

5 Day Devotional

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

Day 1: When Jesus Opens Our Eyes

Reading: John 9:1-25

The blind man in John 9 couldn't answer every theological question the Pharisees threw at him. He didn't have a seminary degree or years of biblical training. But he had something more powerful—a personal encounter with Jesus. His simple testimony, "I was blind but now I see," couldn't be argued away or dismissed.

Your story doesn't need to be complicated or theologically sophisticated. It simply needs to be true. Jesus has touched your life in ways that are undeniable to you, even if you can't explain every mystery of faith. Today, reflect on one clear way Jesus has opened your eyes—spiritually, emotionally, or relationally. That transformation is your testimony, and it carries divine power when shared with authenticity.

Reflection Question: What is one area where you can honestly say, "I was blind, but now I see"?

Day 2: Go and Tell Your Story

Reading: Mark 5:1-20

After Jesus freed the demon-possessed man, this transformed individual wanted to follow Jesus everywhere. But Jesus gave him a different mission: "Go home to your own people and tell them how much the Lord has done for you." The man obeyed, and all the people were amazed.

Sometimes we think sharing faith requires leaving our everyday contexts or becoming someone different. But Jesus often calls us to return to the places we know best—our homes, workplaces, and communities—and simply share what He's done. You don't need to be a professional evangelist. You just need to be willing to tell your people about God's mercy in your life. Your authenticity in familiar places carries unique credibility. The people who knew you "before" can witness the "after" and see Jesus at work.

Reflection Question: Who in your immediate circle needs to hear how much the Lord has done for you?

Day 3: Small Testimonies, Great Impact

Reading: John 4:28-42

The Samaritan woman's testimony was remarkably simple: "He told me everything I ever did." She wasn't a biblical scholar. She didn't preach a sermon. She simply invited people to come and see the man who knew her completely and loved her anyway. Because of her words, many believed, and even more believed after encountering Jesus themselves.

Your story doesn't have to be dramatic to be effective. The Holy Spirit doesn't need sensational testimonies to transform lives—He needs authentic ones. Perhaps your encounter with Jesus felt quiet, ordinary, or unremarkable to you. But to someone struggling with the same issues you once faced, your story might be exactly what opens their heart. Don't minimize what God has done simply because it seems small to you. Share it anyway, and trust the Spirit to multiply its impact.

Reflection Question: What "small" way has Jesus met you that might encourage someone else?

Day 4: Before, During, and After

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

Paul writes that "if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!" Your testimony naturally follows this pattern—life before Christ, your encounter with Him, and life after. This three-part structure isn't just a formula; it's the gospel narrative lived out personally.

Take time today to identify one specific story from your journey with Jesus. What was your struggle before? How did Jesus meet you at that moment? What changed afterward? Write it down in three to five minutes. Be specific. Instead of saying "Jesus changed everything," focus on one area—your marriage, your anxiety, your purpose, your freedom from addiction. A focused story with concrete details resonates more deeply than vague generalities. Your specific transformation points others to a specific Savior who meets specific needs.

Reflection Question: What is one focused story of transformation you can write down today?

Day 5: You Don't Need All the Answers

Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-16

Peter instructs us to be ready to give an answer for the hope we have, but to do so with gentleness and respect. Notice he doesn't say you need to have all the answers—just be ready to explain your hope. When people ask questions you can't answer, that's an opportunity, not a failure.

The blind man didn't have theological answers for the Pharisees, but he had his story. When people probe your faith with difficult questions, it's perfectly appropriate to say, "I don't know, but I know people who might. Can we explore that together?" Then share what you do know—how Jesus has changed your life.

Your humble authenticity combined with your genuine testimony is more compelling than pretending to have expertise you don't possess. Trust that God will provide resources and people to help answer questions while you faithfully share your story

Challenge for the Week: Write down your three-part story (before Jesus, encounter with Jesus, after Jesus) and share it with at least one person this week—whether a friend, family member, or your pastor. Your story matters. Your story is powerful. Your story brings God glory.