

5* Day Devotional Guide

Changed to Change

Day 1: Spiritual Sacrifice

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:5; Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: As Peter wraps up this section he says “Finally” as if everything was culminating. Truthfully it was the culmination of what “offering spiritual sacrifices” means. Paul also covers these same type of characteristics when he talks about a living sacrifice. Reflect on what it means to offer “spiritual sacrifices” or a “living sacrifice” as Paul calls it. How might God be challenging your day-to-day living, serving, and loving, through these passages. If you have extra time today, slowly read through 1 Peter 2:1-3:17, then go back and read all of Romans 12. As the Holy Spirit to challenge you and show you what steps you need to take, in how to love Christ, love others and live out your worship.

Day 2: Unity in Christ's Love

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:8-12, John 17:20-22

Devotional: Peter's call for believers to be "like-minded" echoes Jesus' prayer for unity among His followers. This unity isn't about agreeing on every detail, but about sharing a common purpose and vision centered on Christ. Today, reflect on how you can foster unity within your faith community. Are there relationships that need mending? Perspectives that need broadening? Ask God to help you see others through His eyes of love and to cultivate a spirit of harmony that draws people to Christ.

Day 3: Compassion in Action

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21, 1 Peter 3:8-9

Devotional: To be "sympathetic" and "tenderhearted" as Peter instructs means entering into the joys and sorrows of others. It's about being present, listening without judgment, and responding with Christ-like love. Today, challenge yourself to truly see the people around you. Who might be hurting or celebrating that you've overlooked? How can you tangibly show God's love through your actions?

Day 4: Blessed to Be a Blessing

Reading: Genesis 12:1-3, 1 Peter 3:9-12

Devotional: God's promise to Abraham echoes through Peter's words to the early church: we are blessed to be a blessing. This isn't about material prosperity, but about the richness of God's grace flowing through us to others. How have you experienced God's blessings in your life? How can you "pay it forward" by blessing others, even those who may have wronged you?

Day 5: Unshakeable Hope

Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-17, Isaiah 8:12-13

Devotional: In a world full of fear and uncertainty, Peter calls believers to a different response – one of hope and courage rooted in Christ. This hope isn't wishful thinking, but a confident expectation in God's faithfulness. What fears or anxieties are you carrying today? How might your perspective shift if you truly believed that Christ is Lord over every circumstance?

*****BONUS** Day 6: Reflecting Christ in Suffering***

Reading: 1 Peter 3:13-17, Romans 5:1-5

Devotional: Peter doesn't promise an easy life for believers, but he does assure us that even in suffering, we have an opportunity to reflect Christ. When we respond to injustice or hardship with gentleness, respect, and unwavering faith, we offer a powerful witness to the transforming power of the Gospel. Reflect on a challenging situation in your life. How might God be calling you to respond in a way that honors Him and points others to Christ?