

5 Day Devotional



Day 1: True Freedom in Christ Reading: Galatians 5:1-15

Devotional: As we reflect on Paul's words to the Galatians, we're reminded that true freedom isn't about doing whatever we want, but rather being liberated to serve Christ and others. Our culture often equates freedom with independence and self-expression, but God's idea of freedom is quite different. It's the freedom to love, to serve, and to become more like Christ. Today, consider areas in your life where you might be clinging to a worldly notion of freedom. How can you embrace the freedom Christ offers to serve others and glorify God? Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide you in using your freedom to build up the body of Christ and share His love with those around you.

Day 2: The Mind of Christ Reading: Philippians 2:1-11

Devotional: The passage we read today presents a profound picture of Christ's humility and servanthood. Despite His divine nature, Jesus chose to empty Himself and take on the form of a servant. This is the ultimate example of using freedom for the benefit of others. As you go about your day, look for opportunities to "have the same mindset as Christ Jesus." Where can you lay aside your rights or privileges to serve someone else? Remember, true greatness in God's kingdom often looks like humility and sacrifice in the world's eyes. Ask God to help you see the world through His perspective and to find joy in serving others as Christ did.

Day 3: Freedom to Serve Reading: 1 Corinthians 9:19-23

Devotional: Paul's words in this passage challenge us to reconsider how we use our freedom in Christ. He demonstrates a willingness to adapt and relate to others for the sake of the gospel. This doesn't mean compromising our beliefs, but rather being flexible in our approach to reach people with God's love. Today, reflect on your interactions with others, especially those who are different from you. How can you "become all things to all people" in order to share Christ's love more effectively? Pray for wisdom and discernment in building bridges and breaking down barriers that might prevent others from hearing the good news of Jesus.

Day 4: Washing Feet, Changing Hearts Reading: John 13:1-17

Devotional: The image of Jesus washing His disciples' feet is a powerful reminder of how we're called to use our freedom. Despite His position and power, Jesus chose to perform this humble act of service. As you read this passage, imagine yourself in that room. How would you feel if Jesus knelt to wash your feet? How does this act challenge your own attitudes about service and humility? Today, look for a practical way to "wash someone's feet" - perhaps by performing an act of service that you might normally consider beneath you. Ask God to give you a servant's heart and to help you find joy in humble service.

Day 5: Living as Free People Reading: 1 Peter 2:11-17

Devotional: Peter reminds us that as believers, we are "foreigners and exiles" in this world. Our true citizenship is in heaven, and this should impact how we live our lives here on earth. We're called to live as free people, but to use our freedom to serve God and others, not as a cover-up for evil. Today, consider how your life reflects your heavenly citizenship. Are there areas where you've allowed worldly ideas of freedom to overshadow your calling to serve? Pray for the courage to live distinctively as a follower of Christ, using your freedom to bring glory to God and to draw others to Him. Remember, our ultimate goal is not to fit in with the world, but to faithfully represent God's kingdom wherever we are.