

# 5 Day Devotional Guide

*Take a Stand*

## ***Day 1: Standing Firm in God's Grace***

Scripture: 1 Peter 5:8-11, Ephesians 3:17-19, Titus 2:11-14, 1 Corinthians 10:13

Devotional: Peter's words remind us that we have an adversary who seeks to devour us, but we also have a God of all grace who strengthens and establishes us. Today, reflect on the areas of your life where you feel under attack. Are you battling discouragement, doubt, or fear? Remember that God's grace is not just forgiveness, but His active presence in your life, calling you to glory, restoring you, securing you, and strengthening you. Take a moment to write down specific ways you've experienced God's grace recently. How has He restored or strengthened you? As you face challenges today, stand firm in the knowledge that the God of all grace is with you, working all things for your good and His glory.

## ***Day 2: The Grace of Submission***

Scripture: Hebrews 10:24-25, Acts 16:16-34

Devotional: Peter emphasizes the importance of standing in solidarity with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We're not alone in our struggles; believers worldwide face similar challenges. This shared experience should unite and strengthen us. Today, consider your Christian community. Who are the "Silvanus" figures in your life - those faithful brothers or sisters who encourage and support you? If you're lacking such relationships, pray for God to bring supportive believers into your life. Reach out to someone in your church or small group to share a word of encouragement or ask for prayer. How can you be that source of encouragement for someone else today?

## ***Day 3: Staying Alert in a Spiritual Battle***

Scripture: Ephesians 6:10-18

Devotional: Peter urges us to be "sober-minded and alert" because our adversary prowls around like a roaring lion. This imagery reminds us that we're in a spiritual battle. Paul's description of the armor of God in Ephesians provides practical guidance for this fight. As you read through the armor of God, pause to consider each piece. Are there areas where you feel particularly vulnerable? Perhaps you struggle with doubt (shield of faith) or find it hard to rest in your salvation (helmet of salvation). Take time to pray, asking God to strengthen you in these areas. Remember, our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against spiritual forces of evil. Stay alert today, recognizing spiritual attacks for what they are and stand firm.

## ***Day 4: The Transformative Power of Truth***

Reading: John 8:31-32, 1 Corinthians 10:13, 2 Corinthians 10:3-5, James 4:7-8

Devotional: Peter emphasizes standing firm in truth as a way to resist the enemy. Jesus himself said that the truth will set us free. The enemy often attacks us with lies - about ourselves, about God, and about our circumstances. But when we stand in God's truth, these lies lose their power. Today, identify a lie you've been believing then search Scripture for a truth that counters this lie. Write it down and meditate on it throughout the day. Ask the Holy Spirit to help you internalize this truth, allowing it to transform your thinking and your actions. As you abide in truth, you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.

## ***Day 5: Finding Peace in Christ***

Reading: John 14:15-27, John 16:33, 2 Corinthians 10:3-7

Devotional: Peter concludes his letter with a blessing of peace for all who are in Christ. This peace isn't the absence of trouble, but the presence of Christ in the midst of our trials. Jesus himself promised that while we will have trouble in this world, we can take heart because He has overcome the world. Reflect on the challenges you're currently facing. How might viewing these difficulties through the lens of Christ's victory change your perspective? Take time to bring your troubles before the Lord, surrendering them to Him. Ask for His peace that surpasses understanding to guard your heart and mind.