

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: You Were on His Mind

Devotional

Before Jesus went to the cross, He prayed. And He prayed for you. Not just for the disciples standing nearby, but for every person who would ever believe because of their witness. That includes you.

Let that sink in for a moment. In His final hours, with everything pressing in around Him, Jesus lifted your name before the Father. He asked that you would be with Him, that you would be unified with other believers, and that your love would point the world back to Him.

This is not a distant God who set things in motion and stepped back. This is a Savior who sees you, knows you, and actively intercedes for you. The greatest gift of following Jesus is not simply that your sins are forgiven. It is that you have been invited into real, living relationship with Him.

You were created for this. You were made for connection with God and with the people around you. And the good news is that Jesus Himself is the one holding that door open.

No matter where you are today, whether you feel close to God or far away, encouraged or worn down, you are not forgotten. You were on His mind before the cross, and you are on His mind right now.

Bible Verse

'I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them.' - John 17:26

Reflection Question

How does knowing that Jesus personally prayed for you change the way you see your relationship with Him today?

Quote

The greatest benefit of Christianity is not the forgiveness of sins. That's simply a means to an end. The greatest benefit that we have is access to the presence of God and His Son.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for seeing me and praying for me before I even knew Your name. Help me to live today with the confidence that I am known and loved by You. Amen.

Day 2: Made for More Than You Think

Devotional

From the very beginning, you were not designed to do life alone. Genesis 1 shows us a God who exists in relationship within Himself, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, creating humanity in His image. That image includes the capacity and the longing for deep, meaningful connection.

This is not a small detail. It is foundational. The reason community feels so life-giving when it is healthy, and so painful when it breaks down, is because you were wired for it. Loneliness is not just uncomfortable. It is a signal pointing you back toward what you were made for.

God did not create you to simply know about Him from a distance. He created you to experience His love up close, in relationship with Him and with others who follow Him. That experience is real. The moments when you feel His presence, His peace, or His joy are not imagined. They are genuine glimpses of what He has always intended for you.

And here is the encouraging part: you do not have to earn your way into that kind of life. Jesus has already made it possible. You are invited, right now, into something deeper than religion. You are invited into relationship.

Bible Verse

'For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.' - Colossians 1:19-20

Reflection Question

In what area of your life have you been trying to go it alone, and what might it look like to invite God or others into that space?

Quote

We were created for community. We were created for relationship with him and that we get to experience his love.

Prayer

Father, remind me today that I was made for relationship with You and with others. Pull me out of isolation and into the life You designed for me. Amen.

Day 3: Unity Is Not an Accident

Devotional

Real unity is one of the rarest things in the world. People are divided by politics, personality, background, and preference. And yet, Jesus prays that His followers would be one. Not just tolerant of each other, but genuinely unified.

That kind of unity does not happen by accident. It is made possible because of the relationship between the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Trinity is the model. Three distinct persons, perfectly united in love and purpose. When believers are brought together around a shared love for God, something of that divine unity becomes visible in the world.

This is why your small group, your church community, and your friendships with other believers matter more than you might realize. They are not just social connections. They are a living picture of something the world is desperately searching for.

You do not have to be identical to the people around you. You just have to be committed to the same Jesus. Different gifts, different stories, different personalities, all pointing in the same direction. That is the kind of unity that turns heads and opens hearts.

Lean into your community today. Show up. Stay. Love well. You are part of something bigger than yourself.

Bible Verse

'My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message, that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you.' - John 17:20-21

Reflection Question

What is one practical step you could take this week to invest more deeply in your community of faith?

Quote

The unity between Father, Son and Holy Spirit is what allows believers to even experience unity in the first place. It's what makes unity possible.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for praying for our unity. Help me to be a person who builds bridges, not walls, within my community. Amen.

Day 4: Your Life Is a Message

Devotional

You may never stand on a stage or preach a sermon. But you are always communicating something about who Jesus is, or who He is not, through the way you live and love.

Jesus makes a striking connection in His prayer. He links the unity of His followers directly to the world believing that the Father sent Him. In other words, how you treat people matters for the mission. Your love is not just a personal virtue. It is evidence of the gospel.

This is actually good news if sharing your faith feels intimidating. You do not have to have all the answers. You do not have to be a theologian. You simply have to love people the way Jesus loves you. That kind of love is so countercultural, so unexplainable apart from God, that it naturally draws people toward Him.

Think about the people in your life who do not yet know Jesus. They may not be ready to hear a sermon, but they are watching how you handle conflict, how you treat strangers, and how you show up when things get hard. Your life is already speaking. The question is what it is saying.

Be encouraged. You have something the world is looking for. Let it show.

Bible Verse

'After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb.' - Revelation 7:9

Reflection Question

If the people closest to you described your life, would they be able to tell that you have spent time with Jesus?

Quote

You might be nervous to tell somebody about Jesus, but don't be nervous to show people about who Jesus is.

Prayer

Lord, let my life be a clear reflection of Your love. Use the way I treat others to point them toward You. Amen.

Day 5: You Are His Masterpiece

Devotional

A great painting does two things. It is beautiful on its own. But more than that, it makes you want to know the artist.

That is exactly what Jesus calls you to be. Not just a good person living a decent life, but a living picture of a God whose grace changes people, whose love transforms them, and whose faithfulness carries them forward. When you live that way, in community, in love, in unity with other believers, you become something the world cannot easily explain.

This is the full picture of what faith is meant to look like. It starts with knowing Jesus personally. It grows as you live in relationship with others who follow Him. And it reaches outward as that love becomes visible to a watching world.

You are not an accident. You are not a rough draft. Jesus calls you His masterpiece. And masterpieces are not meant to be hidden. They are meant to be seen.

So look up and know Jesus. Look around and love people. Stay in community. Show up. Keep going. The world around you is searching for exactly what you have already been given: true love and true belonging that only comes from the Lord.

You carry something worth sharing. Live like it.

Bible Verse

'I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one.' - John 17:22

Reflection Question

What would it look like for you to live this week as someone who makes people curious about the God you serve?

Quote

Don't just be a good painting. Be a painting that makes people want to know the artist.

Prayer

Jesus, help me to live as Your masterpiece today. Let my life, my love, and my community point others straight to You. Amen.