

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Faithful in the Role You've Been Given

### Devotional

It's easy to look around and notice when others aren't pulling their weight. A spouse who isn't leading well. A coworker who isn't giving their best. A parent who seems checked out. We see the gaps in everyone else's role before we ever examine our own.

But here's the shift that changes everything. God isn't asking you to manage how others fulfill their calling. He's asking you to be faithful in yours.

Colossians 3:17 gives us the foundation for everything that follows in how we live out our roles. Whatever we do, in word or deed, it all belongs to Jesus. That means your role as a spouse, a parent, an employee, or a leader isn't just a social function. It's a kingdom assignment.

When we anchor our roles in Christ, something changes. We stop performing for people and start serving God. We stop waiting for others to get it right and start focusing on what faithfulness looks like for us today.

This week, you'll explore what it looks like to live out your specific roles with Christ at the center. It won't always be easy, but it is always worth it. You were placed exactly where you are on purpose.

### Bible Verse

"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him." - Colossians 3:17

### Reflection Question

In which area of your life are you most tempted to focus on how others are falling short rather than asking how you can be more faithful in your own role?

### Quote

The question we ask is not how can I make other people play their role better, but how can I be faithful in the role that God has placed me in today?

### Prayer

Lord, help me stop measuring others and start examining myself. Give me the courage and humility to be faithful in every role You have placed me in today. Amen.

## Day 2: Submission Is Not Weakness

### Devotional

Few words in the Bible get misunderstood more than submission. For many people, it carries images of silence, passivity, or being treated as less valuable. But that is not what the Bible is describing at all.

Biblical submission in marriage is a willing, courageous act. It is not something forced on a person. It is something freely chosen out of love and trust in God. Colossians 3:18 calls wives to submit to their husbands, but the context matters deeply. This is not a call to endure control. It is a call to honor a God-designed structure that leads to unity.

Think about it this way. Jesus Himself submitted to the Father, and no one would ever call Jesus weak. His submission was an act of strength, trust, and love. When we submit within the roles God has given us, we are following the example of Christ, not diminishing ourselves.

Submission, rightly understood, is one of the most powerful tools for unity in a marriage. It says, I trust God enough to honor the structure He designed. That kind of trust takes real faith.

If submission has felt like a burden to you, ask God to reframe it. He designed it not to hold you down but to hold your marriage together.

### Bible Verse

"Wives, submit to your husbands, as is fitting in the Lord." - Colossians 3:18

### Reflection Question

How has a misunderstanding of submission shaped the way you approach your relationships, and what might change if you saw it as an act of strength rather than weakness?

### Quote

Submission is not silence. Submission is not being passive, and submission is not becoming less valuable. Submission is one way we come into unity.

### Prayer

Father, reshape my understanding of submission to match Yours. Help me see it not as a loss but as a gift that brings unity and reflects Your design. Amen.

## Day 3: Love Like You Mean It

### Devotional

It's one thing to say you love someone. It's another thing entirely to love them the way Christ loves the church.

Ephesians 5:25 doesn't give husbands a soft suggestion. It gives them a standard. Love your wives the way Christ loved the church and gave Himself up for her. That kind of love has a name in the Greek. It's agape. Sacrificial. Self-giving. Not based on what you get in return.

This is not the love that shows up when things are easy. This is the love that stays when things are hard. It's the love that asks, what does she need, not what do I need. It's the love that leads by serving, not by demanding.

Husbands, this is a high calling. But it is also a freeing one. When you love your wife the way Christ loves the church, you are not trying to control her. You are trying to lay down your life for her. That kind of love creates safety. It creates trust. And it makes submission feel less like a risk and more like a response.

Both roles in marriage, submission and sacrificial love, point to the same thing. They point to Jesus. And when both are lived out faithfully, the marriage becomes a picture of the gospel.

### Bible Verse

"Husbands, love your wives, and do not be harsh with them." - Colossians 3:19

### Reflection Question

If your love for your spouse (or those closest to you) were measured against the standard of Christ's love for the church, where would you honestly say it falls short?

### Quote

The word used here is the Greek word agapo. It's a sacrificial, self giving love. Because our love as husbands is meant to mirror Christ's love for us. It's a love that is not self serving. A love that says, I would lay down my life for you.

### Prayer

Jesus, teach me to love the way You love. Replace my self-serving tendencies with a love that gives freely, serves sacrificially, and reflects You. Amen.

## **Day 4: Obedience Is Where It Starts**

### **Devotional**

Nobody is born knowing how to trust. Trust is learned. And for children, one of the first classrooms for learning trust is the home.

When children obey their parents, something deeper is happening beneath the surface. They are learning what it feels like to surrender their own will to someone who loves them. They are learning that authority doesn't have to be feared. They are learning that obedience can lead somewhere good.

Hebrews 11:23 reminds us that faith and obedience have always been connected. The people of faith in Scripture were people who acted on what they believed, even when it was hard. That pattern starts early.

But parents carry a responsibility in this too. Obedience is best learned in an environment of love and patience. When we lead with anger, set impossible expectations, or discipline without grace, we can close the very door we are trying to open. Our goal is not just well-behaved children. Our goal is children who find it natural to trust and obey God because they first experienced trustworthy love at home.

Whether you are a parent or you are reflecting on how you were raised, today is a good day to ask what obedience has taught you about God.

### **Bible Verse**

"By faith Moses was hidden for three months after his birth, because his parents saw that the child was beautiful, and they were not afraid of the king's edict." - Hebrews 11:23

### **Reflection Question**

How has your experience with authority, whether as a child or a parent, shaped the way you relate to God's authority in your life today?

### **Quote**

For children, obedience is one of the first ways that we learn trust, humility, and surrender.

### **Prayer**

Lord, help me lead with love and patience in every relationship where I carry authority. And where I am under authority, give me a humble and trusting heart. Amen.

# Day 5: Working for an Audience of One

## Devotional

Most of us spend a significant portion of our lives at work. And if we're honest, it can be hard to find meaning in it, especially when the job is difficult, the boss is frustrating, or the work feels invisible.

But what if the way you approached your work could change everything? Not the job itself, but the lens through which you see it.

Matthew 6:19 warns us about storing up treasures that don't last. Temporary money. Temporary recognition. Temporary comfort. These things are real, but they are not the point. When we work as unto the Lord, we are investing in something that outlasts the paycheck.

Jesus is our perfect example here too. He didn't use His authority to elevate Himself. He used it to serve. He washed feet. He healed the overlooked. He led by giving, not by taking. Whether you are an employee or an employer, that is the model.

If Jesus were your boss today, how would your work ethic change? And if you manage others, ask yourself honestly whether you are treating them with the same grace and justice that God extends to you.

Every role we carry is a kingdom assignment. That includes the one you clock into tomorrow morning.

## Bible Verse

"Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal." - Matthew 6:19

## Reflection Question

If you genuinely worked every day as if Jesus were your direct supervisor, what is one specific thing you would do differently starting tomorrow?

## Quote

What happens when we go to these jobs that we don't love and we start viewing it through the lens of if Jesus was my boss right now, what would I be doing? How would my work ethic change?

## Prayer

Father, help me see my work as worship. Remind me that I am ultimately working for You, and let that truth change the way I show up every single day. Amen.