

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: God Uses the Unlikely

Devotional

Have you ever felt like you were not qualified enough, experienced enough, or polished enough to be used by God? You are in good company. Amos was a shepherd and a farmer, not a trained priest or prophet. He had no formal credentials, no impressive title, and no platform. Yet God chose Him to carry one of the most important messages in Israel's history.

This is not a coincidence. It is a pattern. God consistently chooses people the world would overlook. Not because He is limited in His options, but because He wants it to be clear that the power comes from Him, not from us.

What God is looking for is not a perfect resume. He is looking for a willing heart. A heart that says, here I am, Lord. A heart that is submitted and available. That is the kind of person God can work through in remarkable ways.

If you have been waiting to step into something God has placed on your heart because you feel unqualified, take courage today. Your background does not disqualify you. Your willingness is what matters. God is not looking for the most impressive person in the room. He is looking for the most available one.

You do not have to have it all together. You just have to show up.

Bible Verse

'But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong.' - 1 Corinthians 1:27

Reflection Question

Is there something God has been nudging you toward that you have been avoiding because you feel unqualified or unprepared?

Quote

God can use anyone who is submitted and saying, here I am, Lord, send me.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for using ordinary people to do extraordinary things. Help me to stop waiting until I feel ready and instead say yes to what You are calling me to today. Amen.

Day 2: God Sees Everything

Devotional

It is easy to think that the big moments are what define us spiritually. The Sunday mornings, the public prayers, the visible acts of service. But what about the moments no one else sees? The sharp word you said under your breath. The way you treated someone who could not do anything for you. The quiet cruelty or the slow betrayal.

God sees those moments too. Every single one of them.

When God spoke through Amos, He did not condemn the surrounding nations for failing a theology exam. He condemned them for how they treated people. Cruelty, exploitation, betrayal, and harbored hatred were all named. These are not dramatic, headline-grabbing sins. They are the everyday kind. The kind that happen in traffic, in the office, and around the dinner table.

This is both sobering and freeing. Sobering because nothing is hidden from Him. Freeing because He sees us fully and still calls us to come back to Him. His awareness of our failures is not meant to crush us. It is meant to invite us into honesty.

You do not have to pretend with God. He already knows. And He is still reaching toward you with grace.

Bible Verse

'These are the things you are to do: Speak the truth to each other, and render true and sound judgment in your courts; do not plot evil against each other, and do not love to swear falsely. I hate all this, declares the Lord.' - Zechariah 8:16-17

Reflection Question

Are there any everyday moments, in your words, your attitude, or your actions toward others, that you have been treating as invisible to God?

Quote

God sees what people do. He sees the cruelty. He sees when you exploit the helpless. He sees when you betray people.

Prayer

Father, I know You see everything, and I am grateful Your gaze is full of love, not just judgment.
Search my heart today and show me where I need to change. Amen.

Day 3: Truth Without Heart

Devotional

It is possible to know all the right things and still miss what matters most. Israel in Amos's day is a sobering example of this. They were going through the religious motions. The rituals were happening. The routines were intact. But underneath the surface, exploitation, immorality, and indifference toward the vulnerable had taken root.

God was not impressed. In fact, He was grieved. Because knowing His truth while ignoring His heart is a form of hypocrisy, and He takes it seriously.

This is a challenge worth sitting with. It is possible to attend church, read the Bible, and say the right things while quietly treating people in ways that do not reflect God at all. The second greatest commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself. That is not a suggestion tucked away in a footnote. It is central to what it means to follow Jesus.

God's concern has always been about the whole person, including how we treat others. Faith that does not show up in our relationships is incomplete. The good news is that God does not leave us there. He calls us back, gently and persistently, because He wants us to experience the fullness of what it means to walk with Him.

Let your faith be more than a routine. Let it be real.

Bible Verse

'They have rejected the law of the Lord and have not kept His decrees, because they have been led astray by false gods, the gods their ancestors followed.' - Amos 2:4

Reflection Question

In what areas of your life might you be going through the motions of faith without letting it genuinely shape how you treat the people around you?

Quote

I can know God's truth but still miss God's heart.

Prayer

Jesus, I do not want a faith that is only surface deep. Show me where my actions toward others do not match what I say I believe, and give me the courage to change. Amen.

Day 4: Grace Produces Gratitude, Not Entitlement

Devotional

One of the quietest and most dangerous shifts in the life of a believer is the move from gratitude to entitlement. It does not happen all at once. It creeps in slowly. You begin to assume that because God is gracious, your choices do not really have consequences. That because you are forgiven, accountability does not apply to you. That grace is a blank check rather than a gift.

Israel made this mistake. They had received so much from God, His word, His protection, His provision, and yet they began to live as though those gifts were owed to them. The result was a community that looked religious on the outside but had drifted far from God's heart on the inside.

Grace is one of the most beautiful realities in all of Scripture. But it was never meant to produce entitlement. It was meant to produce a life overflowing with gratitude. When you truly understand what God has done for you, the natural response is not to take advantage of it. It is to live in a way that reflects it.

Entitlement says, look at me. Gratitude says, look what God has done. That difference changes everything about how you carry yourself, how you treat others, and how you walk through each day.

Choose gratitude. It is the more beautiful way to live.

Bible Verse

'Hear this word, people of Israel, the word the Lord has spoken against you against the whole family I brought up out of Egypt: You only have I chosen of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your sins.' - Amos 2:6

Reflection Question

Where in your life might entitlement be quietly replacing gratitude, and what would it look like to make that shift back?

Quote

God's grace should never produce an entitlement in your life. It should always produce a gratitude.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for Your grace, which I do not deserve and could never earn. Keep my heart soft and grateful, and protect me from ever treating Your goodness as something I am owed. Amen.

Day 5: Come Back to God

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Every warning God gives is ultimately an invitation. That is the heart behind the entire message of Amos. God did not send a prophet to condemn His people from a distance. He sent one because He loved them enough to call them back before it was too late.

The same is true for you today. Whatever you are carrying, whatever you have done, whatever has quietly drifted in your heart, God is not standing far off with His arms crossed. He is leaning in. He is calling you by name. And the promise is simple and stunning: come near to God, and He will come near to you.

This is not about becoming more religious or cleaning yourself up before you approach Him. It is about coming honestly, even brokenly, and saying, Lord, I need You. It is dragging yourself to the altar, not because you have it together, but because you know He is the only one who can put you back together.

Only Jesus can save us from our sin. Only He can change our hearts. And He is ready to do exactly that for anyone who comes to Him with humility and honesty.

You do not have to have the right words. You just have to come. He will meet you there, and He will lift you up.

Bible Verse

'Come near to God and He will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.' - James 4:8

Reflection Question

What is one thing you have been holding back from God that He is gently inviting you to bring to Him today?

Quote

Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He's going to lift you up and embrace you.

Prayer

Father, I come to You just as I am, not with everything figured out, but with a heart that needs You.
Draw me close, change what needs to change, and remind me that Your arms are always open.
Amen.