

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: God Is Love

Devotional

We throw the word "love" around a lot. We love pizza. We love a good movie. We love our favorite team. But real love, the kind that changes everything, is something far deeper than a feeling.

First John 4:8 tells us that God does not simply have love or show love occasionally. He is love. It is not something He does. It is who He is. That means every time you want to understand what love truly looks like, you look at God.

This is incredibly good news. It means His love for you is not a mood or a reaction. It is His very nature. He cannot stop being love any more than He can stop being God.

So when life feels hard, when you feel forgotten, or when you wonder if anyone truly cares, you can anchor yourself to this truth. The God of the universe, the One who created everything, is love itself. And that love is directed at you.

You do not have to earn it. You do not have to perform for it. It simply is, because He simply is.

Bible Verse

"Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love." - 1 John 4:8

Reflection Question

If God is love itself and not just loving, how does that change the way you think about your relationship with Him on your hardest days?

Quote

"God is the very definition of love. And so what we want to do this summer is we want to take the months of July and August. For the first five weeks, we're going to look at God's love for us."

Prayer

God, thank You for being love and not just showing it occasionally. Help me to anchor my heart in who You are, especially on the days when I struggle to feel it. Amen.

Day 2: You Have a Standing Invitation

Devotional

Have you ever felt like you needed to clean yourself up before coming to God? Like you had to get your act together first, fix a few things, and then maybe He would be willing to hear from you?

Romans 5 paints a completely different picture. When you place your faith in Jesus, something remarkable happens. You receive peace with God. You stand permanently in His grace. And you gain unrestricted access to Him at any moment.

Not just when you are doing well. Not just when you have had a good week. Any moment. Always.

Think about what that means practically. You do not have to wait for the right time or the right words. You do not have to feel worthy enough to pray. God is not sitting at a distance, waiting for you to prove yourself. He is near, ready, and genuinely glad to hear from you.

This kind of access is not something you earned. It is a gift made possible entirely by grace. So today, whatever you are carrying, whatever you are facing, you have an open invitation to bring it to Him right now.

Bible Verse

"Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God." - Romans 5:2

Reflection Question

Is there something in your life right now that you have been hesitant to bring to God, and what would it look like to trust that His door is always open to you?

Quote

"You have 24/7 access to God because of His grace. You can talk to God whenever you want. You can pray and connect with him whenever you want."

Prayer

Father, thank You that I do not have to earn my way into Your presence. Remind me today that I am always welcome, and give me the courage to come to You with everything. Amen.

Day 3: Love That Finds You at Your Worst

Devotional

Most of us understand love that is earned. You are kind to someone, they are kind back. You show up for people, and they show up for you. That kind of love makes sense.

But God's love does not work that way at all.

Paul describes our condition before God stepped in with three honest words: weak, ungodly, and sinners. We were not just imperfect. We were helpless, morally opposed to God, and completely unable to save ourselves. We were not lovable. We were lost.

And that is exactly when Christ died for us.

Not after we improved. Not once we showed some potential. While we were still in that condition, He chose us. He did not die near us or around us. He died instead of us, taking our place entirely.

This is what makes God's love so extraordinary. It did not wait for you to become worthy. It came looking for you when you were at your worst. That is not just a nice idea. That is the gospel. And it is meant for you, personally, today.

Bible Verse

"But God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

Reflection Question

How does knowing that God chose to love you at your absolute worst change the way you see yourself and your past?

Quote

"We were weak, ungodly sinners. We were in a sinful state. We were undeserving. We were lost with nothing. There was nothing that we could do. We were in our worst situation, our worst place. We were an enemy of God. We were dead with no hope, utterly powerless to do anything to save ourselves."

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for not waiting until I had it all together. Thank You for coming for me when I had nothing to offer. Help me to truly receive that love today. Amen.

Day 4: He Already Knew, and He Came Anyway

Devotional

There is a fear that many people carry quietly. It goes something like this: if God really knew everything about me, He would not love me. If He saw the whole story, the mistakes, the failures, the things I am ashamed of, He would pull back.

But here is the truth that changes everything. God did know. He knew every detail of your life before you ever lived a single day of it. He knew every choice you would make, every moment you would fall short, every time you would turn away. And He still sent Jesus to die for you.

That is not a small thing. That is the most staggering demonstration of love in all of history.

Ephesians 2 reminds us that even when we were dead in our failures, God, because of His great love, made us alive. He did not just have a plan. He followed through on it completely.

Whatever you are carrying from your past, it was not a surprise to God. And it did not stop Him. His love for you was never based on what you would do. It was based on who He is.

Bible Verse

"But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which He loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ." - Ephesians 2:4-5

Reflection Question

What would it mean for you to truly believe that God saw everything about your life in advance and still chose to love you without hesitation?

Quote

"God knew all of that about your life before you ever did it. And still out of his love for you, sent Jesus to die on your behalf. That is the greatness of God's love."

Prayer

God, it is hard to fully grasp that You knew everything and still came for me. Help me to stop hiding from You and to rest in the love that was never surprised by my story. Amen.

Day 5: Love That Never Runs Out

Devotional

Feelings come and go. Some mornings you wake up and feel close to God. Other days, He feels distant and the doubts creep in. You wonder if you have done too much, drifted too far, or simply used up your share of grace.

Here is what you need to hold onto on those days. God's love is not an emotion that rises and falls with your circumstances. It is a commitment. A permanent, unshakable commitment that He made to you and has never walked back.

He keeps no record of your sins. He chooses not to remember them. He never gives up on you. His love does not run out.

Romans 5 tells us that hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts. Not trickled. Not rationed. Poured. That is the language of abundance, not scarcity.

So when you feel unlovable, when you feel far from God, when the feelings are not there, come back to this. His love is not waiting on your feelings to catch up. It is already there, steady and sure, because He is committed to you.

Bible Verse

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us." - Romans 5:5

Reflection Question

In what area of your life do you most need to stop relying on your feelings about God's love and start trusting His commitment to you instead?

Quote

"Love is part of love is an emotion, but the bigger part of love is a commitment. When you feel unlovable or you feel far from God, or you don't feel God's love, know that it's still there. Why? Because God is committed to you."

Prayer

Father, thank You that Your love is a commitment and not just a feeling. On the days I cannot feel it, help me to trust it. Pour Your love into my heart again today. Amen.