

# 5 Day Devotional Guide

*Don't Stop Being Saved*

## **Day 1: The Power That Sets Free** | Scripture: Galatians 2:19-20; Acts 8:9-13

Devotional: Simon the Sorcerer astonished people with tricks, claiming greatness for himself. But when Philip arrived preaching the Kingdom of God, real power was revealed. The difference? Simon's power impressed; Christ's power transforms. Many of us settle for impressive religion—looking good, saying the right things, attending church—while missing the transformative power of the gospel. True salvation isn't about becoming a better version of yourself; it's about dying to your old self entirely and allowing Christ to live through you. Today, ask yourself: Am I settling for impressive Christianity, or am I experiencing the transformative power of Christ? Don't just believe in Jesus—let Him crucify your old life and resurrect something entirely new.

## **Day 2: The Gift You Cannot Earn** | Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-9; Acts 8:18-20

Devotional: Simon tried to purchase God's power with money, revealing a heart that still operated by the world's economy: pay to play, earn your worth, buy your status. Peter's rebuke was sharp because the gospel demolishes this entire system. God's power, grace, and Spirit are gifts—freely given, impossible to earn, available only through surrender. How often do we subtly try to "pay God back" through good works, religious activity, or moral improvement? We serve God out of gratitude, not obligation; out of love, not transaction. The Christian life isn't about what you can do for God, but what God has done for you. Stop trying to earn what's already been freely given. Receive His grace today.

## **Day 3: Poisoned by Bitterness, Bound by Sin** | Scripture: Hebrews 12:14-15; Acts 8:21-23

Devotional: Peter identified two chains binding Simon: bitterness and sin. Bitterness grows when we long for our old status, influence, or identity. Sin binds us when we refuse to fully surrender our former life. Many believers live in this tension—saved but still shackled, forgiven but not free. They've accepted Jesus as Savior but resist Him as Lord. True conversion requires both burial and wedding—completely forsaking the old life and fully embracing union with Christ. Examine your heart today: What bitterness are you nursing? What sin patterns still bind you? Christ didn't save you to leave you in chains. His power breaks every bondage. Repent fully, surrender completely, and walk in the freedom He purchased for you.

## **Day 4: Receive the Holy Spirit** | Scripture: Acts 1:8, 2:38-39; Acts 8:14-17

Devotional: The Samaritan believers had faith and were baptized, but the apostles prayed they would receive something more—the Holy Spirit. God doesn't want you to settle for partial salvation. Believing is essential. Baptism is obedient. But receiving the Holy Spirit is the empowerment for the life God calls you to live. Without His Spirit, Christianity becomes self-effort, moral striving, and eventual burnout. With His Spirit, you have power to witness, wisdom to understand Scripture, strength to resist temptation, and love to reconcile enemies. Don't settle for forgiveness alone—pursue the fullness of God's presence. Ask the Father to fill you afresh with His Spirit today. He delights to give this gift to those who ask.

## **Day 5: Living the New Life** | Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21; Acts 8:25

Devotional: The gospel brought Jews and Samaritans—ancient enemies—into unity. This is the power of true conversion: it tears down walls, heals divisions, and creates reconciliation where hatred once reigned. You are a new creation, called to live a radically different life. Not just morally improved, but fundamentally transformed. The world doesn't need more "good people" trying harder; it needs Spirit-filled believers demonstrating God's power through humble love. Where is God calling you to bring reconciliation? Who needs to see Christ's power lived out through your life? Don't stop being saved—go deeper into transformation. Let Christ so fill you that your workplace, family, and community see not just your goodness, but His greatness. Live the new life He's given you.

# Keep Moving Forward: Your Fresh Wind Commitment

*As you complete this devotional journey, consider these practical steps to position yourself for God's fresh wind:*

## Weekly Commitments:

- *Attend Sunday worship consistently (aim for 3+ services monthly)*
- *Join Wednesday prayer gatherings to seek God corporately*
- *Participate in monthly Fresh Wind evening services*
- *Be part of a Discipleship Group*

## Daily Practices:

- *Designate specific time for prayer and Scripture reading*
- *Remove one distraction that crowds out time with God*
- *Ask the Holy Spirit to fill you afresh each morning*
- *Invite someone to join you in pursuing God's presence*

**Remember:** Hardship might be just what you need to do everything God has called you to do. God desires to bring unity, because unity in the family, and in the body of Christ brings unity and great joy into the community. Continuously take hold of all God has for you, repent—turn from sin and never look back, believe the gospel, be baptized, receive the Holy Spirit, and daily obey the voice of the Lord.