



5-Day Devotional: Extreme Makeover - Becoming New in Christ

Day 1: The Power of Internal Transformation

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Devotional:

True change doesn't happen through external improvements—new clothes, new gadgets, or new resolutions. God desires something far more profound: a complete internal transformation. When you come to Christ, you're not renovated; you're recreated. The old life with its worries, fears, and emptiness doesn't get a fresh coat of paint—it's replaced entirely with new life, new purpose, and new identity.

Consider what areas of your life you've been trying to fix on your own. Are you attempting to renovate what God wants to rebuild? Surrender the "site" of your heart to Jesus today. He doesn't want to upgrade your old nature; He wants to give you a completely new one. This isn't about behavior modification—it's about heart transformation that radiates from the inside out.

Reflection:

What "external fixes" have you relied on instead of allowing God to transform you internally?

Day 2: Living with Eternal Purpose

Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25; Ephesians 2:10

Devotional:

Every day, people fill their lives with temporary goals—exercise more, eat better, make more money. These aren't bad, but they're not eternal. As Christians, we have a lifetime resolution: to be Christ's ambassadors, carrying the message of reconciliation to a broken world.

Like the stonemason building a church rather than just chipping stone, perspective changes everything. You're not just going through daily motions; you're participating in God's eternal work. Whether at Starbucks, work, or home, you represent Jesus. Your workplace may be the only "church" 74 people ever encounter. That's not pressure—it's privilege.

Ask yourself today: Am I just filling sandbags with no purpose, or am I saving the town? Everything you do has eternal significance when done for Christ's glory.

Reflection:

How does seeing yourself as Christ's ambassador change your approach to ordinary activities today?

Day 3: Trust Beyond Understanding

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 55:8-9

Devotional:

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not rely on your own insight or understanding." This isn't passive resignation—it's active faith. God's ways transcend human logic. He took a druggie, alcoholic smoker and transformed him instantly at an altar. He sent a 42-year-old new believer to Bible college after only six weeks of salvation. He doesn't follow our timelines or methods.

When you trust God completely, you acknowledge that His understanding surpasses yours infinitely. You stop trying to figure everything out and start following His lead. This requires surrendering control—the hardest and most freeing thing you'll ever do.

God has been faithful for decades to those who trust Him. He'll guide your paths when you acknowledge Him in all your ways. Stop relying on your limited perspective and lean into His unlimited wisdom.

Reflection:

What situation requires you to trust God's understanding rather than your own today?

Day 4: The Ongoing Work of God

Reading: Philippians 1:6; Romans 8:29

Devotional:

Michelangelo left many sculptures unfinished, but God never abandons His work in you. He began transforming you into Christ's image the moment you believed, and He won't stop until the work is complete. This process is often long and sometimes painful, but it's purposeful.

God sees the finished masterpiece within the rough stone of your life. Every trial, every season of growth, every moment of surrender is Him chipping away what doesn't belong, revealing the beautiful creation He intended. Unlike human artists who grow tired or distracted, God remains committed to completing what He started.

You are His workmanship, His masterpiece in progress. The transformation may not happen overnight—it's been 42 years for some and continues still—but God is faithful. Trust the Artist's hand, even when the chisel hurts.

Reflection:

What "unfinished" areas of your life can you trust God to complete in His timing?

Day 5: Sharing Your Transformation Story

Reading: John 10:10; 1 Peter 3:15

Devotional:

Your testimony is powerful—not because of eloquent words, but because transformation speaks louder than rhetoric. When people see genuine change, they witness God's reality. The person who once smelled like pot

and tobacco but now radiates Christ's presence becomes a living sermon.

Jesus came to give abundant life, full life—not just existence, but purpose-filled meaning. When you experience this transformation, you become a walking billboard for God's grace. Your workplace, neighborhood, and family need to see that Jesus makes a real difference.

You don't need to be preachy; just be authentic. Let your changed life speak. Be ready to explain the hope within you when people notice something different. Your extreme makeover—from old nature to new creation—is the gospel made visible. Share it boldly yet humbly.

Reflection:

Who needs to hear your transformation story this week? How will you share it?

Closing Prayer:

Father, thank You for not just renovating us but making us completely new. Continue Your transforming work in our lives. Give us courage to trust You fully, purpose to live as Your ambassadors, and boldness to share our testimonies. We are Yours—finish what You've started. In Jesus' name, Amen.