

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: The Joy of Sharing Jesus

Devotional

Have you ever experienced the thrill of helping someone discover something life-changing? Perhaps you recommended a book that transformed a friend's perspective or introduced someone to their future spouse. There's an indescribable joy in being the connection point to something that changes a life forever.

As believers, we have access to the most life-changing message in history—the gospel of Jesus Christ. Yet many of us hesitate to share it. We feel inadequate, unprepared, or afraid of rejection. But sharing our faith isn't reserved for pastors or professional evangelists. It's a privilege extended to every follower of Jesus.

In Acts 2, we see Peter—the same man who had denied Jesus three times—boldly proclaiming the gospel to thousands. What transformed this once-fearful fisherman into a courageous evangelist? The Holy Spirit's power and the conviction that his message could change eternal destinies.

The truth is, sharing Jesus is something every believer can do. You don't need a theology degree or perfect speech. You simply need a willing heart and a personal experience with Jesus. When we step out in faith, God promises to give us the words we need in that moment.

Bible Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." - Acts 1:8

Reflection Question

What fears or insecurities have prevented you from sharing your faith with others, and how might God be inviting you to trust Him with those concerns?

Quote

"One of the biggest and greatest things of your Christian walk, I would have to say that I've experienced is the joy of leading someone to Jesus. One of the scariest things that I've experienced in my Christian walk is sharing the gospel. It's an incredible high, but it's a scary thing."

Prayer

Lord, thank you for the privilege of sharing Your good news with others. Forgive me for the times I've let fear hold me back. Fill me with Your Holy Spirit and give me courage to speak about You when opportunities arise. Help me remember that You don't call the equipped; You equip the called. Amen.

Day 2: God Will Give You the Words

Devotional

Have you ever been in a situation where you wanted to talk about your faith but felt tongue-tied? Maybe you worried about saying the wrong thing or not having answers to potential questions. This fear of inadequacy keeps many Christians silent when opportunities to share arise.

But God makes an incredible promise to those willing to speak for Him. In Psalms 81:10, He says, "Open your mouth and I will fill it." What a relief! We don't need to have perfectly crafted speeches or answers to every possible objection. God simply asks us to open our mouths—to take that first step of faith—and He promises to provide the words.

This doesn't mean we shouldn't prepare or study Scripture. But it does mean that the primary qualification for sharing our faith isn't eloquence or theological expertise—it's availability. God can use your unique voice, personality, and experiences to reach people that no one else can.

Remember that the Holy Spirit is the true evangelist. Our job isn't to convert anyone; that's God's work. We're simply called to faithfully plant and water seeds, trusting God to make them grow in His perfect timing.

Bible Verse

"Open wide your mouth and I will fill it." - Psalms 81:10

Reflection Question

Can you recall a time when God gave you unexpected words or courage in a conversation? How might remembering this experience embolden you to share your faith more freely?

Quote

"Open your mouth and I will fill it. I love that because all I have to do is just go. And they're looking at you like, what in the world are you doing? Open your mouth and I'll feel it."

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for promising to give me the words to say when I step out in faith. Help me to trust You more than I trust my own abilities. Give me courage to open my mouth when opportunities arise, believing that You will fill it with words that point others to Jesus. May I be a willing vessel for Your message of hope. Amen.

Day 3: The Simple Gospel Message

Devotional

In our information-saturated world, we're constantly bombarded with complex messages. But the most powerful message ever given—the gospel—is beautifully simple at its core.

Paul summarizes this message in 1 Corinthians 15:3-4: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again. That's it! The gospel isn't a complicated philosophical system or a list of religious rules. It's the good news that through Jesus' death and resurrection, we can be reconciled to God.

When sharing our faith, we sometimes overcomplicate things. We feel we need to address every theological question or potential objection. But the early apostles focused on the essentials: our need for salvation, Jesus' sacrificial death, and His victorious resurrection.

The resurrection is particularly crucial—it's our "receipt" proving that Jesus' sacrifice was accepted by God. As Paul writes, if Christ hasn't been raised, our faith is futile. But because He lives, we have assurance that His promises are true.

