



5-Day Devotional: Jesus Plus Nothing Equals Freedom

Day 1: The Simplicity of the Gospel

Reading: Galatians 3:1-5

Devotional: Paul's passionate question echoes through the centuries: "Who has bewitched you?" The Galatians had received the simple, life-giving gospel—Jesus crucified and risen—yet they were being led back into complicated religious performance. Like a newborn who needs only food, water, and shelter to thrive, we need only Jesus for salvation.

We complicate what God made simple. Salvation isn't Jesus plus your good behavior, church attendance, or moral perfection. It's just Jesus. When we add requirements to the gospel, we muddy the waters and make it unintelligible.

Today, ask yourself: Have I added anything to the simple truth that faith in Christ alone saves me? Return to the beautiful simplicity of believing, trusting, and resting in Jesus.

Day 2: Freedom from the Curse

Reading: Galatians 3:10-14

Devotional: The law demands perfection—all or nothing. Like Barabbas standing before the crowd, we deserved punishment for our rebellion against God. But Jesus stepped forward and said, "Crucify me instead." He didn't dodge the curse; He absorbed it completely, taking the full measure of God's wrath upon Himself. The cross is the cure for every curse.

When we try to earn God's favor through rule-keeping, we place ourselves back

under condemnation because no one can keep the entire law perfectly. But Christ fulfilled what we could never accomplish. His obedience becomes ours through faith. You don't stand before God with your flawed resume—you stand clothed in Christ's perfect righteousness. Rest in this finished work today.

Day 3: Belief and Obedience

Reading: Romans 10:9-13; John 3:36

Devotional: Is salvation about belief or obedience? The answer is both—but not how you might think. Belief in Jesus isn't casual intellectual agreement; it's submission to His lordship over your life. When you truly believe Jesus is Lord, obedience flows naturally as a byproduct of salvation, not the cause of it. We don't obey to earn God's love; we obey because we've already received it.

The word is near you—in your mouth and in your heart. Confess Jesus as Lord, believe God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved. It's that simple. Your obedience isn't driven by terror of judgment but by gratitude for immeasurable grace. Let your life today reflect not performance anxiety but joyful response to who Jesus is.

Day 4: The Inward Transformation

Reading: Romans 2:28-29; Romans 6:1-4

Devotional: Before Christ, righteousness was about external performance—dietary laws, physical circumcision, outward rituals. But when Jesus came, everything changed. Now true righteousness is inward—circumcision of the heart by the Spirit. God looks at what's happening inside you, not just your religious resume. This doesn't mean we live carelessly, using grace as an excuse for sin. Paul asks, "Shall we continue in sin that grace may increase?" His answer: "May it never be!" You died to sin; how can you still live in it?

True freedom means your obedience flows from a transformed heart, not from fear of punishment. Keep in step with the Spirit today. Let Him produce fruit in you that glorifies God—not from duty, but from love.

Day 5: Living in Simple Faith

Reading: Matthew 18:1-4; Galatians 5:1

Devotional: Jesus told us to become like little children. Children trust simply, love freely, and rest in their father's care without performance anxiety. They don't

wake up wondering if they've pleased their parents enough—they just know they're loved. This is how we're meant to live with God. Stand firm in the freedom Christ has won for you.

Don't be burdened again by a yoke of slavery—whether legalism, moralism, or the world's impossible standards. Jesus is enough. His name is Wonderful Counselor, Prince of Peace, King of Kings, Emmanuel, Savior, Lord. Call on Him—however you know Him—and rest. Your relationship with God isn't transactional; it's relational. Today, simply enjoy being His child. Wake up hungry for Him, not anxious about performance. You belong to God, and He delights in you.