

# 5 Day Devotional

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## **Day 1: The Source of Ministry Power**

**Reading:** John 15:1-11

It is tempting to measure ministry effectiveness by knowledge, skill, or moral performance. But the sermon reminds us that the power and effectiveness of our ministry is dictated by the quality of our fellowship with the Father. Jesus makes the same case in John 15, where he describes a vine and its branches. A branch does not produce fruit through effort alone but through connection. Knowledge and obedience matter deeply, but they flow from relationship, not the other way around. Today, examine where you are drawing your strength. Are you striving in your own ability, or are you abiding?

## **Day 2: When Consequences Do Not Produce Change**

**Reading:** Daniel 9:13-14

Daniel observed something sobering about his people. They had endured devastating consequences and yet had done neither of the two things God desired: they had not turned from their sins, and they had not given attention to God's truth. Suffering alone does not automatically produce transformation. Hardship can harden as easily as it humbles. The question is not simply whether life has become difficult, but whether difficulty is driving us toward God. Today, consider whether there is an area of your life where you have been enduring consequences without allowing them to draw you into honest, open fellowship with God.

### **Day 3: The Grace Behind Seeing Clearly**

**Reading:** Romans 1:21-25 and Romans 12:1-2

Paul describes a condition common to all of humanity: darkened thinking that mistakes foolishness for wisdom. We do not naturally see our sin with clarity. The ability to recognize sin as sin is itself a gift of grace. When the Holy Spirit illuminates something in your life that is not aligned with God's truth, that moment of conviction is not an accusation. It is evidence of a mind being renewed. It is the beginning of freedom. Romans 12:2 describes transformation as something that happens to us through surrender. Today, thank God for every moment of clarity he has granted you about yourself.

### **Day 4: Confession and the Power of the Light**

**Reading:** 1 John 1:5-10 and Psalm 32:1-5

Confession is not a ritual of self-punishment. It is the act of agreeing with God about what is true, refusing to rename, excuse, minimize, or hide what he has already seen. Sin thrives in the dark. God heals in the light. Psalm 32 captures the physical and emotional weight of unconfessed sin, and then the profound relief of bringing it into the open before God. First John assures us that when we confess, God is faithful and just to forgive and to cleanse. Today, ask the Holy Spirit to surface anything you have been carrying in the dark, and practice the simple, honest language of confession.

### **Day 5: Repentance as Homecoming**

**Reading:** Luke 15:11-24

Repentance is not dragging your sin behind you into God's presence with your head down in shame. It is turning away from what has been poisoning your life and running toward a Father who is already running toward you. The prodigal son rehearsed a speech of unworthiness, but the father interrupted it with celebration. True repentance reorients your attention away from your failure and toward God's character, his word, and his promises. It is a movement of grace, joy, and restored identity. Today, wherever you have been rehearsing your shame rather than receiving his restoration, lay it down and receive the welcome that is already being offered to you.