When sharing your faith, remember to keep the main thing the main thing. People need to understand their need for a Savior and God's provision through Jesus before they can appreciate the finer points of theology.

Bible Verse

"For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures." - 1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Reflection Question

If you had just one minute to explain the gospel to someone, what would you say? How can you practice distilling the essential message of Jesus into a clear, concise explanation?

Quote

"The cross tells us the price has been paid. The resurrection is your receipt, that proof of purchase that what Jesus did is sufficient, what Jesus said is sufficient, that who he is is enough."

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for the simplicity and power of the gospel message. Help me to communicate it clearly, focusing on what matters most. Give me wisdom to know when to speak and when to listen, and help me to always point others to Your death and resurrection as the foundation of our hope. May I never complicate what You have made beautifully simple. Amen.

Day 4: From Decision to Discipleship

Devotional

Evangelism doesn't end when someone says "yes" to Jesus. In fact, that's just the beginning of their journey. Too often, we focus solely on getting people to make a decision for Christ without considering what comes next in their spiritual development.

Jesus didn't command us to make converts; He told us to make disciples. A disciple is a lifelong learner and follower of Jesus. The Great Commission involves not just baptizing people but teaching them to obey everything Jesus commanded.

When someone responds to the gospel, they need guidance, community, and practical help to grow in their new faith. They need to understand how to read the Bible, how to pray, how to overcome temptation, and how to live out their faith in everyday life.

This is why connection to a church family is so vital. New believers need mature Christians who can walk alongside them, answer their questions, and model what following Jesus looks like in practice.

As we share our faith, let's remember that God's goal isn't just to forgive people but to transform them into the image of His Son. Our evangelism should always have discipleship in view.

Bible Verse

"And if Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins." - 1 Corinthians 15:17

Reflection Question

How prepared do you feel to disciple a new believer? What steps could you take to better equip yourself for this important responsibility?

Quote

"It's not about a decision as if you get a notch on your belt. It's about discipleship. People growing up in Jesus."

Prayer

Father, help me to see beyond the moment of decision to the journey of discipleship. Give me patience and wisdom to walk alongside new believers, helping them grow strong in their faith. Show me areas where I need to grow as a disciple myself, so I can better guide others. Thank You for the privilege of participating in Your work of transformation. Amen.

Day 5: God's Heart for the Lost

Devotional

Have you ever hesitated to pray for opportunities to share your faith? Perhaps you feared God might actually answer that prayer, placing you in uncomfortable situations. But understanding God's heart for lost people can transform our perspective on evangelism.

God's desire for human salvation runs throughout Scripture. John 3:16 reminds us that God loved the world so much that He gave His only Son. Peter tells us that God is "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." The Father's heart breaks for those who don't know Him.

When we align our hearts with God's, evangelism becomes less about obligation and more about participation in God's redemptive mission. We begin to see people as God sees them—not as projects or potential converts, but as precious individuals created in His image, whom He deeply loves.

God is already at work in people's lives, drawing them to Himself. When we pray for opportunities to share our faith, we're asking to join something God is already doing. And He delights to answer such prayers because they reflect His own desires.

Today, consider praying specifically for God to use you to reach someone who needs to hear about His love. Then watch expectantly for how He might answer.

Bible Verse

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

Reflection Question

Who are the specific people in your life that God might be calling you to share His love with? How might you begin praying for them and for opportunities to have meaningful conversations?

Quote

"If God's not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance and he wants to save men. That when we say, lord, would you open a door for me? Do you think God's going to say, eh, no. He's going to say, oh, I've been waiting for that one."

Prayer

Loving Father, thank You for Your heart that yearns for all people to know You. Forgive me for times when my heart has been indifferent to those who don't know Jesus. Help me to see others through Your eyes of compassion. Give me boldness to pray for and pursue opportunities to share Your love with those around me. Use me as Your ambassador of reconciliation. Amen.