

5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

BORN AGAIN TO GROW

Five days on what it means to be born again — not into an easier life, but into a lifelong process of growth through discomfort, loss, and daily surrender.

John 3:1-8 · The New Birth

DEVOTIONAL

FIVE DAYS IN THE WORD

Read one day at a time. Sit with the Scripture before you read the devotional, and let it settle before you move on to the next.

01

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THE CALL TO BE BORN AGAIN

JOHN 3:1-8

Nicodemus came to Jesus seeking answers about miracles, but Jesus redirected the conversation to something deeper — being born again. Like Nicodemus, we often approach God with our own agenda, but He knows what we truly need. Being born again isn't about religious performance or outward appearances; it's about spiritual transformation through the Holy Spirit. This new birth launches us into a journey of continuous growth. Today, reflect on your salvation experience. Are you merely going through religious motions, or are you allowing the Spirit to transform

you daily? Growth begins when we surrender our plans and embrace God's refining work in our lives, even when it's uncomfortable.

02

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GROWING THROUGH THE UNCOMFORTABLE

JAMES 1:2-4

Growth rarely happens in comfort zones. Just as physical growth involves growing pains, spiritual maturity requires stretching, pruning, and sometimes painful processes. God doesn't remove us from trials to punish us but to develop perseverance and completeness in our character. When you face job loss, health challenges, or relational difficulties, God is asking: "Will you trust Me here?" The sermon reminds us that we must live through the word God gives us, not just hear it. Today, identify one uncomfortable situation you're facing. Instead of resisting it, ask God what He wants to grow in you through it. Your breakthrough isn't in escaping the trial—it's in allowing God to mature you within it.

03

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GOING DEEPER WITH GOD, NOT RELIGION

MATTHEW 15:1-9

Religion focuses on external rituals; relationship focuses on heart transformation. Jesus confronted the Pharisees for honoring God with their lips while their hearts remained far from Him. We can attend church, know Scripture, and maintain Christian appearances while our hearts stay unchanged. True spiritual growth happens in the secret place—those moments alone with God when no one is watching. It's in those daily conversations where God addresses your attitude, your finances, your relationships, and your hidden struggles. Today, examine your spiritual life honestly. Are you performing for others or genuinely pursuing intimacy with God? Growth requires vulnerability before God, allowing Him to speak truth into areas you'd rather keep hidden.

04

DAY

THE POWER OF GOD'S PRESENCE IN LOSS

PSALM 34:17-19

The most profound growth often emerges from our deepest losses. When everything familiar is stripped away—“jobs, loved ones, plans, security”—we discover whether our foundation rests on circumstances or on Christ. The testimony shared in this sermon reveals that God's power sustains us when nothing else can. Loss creates space for God to fill us in ways prosperity never could. In your grief, confusion, or disappointment, God whispers, “One second at a time. Trust Me for this moment.” Those seconds become minutes, minutes become days, and suddenly you've walked through what seemed impossible. Today, if you're experiencing loss, don't minimize your pain, but invite God's presence into it. His strength perfects itself in your weakness.

05 DAY

LIVING AS A MIRACLE OTHERS CAN SEE

2 CORINTHIANS 3:2-3

You are a living letter, read by everyone around you. People came to Jesus because they witnessed His miracles. Similarly, your transformed life should prompt others to ask, “What’s different about you?” Your growth isn't just for personal benefit—it's a testimony that draws others to Christ. When you handle trials with grace, forgive when wronged, maintain joy despite circumstances, and speak life when surrounded by negativity, you become evidence of God's transforming power. Today, consider what miracle God is performing through your life. Are coworkers, family members, or neighbors seeing authentic change? Your willingness to grow in difficult seasons creates a testimony more powerful than words. Let your life preach the gospel of transformation.

"Unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

JOHN 3:3

GO DEEPER THIS WEEK

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