

2026-06-24 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Devotional: Drawing Near with Sincere Hearts

Day 1: The Kindness That Leads to Repentance

Reading: Romans 2:4; Psalm 103:8-14

Devotional: God's kindness is not permission to continue in sin—it's an invitation to transformation. The sermon reminded us that even when we fail, God continues to extend breath and life, demonstrating patience that should move us toward repentance. This isn't about paranoia regarding our salvation, but about living in conscientious awareness of God's grace. His kindness doesn't mean He overlooks our sin; rather, it reveals His heart that desperately desires our wholeness. Today, reflect on areas where you've mistaken God's patience for approval of compromise. His kindness is calling you closer, not giving you permission to stay distant. How will you respond to His gentle pull toward holiness?

Day 2: Seeking God with All Your Heart

Reading: Jeremiah 29:11-14; Matthew 6:33

Devotional: The people in Amos's time had become comfortable, believing they were godly simply by heritage and tradition. They stopped actively seeking God. The promise remains: "You will find me when you seek me with all your heart." Seeking isn't a one-time decision but a daily pursuit—in prayer, Scripture, serving others, and moments of surrender. When we're not seeking Him, we default to seeking ourselves, leading to worry, anger, and self-focus. Seeking God means prioritizing His kingdom above our comfort, His glory above our preferences. Evaluate your life today: Are you truly seeking God, or have you settled into comfortable Christianity? What would it look like to seek Him with your whole heart today?

Day 3: The Danger of Presumption

Reading: Hebrews 10:26-31; Amos 9:1-10

Devotional: Presumption is one of faith's most subtle enemies. The Israelites presumed they were secure because of their heritage, never examining their hearts. We can fall into similar traps—presuming we're saved because we prayed a prayer once, presuming God will overlook our deliberate sin because He loves us. The writer of Hebrews warns soberly: deliberate, ongoing sin after receiving truth is dangerous territory. This isn't about losing salvation through occasional failure; it's about trampling Christ's sacrifice through willful, unrepentant living. God's love is fierce and holy. He disciplines those He loves because He refuses to let us destroy ourselves. Where have you become presumptuous? What areas of compromise need honest evaluation before God today?

Day 4: Strengthening What Remains

Reading: Hebrews 12:1-13; Joshua 14:6-12

Devotional: Caleb, in his eighties, declared "Give me the mountains!" while others his age had perished in the wilderness. The difference? He kept strengthening himself in the Lord. Spiritual atrophy happens when we stop training—when Bible reading becomes sporadic, when serving feels burdensome, when we choose comfort over challenge. God calls us to "strengthen your feeble arms and weak knees." This requires intentional effort. We cannot coast into spiritual maturity. Like physical training, spiritual growth demands resistance, endurance, and discipline. But here's the promise: what seems lame can be healed; what feels weak can become strong. God doesn't ask you to strengthen yourself alone—His grace is sufficient. What spiritual discipline have you neglected? What mountain is God calling you to climb today?

Day 5: Evidence of God's Goodness

Reading: Psalm 27:13-14; Lamentations 3:22-26

Devotional: The evidence of God's goodness isn't just in His provision or blessings—it's in His faithfulness through every season. Even in judgment,

God promised a remnant, a restoration, a future hope. When Samson finally cried out in brokenness, God answered with strength one final time. God's discipline isn't rejection; it's redirection toward holiness. As you conclude this study, ask yourself: Do I see evidence of God's goodness in my life? Not just material blessings, but His patient work in conforming you to Christ's image? His goodness is leading you somewhere—toward deeper faith, greater holiness, authentic relationship. Don't grow weary. The Lord is near to those who seek Him. Will you draw near with a sincere heart today?