



5-Day Devotional: Freedom in Christ

Day 1: The Gospel of Grace Alone

Reading: Galatians 1:6-10; Ephesians 2:8-9

Devotional: The true gospel is beautifully simple yet powerfully transformative: Jesus plus nothing equals freedom. In our performance-driven world, we're tempted to add requirements to God's grace—more service, better behavior, stricter disciplines. But salvation rests entirely on Christ's finished work, not our efforts. When we add to the gospel, we diminish the cross and suggest Jesus' sacrifice wasn't enough.

Today, release the burden of earning God's love. You cannot perform your way into deeper acceptance with Him. Your salvation is secure not because of what you've done, but because of what Christ has done. Rest in this truth: His grace is sufficient, His work is complete, and you are fully loved right where you are.

Day 2: Gentle Restoration

Reading: Galatians 6:1-2; Matthew 7:1-5

Devotional: Biblical correction isn't condemnation—it's compassionate course-correction. When a brother or sister stumbles, those who are spiritual should restore them gently, recognizing their own vulnerability to temptation. This requires humility and self-awareness. Before addressing the speck in another's eye, examine the log in your own. True restoration happens when we're broken by our own need for grace, which qualifies us to help others struggling with theirs. Pride keeps people at arm's length; grace climbs down into the mess with them. Jesus didn't lobby moral commands from heaven's safety—He became flesh and dwelt among us.

Today, ask God to reveal any spiritual pride in your heart and to give you

compassion for those who are struggling.

Day 3: Bearing One Another's Burdens

Reading: Galatians 6:2-5; Philippians 2:3-8

Devotional: Carrying someone's burden means entering their reality at great cost to yourself. It's incarnational love—crossing boundaries, sitting in uncomfortable places, listening to ugly stories, and absorbing the messiness of failure without pulling away in disgust. Jesus modeled this perfectly. He emptied Himself, took the form of a servant, and got His hands dirty to pull us out of our brokenness. You cannot carry burdens from a distance. It requires proximity, vulnerability, and sacrifice. When you realize you need God's grace as much as the struggling brother beside you, you're finally free to help without judgment.

Today, identify someone carrying a heavy load and ask God how you can genuinely help bear their burden—not with advice from afar, but with presence and compassion.

Day 4: Freedom from Hidden Sin

Reading: 1 John 1:5-10; James 5:16

Devotional: Hidden sin thrives in darkness like a poisonous mushroom, slowly spreading and destroying spiritual health. The enemy wants you to believe you can handle it alone, that next week you'll overcome it. But isolation perpetuates bondage. Freedom comes when we bring sin into the light—confessing it before God and, when appropriate, before trusted believers. God already knows everything you're hiding; confession isn't informing Him but agreeing with Him about your need for grace. When we confess, He is faithful and just to forgive and cleanse us. There's no freedom in secrecy, only shame and spiritual death.

Today, bring that hidden struggle into God's light. Confess it honestly, receive His forgiveness fully, and experience the liberation that comes from walking in truth.

Day 5: Testing Your Own Work

Reading: Galatians 6:3-5; 2 Corinthians 13:5

Devotional: Stop measuring yourself against others and start examining yourself against God's Word and Christ's example. Comparative righteousness is deceptive—it makes you feel superior when you're simply different. When you

evaluate your work in the light of God's holiness, pride crumbles and you realize your complete dependence on grace. This self-awareness doesn't lead to despair but to freedom. You are who you are because of Christ, not your achievements. Your identity isn't achieved through moral exertion but received through faith. When you rest in Christ as your only boast, you're free from the exhausting treadmill of performance and liberated to serve others genuinely.

Today, examine your heart honestly before God. Where are you relying on your own righteousness? Surrender it and embrace the freedom of resting in Christ alone.