
5-Day Devotional: Hide and See: A Life Hidden with Christ

Day 1: The God Who Sees You

Reading: Genesis 16:6-14 — The passage where Hagar, alone and desperate, encounters God in the wilderness and receives the name El Roi, meaning "the God who sees."

Devotional:

It is easy to believe God watches over nations, movements, and great events while overlooking the ordinary details of your life. But Hagar was a servant woman, forgotten by the powerful and displaced by circumstance, and God found her at a well in the wilderness. He saw her pain before she spoke a word. He named her son before he was born.

The same God who holds the cosmos together narrows his gaze to you, in your particular struggle, on your ordinary Tuesday. You are not invisible to heaven. Every quiet act of faithfulness, every prayer whispered in exhaustion, every moment you chose to keep going, He saw all of it. Let that truth settle into the places where you have felt unseen and unappreciated. El Roi is your God too.

Reflection:

In what area of your life have you felt most invisible or overlooked? How does knowing God sees that specific place change how you carry it today?

Application:

Write down one hidden act of faithfulness from the past week that no one acknowledged. Offer it to God in prayer, trusting that he saw it and honors it.

Day 2: Serving for an Audience of One

Reading: Matthew 6:1-6 — Jesus instructs his followers not to practice righteousness in front of others for the purpose of being seen, promising that the Father who sees in secret will reward openly.

Devotional:

Jesus does not call us away from generosity; He calls us away from performance. Some versions of giving, praying, and serving are ultimately about building a reputation rather than building the kingdom. Jesus identifies this as its own reward, and a small one at that. People's applause is temporary, inconsistent, and ultimately unable to satisfy the deep need for validation that drives us toward it.

When you give without announcing it, when you serve without documenting it, when you pray without an audience, you declare: God's approval is enough for me. That declaration, repeated in the small moments of daily life, begins genuine spiritual freedom.

Reflection: Are there areas of your spiritual life that have quietly become performances? What would it look like to do those same things in secret this week?

Application: Choose one act of generosity or service this week and commit to keeping it entirely between you and God. Resist the urge to mention it to anyone.

Day 3: Hidden with Christ in God

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4. Paul describes the believer's life as hidden with Christ in God, with the promise that when Christ appears, believers will also appear with him in glory.

Devotional:

Paul presents one of the most mysterious and beautiful realities of life in Christ: your true life is hidden. It is not on display for the world to evaluate. It is not measured by your productivity, your platform, or your public reputation. It is tucked away in Christ himself, secure and unseen, waiting for the moment when he is fully revealed.

This means the pressure to prove your worth through visible achievement is not yours. You have died to that old way of measuring a life. What you are becoming in Christ in the quiet, in the mundane, in the faithful and unnoticed moments is more real and more lasting than anything the world can see right now.

Reflection:

How much of your sense of purpose is tied to what others can observe about you? What would it mean to genuinely trust that your hidden life in Christ is your most important life?

Application:

Spend ten minutes in silent prayer today, simply resting in the reality that God sees and knows you fully, without any need to explain or justify yourself to Him.

Day 4: Faithful in the Mundane

Reading: Hebrews 6:10-12 and Galatians 6:9-10 — The first passage affirms that God does not forget faithful service done in love. The second urges believers not to grow weary in doing good, promising a harvest for those who do not give up.

Devotional: The pattern of fruitful kingdom life is not dramatic — it is faithful. The harvest does not come after one extraordinary moment of sacrifice. It comes after years of ordinary obedience: showing up, serving quietly, loving people who may never say thank you, praying for

the same person decade after decade. God does not consider this small. He calls it faithfulness, and he promises he will not forget it.

The mundane tasks of your life raising children, caring for aging parents, working with integrity in an unnoticed role, choosing patience when frustration would be easier these are not interruptions to your ministry. They are your ministry.

Reflection:

Where in your daily life are you tempted to believe that what you are doing does not matter because no one is watching or applauding? How does today's Scripture reframe that?

Application :

Identify one recurring, unglamorous responsibility in your life and intentionally offer it to God as an act of worship before you do it today.

Day 5: Released to Serve: The Legacy of the Hidden Life

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16 — Jesus declares that his followers are the light of the world and calls them to let their light shine so that others see their good works and glorify the Father in heaven.

Devotional:

The hidden life and the shining life are not opposites; they are the same life at different moments. When you serve faithfully in secret, when your motivations are purified by fidelity to Christ rather than hunger for recognition, something happens.

The Holy Spirit takes what you have offered in hiddenness and reveals it in his own timing, not to make your name great, but to make the Father's name great. Albert McCracken invited one boy to a tent revival and never became famous. Billy Graham preached to hundreds of thousands. Both mattered equally in the kingdom. You may never know the full weight of your faithful, hidden obedience this side of eternity. Trust that God will.

Reflection:

Do you believe your life will count if no one remembers your name? What would it look like to fully release your legacy into God's hands and serve freely without needing to see the outcome?

Application:

Ask God in prayer today to show you one quiet, specific opportunity to serve someone this week and commit to doing it without telling anyone. Let that act be your offering, hidden with Christ in God.