



# 5-Day Devotional: When Grace Leads, Unity Follows

## Day 1: The Greater Grace We Need

**Reading:** James 4:6-8

**Devotional:** God's grace isn't just sufficient—it's abundant, limitless, and transformative. While our human grace runs out like a phone battery draining throughout the day, God's grace flows endlessly from His nature, not His mood. When we face conflicts in relationships, our finite grace fails us. We snap at strangers, harbor resentment toward family, and justify our bitterness. But God offers something better: greater grace for the humble. Today, acknowledge where your grace has run dry. Confess your limitations to God and ask Him to fill those empty spaces with His infinite supply. His grace doesn't just cover your failures—it empowers you to extend forgiveness you thought impossible. Humble yourself before Him, and watch His greater grace transform how you see others.

**Reflection:** Where has your grace run out? Who needs God's grace flowing through you today?

## Day 2: Laying Down Your Soul

**Reading:** Luke 22:39-44

**Devotional:** In Gethsemane, Jesus modeled the most profound act of love: laying down His mind, will, and emotions. "Not my will, but yours be done" wasn't just about accepting the cross physically—it was about surrendering His soul for us. Jesus shows us that true love requires laying down our thoughts, preferences, and feelings about others. When someone offends you, your mind replays it, your will demands justice, and your emotions rage. But Jesus calls you to something deeper: surrender those to the Father. What if the person who hurt you needs your grace more than your judgment? What if God is asking you to lay down being right so He can make things

whole? Today, identify one relationship where you're holding tight to your perspective. Release it to God.

**Reflection:** What mind, will, or emotion do you need to surrender to God today?

## Day 3: Grieved by What Grieves God

**Reading:** Ephesians 4:29-32

**Devotional:** Do you know what grieves God's heart? Bitterness, wrath, anger, slander, and malice among His children. When believers tear each other down instead of building up, the Holy Spirit grieves. God doesn't grieve over your struggles with sin as much as your unwillingness to reconcile. He's heartbroken when His family fractures over offenses that grace could heal. Today, ask yourself: "Am I grieved by what grieves God?" When division exists in the church, do you feel the weight of it, or do you justify your position? Humility begins when your heart breaks for what breaks His. Let God's grief become yours. Allow the Holy Spirit to soften your heart toward those you've written off. Unity isn't optional—it's evidence of God's presence among us.

**Reflection:** What grieves God in your relationships right now? Will you let it grieve you too?

## Day 4: The Ministry of Reconciliation

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**Devotional:** You've been given a ministry—the ministry of reconciliation. God reconciled you to Himself through Christ, and now calls you to reconcile with others. But here's the challenge: reconciliation requires movement. You can't wait for the other person to make the first move. Pride says, "They should apologize first." Grace says, "I'll step toward them." Jesus didn't wait for you to get your act together before dying for you. He moved first. Today, who is God calling you to reach out to? Don't let pride keep you waiting. Send that text, make that call, schedule that coffee. Even if they reject your offer, you've done what God asked. Their response is between them and God. Your obedience is between you and God. Move toward reconciliation today.

**Reflection:** Who do you need to reach out to this week? What's stopping you?

## Day 5: The Anointing of Unity

**Reading:** Psalm 133

**Devotional:** When God's people dwell together in unity, something supernatural happens. The psalmist describes it as precious oil flowing from the head down to the garments—an overflow of anointing that covers everything. Unity isn't just nice; it

releases God's commanded blessing. When the church operates in greater grace, showing forgiveness and laying down offenses, the Holy Spirit's power flows freely. Imagine a church so unified that people encounter God before they even enter the building. That's what happens when grace leads and unity follows. But it starts with you. Your willingness to forgive, your choice to extend grace, your humility to reconcile—these create the environment for God's anointing to flow. Don't underestimate the power of your obedience. When you choose unity, you participate in releasing heaven's blessing on earth.

**Reflection:** How can your pursuit of unity release God's anointing in your community?