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5-Day Devotional: Removing the Blue Tape

Day 1: Seeing Through Christ's Eyes

Reading: Philippians 2:5-11

Devotional:

We live in a world quick to point out flaws and imperfections—what the sermon calls "blue tape moments." Yet Paul challenges us to adopt the mindset of Christ, who "made himself nothing" and became a servant. Jesus didn't come with a roll of tape to mark our failures; He came with nail-scarred hands to offer healing. Today, examine your own heart. Are you holding a roll of blue tape, ready to mark the shortcomings of others? Or are you extending the grace that Christ has shown you? The same Jesus who sees your beauty despite your brokenness invites you to see others the same way. When we truly grasp Christ's humility and love, we stop being critics and become conduits of grace.

Day 2: Loved While Still Sinners

Reading: Romans 5:6-8

Devotional:

"While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." This profound truth demolishes our tendency to withhold love until people "measure up." Jesus didn't wait for us to clean ourselves up, fix our issues, or remove our own blue tape. He loved us in our mess. This is the revolutionary love we're called to extend. Think about someone in your life who frustrates you, someone whose flaws seem glaring. Now remember: Christ died for them while they were still sinners—just as He did for you. Our calling isn't to fix people or point out their failures; it's to love them where they are and trust God with their transformation. Today, choose to love someone not because they've earned it, but because Christ first loved you.

Day 3: Finding Your Worth in Him

Reading: Psalm 139:13-18

Devotional:

Perhaps you've been carrying blue tape that others placed on you—words that wounded, expectations that crushed, or judgments that defined you. Or maybe you've been your own harshest critic, marking every failure and flaw. Today's Scripture reminds us that you are "fearfully and wonderfully made." Before anyone spoke a word over your life, God knit you together with intention and purpose. Your worth isn't determined by your performance, others' opinions, or your past mistakes. It's established in the heart of the Creator who calls you His masterpiece. The voice that matters most whispers, "You are loved. You are strong. You are held. You are mine." Let His truth drown out every lie. Remove the tape, and see yourself as God sees you—beloved, valued, and full of purpose.

Day 4: A Table of Grace

Reading: Luke 15:1-7

Devotional:

The Pharisees criticized Jesus for eating with sinners and tax collectors—people covered in blue tape by religious society. But Jesus consistently chose the large table over the exclusive one. He welcomed the broken, the outcast, and the condemned. His table had room for everyone. As followers of Christ, we're called to set a similar table. Who have you excluded because they don't meet your standards? Who sits outside your circle of grace because their blue tape is too visible? The Gospel demolishes our comfortable categories. It reminds us that we were all once far off, yet Christ brought us near. Today, consider who God might be calling you to welcome. Extend an invitation, offer friendship, or simply see someone the world overlooks. Make your table large, your grace abundant, and your love unconditional—just as Christ has done for you.

Day 5: Trust Him With the Blue Tape

Reading: John 3:16-17

Devotional:

"God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him." Jesus came not as a critic but as a Savior. Yes, our sin is real and requires addressing, but Jesus leads with love, not condemnation. Here's the freedom: you're not responsible for fixing everyone or pointing out every flaw. That's the Holy Spirit's work. Your calling is to love, to serve, to point people to Jesus, and to trust Him with their transformation. Release the burden of being everyone's corrector. Stop obsessing over the blue tape in others' lives and even your own. Instead, lift your eyes to the Healer, the Maker of mountains,

the Calmer of storms. He sees what needs attention, and He's already at work. Your job? Walk in His love, extend His grace, and trust His perfect timing.

Weekly Memory Verse:

“Your eye is like a lamp that provides light for your body. When your eye is healthy, your whole body is filled with light.” - **Matthew 6:22**