't wait for us to clean ourselves up. He didn't require us to prove our worthiness. While we were still sinners, separated and living as enemies of God, Christ died for us. The cross wasn't just a historical event; it was God's reconciliation plan for you personally. Jesus looked at your life, with all its mess and failure, and said, "You're worth it." Today, pause and reflect: Have you accepted this gift? Are you living in the freedom of reconciliation, or are you still trying to earn what's already been freely given?

Day 2: From Enemy to Friend

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Devotional: You were God's enemy, but through Christ's blood, you are now His friend. Let that truth settle deep into your soul. The God of the universe calls you friend. This isn't based on your performance or goodness—it's based entirely on Jesus' finished work on the cross. When Jesus cried "Tetelestai"—it is finished—He declared your debt reconciled, your ledger cleared, your relationship restored. Now God has given you the ministry of reconciliation. You've been transformed from enemy to friend, and from friend to ambassador. Who in your life needs to hear this message? Your reconciliation isn't just for your benefit; it's meant to overflow into the lives of others who are still separated from God.

Day 3: The Power of "But God"

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10

Devotional: Two small words change everything: "But God." You were dead in your sins, following the ways of this world, gratifying the cravings of your flesh—but God. You were choking on death, suffocating under the weight of separation—but God stepped out of heaven, went to the cross, and performed an act that saved your life. These two words represent the hinge point of human history and your personal story. Everything before the cross was hopelessness; everything after is hope. You were destined for condemnation, but God made you alive with Christ. Today, write your own "but God" story. Where were you headed before Christ intervened? Let gratitude for His intervention fuel your worship and your witness.

Day 4: Convinced, Convicted, Changed

Reading: John 20:24-31

Devotional: The Scriptures exist so you can be convinced that Jesus is the Messiah, convicted of your need for Him, and changed by His power. Thomas needed to see to believe, but Jesus said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." You have more evidence than Thomas—over 500 eyewitnesses, historical documentation, 27,000 New Testament manuscripts, and the transformed lives of millions throughout history. But evidence alone doesn't save; it must lead to conviction. Are you merely convinced intellectually, or are you convicted personally that Jesus died for your sins? True conviction leads to transformation. The resurrection isn't just historical fact; it's a living offer of new life. Have you been changed by the power of His resurrection?

Day 5: Making Room for Resurrection Life

Reading: Colossians 3:1-17

Devotional: Since you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above. Resurrection life isn't just about eternity; it's about today. Jesus rose from the grave so you could rise from your old life—from shame, guilt, addiction, bitterness, and fear. But resurrection requires making room. What traditions, habits, or sins are you clinging to that prevent Jesus from doing what He wants in your life? Shake up the ground of your comfortable religion. Break down the walls that keep Him at a distance. His way is better. Every day should feel like Easter when you're living in resurrection power. Are you adequately celebrating what God has done? Are you sharing this hope with others? Today, surrender fully and make room for Him to do whatever He wants.