

## 2026-06-17 5 Day Devotional

### 5-Day Devotional: Living as God's Witness

#### Day 1: God Knows Your Deeds

Reading: Revelation 2:1-7

Devotional: "I know your deeds." These words from Christ to the churches should both comfort and challenge us. God doesn't miss a single act of faithfulness, every secret sacrifice, every quiet moment of obedience. When you serve without recognition, He sees. When you wrestle with temptation and choose righteousness, He notices. Yet this same awareness extends to our compromises and half-hearted devotion. The question isn't whether God knows—it's how we respond to His knowing. Does His omniscience make you cringe or celebrate? If you're walking closely with Him, rejoice that nothing you do for His kingdom goes unnoticed. If you've been distant, let this truth draw you back. God's complete knowledge of you isn't meant to condemn but to invite you into deeper relationship.

#### Day 2: Honest Living Before God

Reading: Amos 8:4-10

Devotional: God's heart breaks over dishonesty—not just in our business dealings, but in how we approach Him. The Israelites kept religious appearances while exploiting the poor and cheating others. They cleaned up for worship while living selfishly the rest of the week. How often do we do the same? We dress up on Sundays, sing the songs, but Monday through Saturday looks entirely different. God desires integrity that runs through every area of life. He wants our worship and our workplace to reflect the same values. Being "honest to God" means bringing our whole selves before Him—our successes and failures, our generosity and our greed. True faith doesn't compartmentalize. Ask yourself today: Am I the same person in church as I am at home, at work, in private?

#### Day 3: The Cross That Shook the Earth

Reading: Matthew 27:45-54

Devotional: When Jesus died, creation itself responded. The earth trembled, rocks split, the sun went dark at noon—just as Amos had prophesied centuries earlier. Even the centurion recognized something cosmic had occurred: "Surely He was the Son of God." This wasn't just another execution; it was the moment sin's power was shattered. The land trembled because the devil's world was shaken. Everything changed when Jesus breathed His last. Yet we sometimes live as though nothing happened, forgetting the drastic sacrifice that enables drastic transformation in us. The cross wasn't just a historical event—it's the ongoing power source for your freedom. When hardship comes, remember: you don't face it alone. The God who shook the earth for you walks with you through every trembling moment of your life.

Day 4: Hungering for God's Word

Reading: Amos 8:11-14; 1 Samuel 3:1-10

Devotional: The worst famine isn't lack of food but absence of God's voice. Amos warned of a time when people would desperately search for God's word and find nothing. Do we take Scripture for granted? We have unprecedented access to God's word, yet often treat it casually—a devotional skimmed, a verse glanced at, sermons half-heard. The disciples experienced this famine after Jesus' crucifixion. Those two or three days without Him must have felt unbearable. When He returned, they paid attention differently. Don't wait for a famine to value what you have now. Search the Scriptures with hunger. Read expectantly, believing God will speak. The Holy Spirit still illuminates truth for those who seek it. Stop waiting to be spoon-fed. Grab the spoon yourself. Open His word today with the anticipation that God has something specific to say to you.

Day 5: Meeting Jesus at the Altar

Reading: Romans 12:1-2; Genesis 22:1-14

Devotional: "I saw the Lord standing by the altar." What altar does Jesus stand beside today? Perhaps it's the altar where we're called to present ourselves as living sacrifices. Altars meant death—death to self, to control, to our own plans. Jesus asks, "What more can I do for you? What will it take for you to surrender fully?" He knows every commitment we've made and broken, every promise we've backed away from. Yet He stands waiting, not with condemnation but with invitation. He sees what you could become if you'd only let go. Climbing higher requires releasing your grip on one thing to reach for the next. What are you holding onto that prevents you from grasping what God has for you? Come to the altar today—not out of obligation but opportunity. Ask Him: What do You see in me? What would You like to see? Then listen, surrender, and watch transformation begin.