



5-Day Devotional: Jesus Has Overcome

Day 1: There Is No Other Name

Reading: Acts 4:8-12; John 14:6

Devotional: In a remote village in Pakistan, Muslim translators heard the gospel for the first time and asked, "Is it really possible that one man paid for the sin of everyone?" This profound question echoes through eternity. Salvation comes through Jesus Christ alone—not through our efforts, systems, or good intentions. Jesus declared, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." Today, consider how easily we drift toward other "ways" during our week—seeking truth in news, shows, or popular opinion. But there is only one name under heaven by which we must be saved. Jesus isn't just a way; He is THE way. Let this truth anchor your soul today.

Reflection: Where have you been seeking direction apart from Jesus? Recommit today to making Him your only way, truth, and life.

Day 2: A Place at the Table

Reading: Matthew 8:5-13; Romans 5:12-21

Devotional: "Is it true anyone can be saved? Could even someone from another nation come and sit at the table?" When the Pakistani translator asked this question, he was discovering the scandalous grace of God. The table of the Lord has a seat reserved for you—no matter your background, your past, or your failures. Through the obedience of one man, Jesus Christ, many are made righteous. This isn't just about a future heavenly banquet; there's a table right now where you can find joy, healing, peace, and salvation. Cecilia from Mozambique discovered this when she learned her Father knew her by name despite her earthly father's rejection. God's table isn't exclusive—it's extravagantly inclusive for all who come through Jesus.

Reflection: Do you truly believe there's a place at God's table for you today? Come and receive what He's offering—joy, healing, or peace.

Day 3: Transformed by His Love

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Isaiah 43:1-7

Devotional: Cecilia grew up without a name, rejected and despised. But when she encountered Jesus, everything changed. God spoke to her heart: "Fear not, I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine." To redeem means to restore something to its original value. Jesus doesn't just save us for heaven; He transforms our identity, relationships, and purpose right now. Max Lucado writes, "God loves you just the way you are, but He refuses to leave you that way." The old has gone; the new has come! You are not defined by your past, your family's words, or your failures. In Christ, you have a new name, a new identity, and a new story being written.

Reflection: What old identity or label do you need to surrender to Jesus today? Ask Him to reveal your true identity as His beloved child.

Day 4: The Gift of the Holy Spirit

Reading: Acts 1:4-8; John 14:15-27

Devotional: Jesus didn't ask His disciples for talent, money, or status. He told them to wait for a gift—the Holy Spirit. This gift is not about our strength or ability; it's about God's power working through us. The church doesn't need more programs; it needs the presence and power of the Holy Spirit. When you receive this gift, you receive power to be Jesus' witness—in your neighborhood, workplace, school, and to the ends of the earth. The Holy Spirit translates God's word to hearts, brings conviction, provides comfort, and empowers mission. Don't be a spectator in your faith. Open your heart fully to the Holy Spirit's work in you. It's rude to refuse a gift, especially one from God Himself.

Reflection: Have you fully received the gift of the Holy Spirit? Ask God to fill you afresh with His Spirit and power today.

Day 5: Sent with Purpose

Reading: John 20:19-23; Matthew 28:18-20

Devotional: "As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you." Jesus sends us the same way the Father sent Him—with love. God so loved the world that He gave His only Son. Now we are sent to love the world with that same sacrificial love. You are saved through Jesus, transformed by Jesus, and sent by Jesus. Your

mission field might be across the ocean or across the street. It could be the parking lot, the classroom, or your neighbor's home. God is writing your story right now. He's moving in Pakistan, Mozambique, Brazil, and yes, even in Corning. Jesus has overcome. He is victorious. The Holy Spirit is moving. The question isn't whether God is working—it's whether you'll say "yes" to joining Him.

Reflection: Where is God sending you today? Pray for one specific person or place where you can be Jesus' witness this week.