

5-Day Devotional: Building a Home on Christ

Reflection Questions for the Week:

- In what ways have I been living like a stranger rather than someone who belongs?
 - What false foundations have I been building my life upon instead of Christ?
 - How can I make my home a safer, more welcoming place for my family?
 - Where is God calling me to actively build with others in His household?
 - What practical steps can I take to invite God's presence more fully into my daily home life?
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Day 1: From Strangers to Family

Reading: Ephesians 2:19-22

Devotional:

Paul wrote these encouraging words from a Roman prison, reminding us that our circumstances don't define our identity in Christ. You are no longer a foreigner or stranger—you belong to God's household. This belonging isn't something you earned; it's a gift drawn from God's grace through Jesus Christ.

In a world where people search endlessly for acceptance, the gospel declares you already have a place at the table. Your cultural background, past mistakes, or current struggles don't disqualify you. Through Christ, you are a citizen of God's kingdom and a member of His family. Today, reflect on this truth: you belong. Let this reality shape how you see yourself and how you welcome others into community.

Day 2: The Foundation That Holds

Reading: Matthew 7:24-27

Devotional:

When storms hit your marriage, finances, health, or family, what foundation holds you steady? Many build their lives on money, success, comfort, or achievement—foundations that crumble under pressure. Jesus offers a different way: build your life on His unchanging Word. The wise builder doesn't just hear Christ's teachings but puts them into practice daily.

This isn't about a twenty-minute Sunday experience; it's about applying God's truth throughout the week in your home, workplace, and relationships. When everything else fails—when savings disappear, health declines, or plans fall apart—Christ remains the Rock that never shifts. Today, examine your foundation. Are you building on the solid rock of Jesus or the sinking sand of temporary things?

Day 3: Home as a Place of Belonging

Reading: Psalm 68:5-6

Devotional:

God sets the lonely in families because He understands our deepest need: to belong. Your home should be the first place where belonging is practiced, not just the church building. Children need to know they belong. Spouses need to feel valued and appreciated. Every family member should experience unconditional love despite mistakes and imperfections. Many live like strangers under the same roof; each doing their own thing without true connection.

But God's design is different. He calls us to create atmospheres where forgiveness flows freely, conversations are safe, and encouragement is spoken often. The church doesn't start on Sunday morning; it starts in your daily family life. Today, ask yourself: Does everyone in my home feel they truly belong?

Day 4: Built Together, Not Alone

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Devotional:

No single stone builds a wall. Every member of God's household has a unique shape and purpose. You might look at yourself and wonder where you fit, but God has designed you perfectly for your place in His building. In your family, each person plays an essential role. In the church, your presence matters; when you're missing, there's a gap only you can fill.

This requires humility to recognize we need each other and intentionality to invest in togetherness. Building together means sharing stories of both victories and struggles, being vulnerable about failures, and celebrating each other's growth. It means parents teaching children at home throughout the week, not depending solely on Sunday messages. Today, consider: How am I actively building with others rather than living isolated?

Day 5: A Dwelling Place for God

Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:16-17

Devotional:

God's ultimate goal isn't just to build a structure but to create a dwelling place where He lives by His Spirit. Your home can be beautiful; perfect paint, nice furniture, all the comforts—but without God's presence, it's just a house. What transforms a house into a home is the life, laughter, memories, and, most importantly, God's presence that fills it.

When you invite the Holy Spirit into your daily family life, healing comes to wounded hearts, peace replaces chaos, and hope overcomes despair. This happens when Christ is genuinely at the center—not as an add-on, but as the cornerstone determining everything else. A home filled with God's presence becomes a place of refuge, encouragement, and transformation that impacts your community and nation. Today, pray: "Lord, make my home Your dwelling place."