5 Day Devotional

Day 1: A Love Worth Celebrating

Devotional

Weddings are full of beauty: vows, joy, family, tears, and celebration. But marriage is more than a meaningful moment. It is a picture God uses to show us something sacred. Every marriage points beyond itself to the love of Christ for His Church.

That means marriage is worth honoring, protecting, and celebrating. If you are married, your relationship is not ordinary. It is one of the ways God displays covenant love in the world. If you are single, widowed, or walking through relational pain, this picture still speaks hope: Jesus is the faithful Bridegroom who loves His people with joy and commitment.

A wedding is a day, but love is cultivated over time. Cherish the moments, but also build the life. Let your view of marriage be shaped by wonder, not cynicism.

Bible Verse

'Go out, O daughters of Zion, and look upon King Solomon, with the crown with which his mother crowned him on the day of his wedding, on the day of the gladness of his heart.' - Song of Solomon 3:11

Reflection Question

How can you better honor marriage, whether in your own life or in the way you speak about it to others?

Quote

Every wedding that you go to as a person, it not only is a celebration of that love, but it's a reflection of Christ and the Church.

Prayer

Lord, help me see marriage the way You see it. Teach me to celebrate covenant love and to reflect Your faithfulness in my relationships.

Day 2: Speak What You See

Devotional

Love should not be silent. In Song of Solomon, the groom speaks with tenderness, delight, and specificity over his bride. He does not assume she knows how he feels. He tells her.

Words have the power to build safety, confidence, and closeness. In marriage, admiration should not be saved for anniversaries or special occasions. It should become part of the atmosphere of the home. Notice the good. Say it out loud. Be specific. Beauty is not only physical. It is character, faithfulness, kindness, strength, and the little ways someone keeps showing up.

This also reminds us of how Jesus sees His people. In Him, we are not defined by shame or failure. We are washed, loved, and received. He looks at His bride with affection, not contempt.

Today, let love become audible.

Bible Verse

'You are altogether beautiful, my love; there is no flaw in you.' - Song of Solomon 4:7

Reflection Question

Who needs to hear life-giving words from you today, and what specific good can you name in them?

Quote

God wants a husband to be enraptured with his wife all the days of His life. Her beauty, her character, her style.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for looking at me with love and grace. Help me use my words to build up, bless, and draw others closer.

Day 3: Don’t Let Comfort Replace Closeness

Devotional

Comfort can be a gift, but it can also become a quiet danger. In Song of Solomon, the beloved comes near, but the response is delayed. What begins as hesitation becomes distance.

This happens in marriage, friendship, and even our walk with Jesus. Love may not be gone, but responsiveness can fade. We stop listening closely. We stop pursuing. We assume there will always be more time, more chances, more opportunities to reconnect.

Closeness requires response. A tender word. A sincere apology. A phone call. A prayer. A hand reached across the distance. Small choices of attention can protect a relationship from growing cold.

Jesus is not merely interested in our activity for Him. He wants our hearts awake to Him. If He is knocking, do not delay. Open the door again.

Bible Verse

'I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.' - Song of Solomon 5:2

Reflection Question

Where have you become slow to respond: in your marriage, a relationship, or your relationship with Jesus?

Quote

Sometimes in a marriage, the problem isn't that love is gone. The problem is that you've gotten too comfortable to respond.

Prayer

Lord, awaken my heart where it has grown passive. Help me choose closeness over convenience and respond quickly to love.

Day 4: Beloved and Friend

Devotional

One of the most powerful descriptions in Song of Solomon is simple: “This is my beloved, and this is my friend.” Marriage is not meant to be only partnership, parenting, or shared responsibilities. It is meant to include deep friendship.

Friendship protects love from becoming purely functional. Friends talk. Friends laugh. Friends listen. Friends defend one another when others are not in the room. A spouse should never be treated as the punchline of a joke or the target of public criticism.

Speaking well of your spouse does not mean pretending life is perfect. It means honoring the covenant even when things are hard. It means choosing wisdom, privacy, and protection over venting to the wrong crowd.

This also points us to Jesus. He is not distant or cold. He calls us near. He is altogether lovely, and He invites us into friendship with Himself.

Bible Verse

'His mouth is most sweet: yea, he is altogether lovely. This is my beloved, and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem.' - Song of Solomon 5:16

Reflection Question

Do your words about the people closest to you protect their dignity or quietly erode it?

Quote

Your spouse, ladies, is not just your lover or the parent of your kid. He is your friend, your best friend, and needs to be.

Prayer

Jesus, make me faithful in how I speak about those I love. Teach me to be a better friend, a safer presence, and a protector of trust.

Day 5: Won by Love

Devotional

The love described in Song of Solomon is captivated love. It is not cold duty or distant obligation. It is affection that moves the heart.

That gives us a beautiful picture of the gospel. Jesus did not come only to forgive sins, though He surely did that. He came to win our hearts. He looks at His people with love, delight, and expectation. He is preparing to present His bride faultless before His throne.

When we understand His love, it changes how we love others. We stop treating relationships as burdens to manage and begin seeing them as gifts to steward. In marriage, that means elevating your spouse, not undermining them. In the church, it means honoring one another as people Jesus treasures.

Let your love point beyond itself. Let others see something of Christ in the way you pursue, forgive, speak, and remain faithful.

Bible Verse

'You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride; you have captivated my heart with one glance of your eyes, with one jewel of your necklace.' - Song of Solomon 4:9

Reflection Question

If people watched how you love, what would they learn about the love of Christ?

Quote

Jesus came not just to die for your sins. He came to win your heart.

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for loving me with joy and not condemnation. Let my relationships reflect Your faithful, pursuing, heart-winning love.