

Faith That Works Through Love

The Daily Devotional for July 28: Love Made Visible

Reading: *Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus describes a judgment scene in which the defining question is not what people believed in theory, but how they loved in practice. The striking detail is that neither the faithful nor the unfaithful remember the moments being discussed. Those who loved well had simply made love a habit so ordinary it became invisible to themselves. This is the goal of a life shaped by grace — not dramatic performances of faith, but a quiet, consistent pattern of noticing others and responding. Ask yourself today: what acts of love have become so natural in your life that you no longer think twice about them?

The Daily Devotional for July 29: Faith With Hands and Feet

Reading: *James 2:14-17*

James makes clear that faith without corresponding action is not a lesser kind of faith — it is a dead one. The passage does not diminish belief; it insists that genuine belief produces movement. Faith notices the person at the door with full hands. Faith shares an umbrella in the rain. Faith sends a card, makes a phone call, sits beside a hospital bed, and listens without rushing toward the exit. These are not extraordinary acts reserved for the spiritually elite. They are the natural overflow of a heart that has been changed by grace. What is your faith doing today that your words alone cannot accomplish?

The Daily Devotional for July 30: Holiness on the Way

Reading: *Micah 6:6-8*

The prophet Micah cuts through every religious performance to arrive at something deceptively simple: do justice, love kindness, and walk humbly with God. Notice that walking is the operative word. Holiness, as John Wesley understood, is not achieved in a single moment of spiritual intensity and then preserved behind glass. It is practiced on the road, in the workplace, in the neighborhood, and at the kitchen table. Every encounter is an opportunity to live out what we claim to believe. The early Methodists visited prisoners and cared for widows not to earn God's approval, but because God's love had already found them. Where are you walking today, and who is walking beside you?

The Daily Devotional for July 31: The Calling Does Not Change

Reading: Galatians 6:9-10

Paul urges the church not to grow weary in doing good, and the reason he gives is deeply practical: the harvest comes in its proper season. There is no certificate of completion in the life of faith. There is no finish line after which the calling expires. Whether a person is young and full of physical energy or older and navigating a body that moves differently than it once did, the calling to love remains constant. The form of service changes — from lifting to praying, from building to encouraging, from running to sitting quietly beside someone who needs a witness. What the years take from us in capacity, they often return in wisdom, depth, and presence. How is your calling expressing itself in this particular season of your life?

The Daily Devotional for August 1: Loved First, Serving Second

Reading: 1 John 4:19

This single verse reorders everything. We love because God first loved us. The direction of that sentence matters enormously. Service is not the price of admission into God's favor. It is the natural response of a person who has already been found, already been welcomed, and already been filled. The early church did not build hospitals and schools and places of refuge to earn God's attention. They did those things because they had already experienced God's attention and could not contain it. This is the freedom of the gospel — that we are released from serving out of fear and invited to serve out of gratitude. Sit with that truth today. You are already loved. Now go and let it show.