

2026-05-06 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Devotional: Living Without Reluctance

Day 1: When God Speaks, Listen

Reading: Amos 3:1-8; James 1:22-25

Devotional: "Surely the sovereign Lord does nothing without revealing his plan to his servants the prophets" (Amos 3:7). God is gracious with His warnings, never allowing us to stumble blindly. Yet how often do we hear His Word and remain unchanged? The lion has roared—will we not fear? God has spoken—will we not respond?

Today, examine your heart for areas of reluctance. What truth have you heard but failed to apply? God doesn't speak to condemn but to redirect us toward abundant life. Like a loving parent warning a child of danger ahead, He reveals His plans because He cares deeply about our destination. Don't just be a hearer; become a doer of the Word.

Reflection Question: What specific truth has God been speaking to you that you've been reluctant to obey?

Day 2: The Danger of Prosperity

Reading: Amos 3:9-15; Luke 12:13-21

Devotional: The Israelites had winter houses and summer houses, beds and couches, wealth and comfort—yet they "did not know how to do right" (Amos 3:10). Prosperity had deceived them into believing God's blessings were evidence of His approval, even while they hoarded and ignored the needy around them.

We face the same temptation. When life goes well, we assume we're on the right path. But contentment isn't measured by accumulation; it's found in faithful stewardship. Paul learned the secret of being content in any circumstance—not by having more, but by needing less and trusting God

more. Today, ask yourself: Do I have things, or do things have me? What has God given me to share rather than hoard?

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life has prosperity become a spiritual distraction?

Day 3: The Patience and Judgment of God

Reading: 2 Peter 3:1-13; Romans 2:1-11

Devotional: "The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise...He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance" (2 Peter 3:9). God's patience is not permission to continue in sin; it's an opportunity for transformation.

Scoffers question why judgment hasn't come, assuming God's silence equals approval. But with the Lord, a day is like a thousand years. His patience means salvation for those who will turn to Him. Yet judgment will come "like a thief"—suddenly and unexpectedly. The same God who warned Noah before the flood warns us today. Since everything will be destroyed by fire, what kind of people ought we to be? Holy. Godly. Anticipating Christ's return by living righteously today.

Reflection Question: How does knowing judgment is certain change how you live today?

Day 4: Overcoming Reluctance to Share

Reading: Ezekiel 3:16-21; 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Devotional: One thing worse than hearing God's judgment is someone not telling you when they know about it. If we never warn others, how can they prepare? This is the weight every believer carries—the responsibility to share not just the good news of salvation, but the whole truth about sin, repentance, and coming judgment.

We're reluctant because these conversations are uncomfortable. We fear rejection, judgment, or losing friendships. But love warns. Grace tells the truth. If you saw someone driving toward a washed-out bridge, would you stay silent to preserve the friendship? Ezekiel was told that if he failed to warn the wicked, their blood would be on his hands. We are ambassadors of Christ, entrusted with the ministry of reconciliation. Who needs to hear truth from you today?

Reflection Question: Who has God placed in your life that needs to hear the gospel, and what's preventing you from sharing?

Day 5: Growing in Grace and Knowledge

Reading: 2 Peter 3:14-18; Philippians 3:12-16

Devotional: "Grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18). This is how we avoid falling from our secure position—not by presuming on grace, but by actively pursuing spiritual maturity. We're called to make every effort to be found spotless, blameless, and at peace with Him.

Growing in grace means accepting both God's love and His discipline. It means examining our lives honestly, asking what sins of commission we need to stop and what sins of omission we need to start. It means moving from spiritual infancy to maturity, taking responsibility for our walk with God rather than expecting others to carry us.

Contentment, obedience, and holiness aren't burdensome—they're the pathway to joy. When things don't have us, we're free to be used by God.

Reflection Question: What specific step will you take this week to grow in grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ?

Closing Prayer: Lord, forgive my reluctance to fully obey You. Help me hear Your Word and act upon it. Give me contentment in whatever circumstances I find myself, and make me a faithful steward of all You've

entrusted to me. Grant me courage to share Your truth with others, even when it's uncomfortable. May I grow in grace and knowledge, living as one who anticipates Your return. In Jesus' name, Amen.