

5 Day Devotional



Day 1: You Are Already His

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-8

The apostle Paul declares that believers have been blessed with every spiritual blessing in Christ. Before you took a single step of maturity, before you prayed a single faithful prayer,

God forgave, redeemed, and claimed you as his own. Your identity does not depend on your performance. A newborn infant is fully human, fully loved, fully part of the family before he can do anything to earn his place. You are fully God's before you have grown into all that he has called you to be. Rest in that today. You belong to him.

Day 2: Born Again, Not Born Mature

Reading: John 3:1-8

Jesus told a religious expert, a man who had spent his entire life pursuing spiritual excellence, that he needed to be born again. Nobody starts at maturity. Not even the most disciplined, devoted, accomplished person. The new birth is a beginning, not a graduation.

When you came to faith, you were not handed a diploma. You were handed a life. A new one. And like every new life, it requires time, nourishment, struggle, and growth. Do not despise the early stages of your walk with God. Embrace them. Every mature believer was once an infant in the faith.

Day 3: Working Out What God Has Worked In

Reading: Philippians 2:12-13

Paul makes a striking pairing in these verses. He affirms that God is at work within believers, and in the same breath calls them to active participation in the process. Salvation is a gift. Maturity is a pursuit. You do not grow by sitting still and waiting for transformation to arrive. You grow by praying before it feels natural, by forgiving before the hurt subsides, by serving before it brings you joy. God provides the power. You provide the willingness. These two things working together are what move a believer from infancy toward the fullness of Christ.

Day 4: Honest Relationships and the Light of Grace

Reading: Ephesians 4:15-16

Paul describes the body of Christ as a community in which every part contributes to the growth of the whole. Maturity is not a solo project. Infants cannot raise themselves. They must be carried, fed, and taught. The same is true in the life of faith. When you hide your struggles, you protect your immaturity. When you bring your failures, your doubts, and your wounds into honest relationship with others, you expose them to grace and truth. Speaking the truth in love, receiving it in love, this is how the body grows. Do not face your growth alone.

Day 5: Fruit Takes Time

Reading: Matthew 7:15-20

Jesus says that a tree is known by its fruit. But fruit does not appear overnight. There is a season of planting, a season of growth, a season of waiting before the harvest becomes visible. Your stumbles and failures do not rename you. They are part of the process by which God is forming you into the very thing he has declared you to be. Stop reading your struggles as evidence that your identity is false. Read them instead as evidence that you are in the middle of a real and ongoing transformation. The tree is growing. The fruit is coming.