

2026-02-25 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Devotional: Speaking Truth in Love

Day 1: The Courage to Speak Up

Reading: James 5:19-20; Proverbs 27:5-6

Devotional: Elihu waited respectfully before speaking to Job, but when prompted by God's Spirit, he found the courage to address what others wouldn't. Like Elihu, we often witness situations where truth needs to be spoken, yet fear paralyzes us. The question isn't whether we have opinions, but whether God is prompting us to speak. True love doesn't flatter or remain silent when someone is heading toward destruction. It speaks truth wrapped in humility and genuine concern. Today, ask God to show you if there's someone who needs to hear a loving word of correction from you. Remember, speaking up isn't about proving yourself right—it's about helping someone find their way back to God.

Day 2: Humility Before Correction

Reading: 1 Timothy 5:1-2; 2 Timothy 2:22-26

Devotional: Before Elihu confronted Job, he acknowledged his youth and the wisdom of his elders. True correction requires genuine humility—recognizing we're made from the same clay, subject to the same temptations. When we approach others with their faults, we must remember our own blind sides. Paul instructs Timothy to correct gently, with kindness, not resentment. The goal isn't winning an argument but winning a brother or sister back from the enemy's trap. Before speaking correction, examine your heart: Are you motivated by love or superiority? By God's prompting or your emotion? Humble yourself first before God, then approach others as fellow travelers who sometimes lose their way.

Day 3: God's Unchanging Standard

Reading: Malachi 3:6; Hebrews 13:8; James 1:17

Devotional: Elihu reminded Job that God doesn't change His standards based on our preferences or protests. In our culture of relative truth, this unchanging nature of God provides stability. His Word remains constant—heaven and earth will pass away, but His truth endures forever. We cannot negotiate with God, demanding He reward us on our terms while refusing to repent. His holiness, justice, and love operate together perfectly. This isn't restrictive but liberating—we can trust a God who doesn't shift like shadows. Today, consider areas where you've tried to make God fit your lifestyle rather than conforming your life to His Word. His unchanging nature is your anchor in shifting times.

Day 4: Recognizing God's Voice

Reading: Job 33:14-18; John 10:27; 1 Kings 19:11-13

Devotional: Elihu understood that God speaks in many ways—dreams, warnings, circumstances, even through suffering. Yet as Job discovered, we often fail to perceive God's voice. He may whisper through Scripture, prompt through His Spirit, or speak through trusted believers. The challenge isn't that God is silent; it's that we're not listening. Sometimes we ignore His warnings because they conflict with our desires. Other times we're simply too distracted. Developing sensitivity to God's voice requires intentional practice—reading His Word, quieting our souls, and obeying what we already know. Today, ask God to open your spiritual ears. What has He been trying to tell you that you've been ignoring?

Day 5: Saving One Another

Reading: 1 Timothy 4:11-16; Matthew 18:15-17; Galatians 6:1-2

Devotional: Paul told Timothy that watching his life and doctrine closely would "save both yourself and your hearers." We're not isolated Christians; we're part of a body designed to support, correct, and encourage one another. When we lovingly confront sin, we help rescue someone from the devil's trap. When we humbly receive correction, we save ourselves from

destruction. This requires vulnerability—admitting we have blind sides and inviting others to speak truth into our lives. It also requires courage—being willing to approach someone heading toward the pit. The church thrives when we pursue righteousness together, not when we police each other, but when we genuinely care enough to speak and receive truth in love.