

5 Day Devotional

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Day 1: Charged to His Account

Reading: Philemon 1:17-19

Devotional: Paul's words to Philemon reveal the heart of the gospel: "Charge it to me." These simple words echo what Christ did for us on the cross. Paul didn't create Onesimus's debt, yet he willingly bore it. This is reconciliation in action—entering into broken situations, becoming vulnerable, and bearing burdens not our own. Today, consider where God is calling you to be a peacemaker rather than a prosecutor. Is there a fractured relationship where you could step in, not to assign blame, but to facilitate healing? Reconciliation is costly, but it reflects Christ's love. Ask God for courage to enter into someone's brokenness today, willing to be wounded for the sake of restoring what's been broken.

Day 2: Reconciled Through His Blood

Reading: Colossians 1:19-23

Devotional: God's fullness dwelt in Jesus, and through His blood, all things are reconciled. This wasn't a distant transaction but an intimate sacrifice. Christ didn't reconcile us from a safe distance; He entered our world, took on flesh, and bore our sins. We were once alienated and enemies in our minds, but now we're holy, blameless, and presented before God. This same ministry of reconciliation has been entrusted to us. We cannot lob Bibles over the walls of our gated lives. We must enter in, just as Christ did. Reflect today on how Christ's reconciling work has transformed your life. Then ask: who needs to experience that same reconciling love through your willingness to enter their world?

Day 3: Ambassadors of Reconciliation

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Devotional: You are a new creation. The old has gone; the new has come. And with this new identity comes a sacred calling: the ministry of reconciliation. God is not counting people's sins against them, and He's committed this message to us. We are Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making His appeal through us. This isn't merely about evangelism; it's about embodying Christ's reconciling

love in every fractured relationship, every divided community, every broken place. Your life becomes a signpost pointing to Jesus's reconciling love. Today, consider where you're living as an ambassador. Are you bringing God's peace into divided spaces? Ask God to use your life as a living message of His reconciling power.

Day 4: No Longer Slave, But Family

Reading: Galatians 3:26-29; Ephesians 2:11-22

Devotional: In Christ, something radical happens: divisions dissolve. Slave and free, Jew and Gentile, male and female—all are one in Christ Jesus. Paul saw that when Onesimus surrendered to Jesus, he became family with Philemon. The world divides by race, nation, status, and politics, but Christ unites. We're no longer foreigners but fellow citizens in God's household. This isn't just theological truth; it's meant to be lived reality. Look around your church, your community. Do you see family, or do you see "us" and "them"? The healing of nations begins when God's people take seriously this radical new family identity. Pray today for eyes to see every believer as beloved family, regardless of differences that the world magnifies.

Day 5: If My People

Reading: 2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Peter 2:9-10

Devotional: God's promise to heal the land comes with a condition: "If my people..." But who are God's people? Through Christ, we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation belonging to God. The world gets healed not through national greatness but through God's people being faithful to their calling across all nations. We witness to a kingdom that transcends earthly empires. This Thursday, as many pray for America, remember your first loyalty belongs to King Jesus and His global family. The healing begins when God's people—wherever they live—humble themselves, pray, seek His face, and turn from wickedness. Examine your heart today: where does your ultimate allegiance lie? Pray for God's people worldwide to faithfully carry out their mission of reconciliation.