

2026-04-12 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Devotional: Speaking Up for Jesus

Day 1: The Power of Testimony

Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Devotional: The women at the tomb didn't keep silent about what they witnessed. Despite facing skepticism and being dismissed as speaking "nonsense," they boldly proclaimed the resurrection. Their testimony seemed foolish to others, yet they spoke anyway. How often do we silence ourselves because we fear rejection or ridicule? The greatest news in human history—that Jesus conquered death—deserves to be shared regardless of the response. Today, consider this: if you truly encountered the risen Christ, how can you remain silent? Your testimony may seem like nonsense to some, but it could be life-changing truth to others. The women's faithfulness in speaking up became the foundation for the disciples' belief. Your voice matters in God's kingdom.

Day 2: Knowing Christ Through His Word

Reading: Luke 24:13-35

Devotional: On the road to Emmaus, Jesus opened the Scriptures from Moses through the Prophets, revealing himself throughout God's Word. The disciples' hearts burned within them as understanding dawned. We cannot share what we do not know. Many Christians struggle to tell others about Jesus because they haven't invested time knowing Him through Scripture. The Old and New Testaments work together, painting a complete picture of God's redemptive plan. When we neglect Bible reading, we starve our ability to recognize Jesus in our daily lives and articulate His truth to others. Make time today to let Scripture speak. As you read, ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes like He did for those travelers. Deep knowledge of God's Word fuels confident, compelling witness.

Day 3: From Belief to Action

Reading: James 2:14-26

Devotional: Faith without works is dead. We've reduced Christianity to a one-time decision rather than a daily transformation. Jesus never promised an easy life of consumption; He called us to be consumed by love for Him and others. Real faith produces fruit—changed lives that change other lives. If your salvation hasn't altered how you live, speak, and love, something is missing. The disciples didn't just believe Jesus rose; they devoted themselves to prayer, Scripture, fellowship, and breaking bread together. They acted on their faith. Examine your life today: What fruit are you bearing? Are you growing in Christlikeness or simply maintaining religious routines? True salvation works itself out through sacrificial love, bold witness, and daily dying to self. Let your faith be visible through action.

Day 4: Dying to Live

Reading: Matthew 16:24-27; Galatians 2:20

Devotional: Jesus never sugar-coated discipleship. He said, "Take up your cross daily and follow me." This isn't about occasional sacrifice; it's about continual death to self-centered living. We're called to fear God more than people, to value His approval over human acceptance. When we die to ourselves—our pride, comfort, and reputation—we discover true freedom. The cross we carry isn't our circumstances but our choice to surrender our will to Christ's. This daily dying makes room for His life to flow through us. Consider what holds you back from full surrender. Is it fear of what others think? Attachment to comfort? Pride in self-sufficiency? Today, identify one area where you're clinging to control and release it to Jesus. Death to self is the pathway to abundant life.

Day 5: The Great Commission Is Personal

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8

Devotional: Jesus commanded His followers to make disciples of all nations,

beginning in Jerusalem—right where they were. This wasn't a suggestion for the super-spiritual; it's the calling of every believer. We cannot outsource evangelism to missionaries and pastors while remaining silent. The Holy Spirit empowers us to be witnesses in our everyday circles—family, workplace, neighborhood. The question isn't whether you have enough knowledge or eloquence. The question is whether you love Jesus enough to speak His name. People need to hear about the Savior who died for them, rose again, and offers freedom from sin. Your silence may cost someone eternity. Today, pray for boldness and opportunity. Ask God to bring someone across your path who needs to hear about Jesus, then step out in faith when He does.