

5 Day Devotional Guide

Don't Go Back

Day 1: Springs of Living Water | Scripture: John 7:37-39; 1 John 1:5-6

Devotional: Jesus promised that rivers of living water would flow from those who believe in Him—this is the Holy Spirit dwelling within us. Yet Peter warns us about being "springs without water," claiming holiness without the Holy Spirit's power. You cannot have Jesus without His Spirit. Religion without God's presence leaves us empty, offering nothing to a thirsty world. Today, examine your spiritual life honestly. Are you relying on religious activity or the Spirit's power? God desires all of you, and He offers all of Himself. Don't settle for godliness without God. Ask Him to fill you afresh with His Spirit, so genuine life flows through you to others. Am I experiencing the Holy Spirit's power daily, or just going through religious motions?

Day 2: Building on the Rock | Scripture: Matthew 7:24-27; Proverbs 18:17, 25:2,

Devotional: False teachers appeal to what we want to hear, offering lofty words without truth. We naturally gravitate toward messages that confirm our preferences rather than challenge our comfort. But Jesus calls us to build our lives on His words—hearing them AND obeying them. This requires becoming eager students who don't just accept what sounds good, but who search out truth diligently. God conceals matters so we'll seek Him, not so we'll remain ignorant. When storms come—and they will—only those built on Christ's truth will stand. Don't be lazy in your faith. Study deeply, ask questions, and hunger for wisdom. God gives His Spirit to help you understand what once seemed impossible to grasp. Am I seeking truth that challenges me, or just confirmation of what I already believe?

Day 3: Freed to Serve | Scripture: Isaiah 55:6-7; Romans 6:15-18

Devotional: True freedom isn't doing whatever you want—it's the liberation to serve God according to His will. Before Christ, you served your own desires, making yourself king of your life. Salvation happens when you recognize God as the rightful King and surrender completely to Him. False teachers promise freedom while remaining enslaved to sin themselves. But Christ offers something better: freedom FROM sin to live FOR Him. Repentance means forsaking your way and embracing His. It's not about being forgiven so you can continue the old life slightly improved—it's about receiving power to live an entirely new life. You've been set free from one master to joyfully serve another. This is true freedom. Have I truly made Jesus Lord, or am I still trying to be king of my own life?

Day 4: Don't Return to the Vomit | Scripture: 2 Peter 2:20-22; Hebrews 10:26-31

Devotional: Peter uses a shocking image: a dog returning to its vomit. Why do we return to what once made us sick? Sometimes it's to hide weakness, to fit in with old crowds. Sometimes the sin still smells appealing, and we forget the poison it contains. Often it's comfort in familiar habits or anxiety that God won't provide. But returning to sin after knowing Christ leaves you worse off than before. Get sick of being sick! See sin clearly for the poison it is. Don't minimize the conviction you felt when you first encountered Jesus. That disgust with your old life was the Holy Spirit showing you truth. Trust that God provides everything you need. The old life offers nothing but death dressed up as satisfaction. What "vomit" am I tempted to return to, and why does it still appeal to me?

Day 5: Stay Out of the Mud | Scripture: Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: Pigs wallow in mud together—it's social bonding. Similarly, our old communities often pressure us to return to familiar patterns. But baptism symbolizes being washed clean, emerging as a new creation. You can't demonstrate Christ's transforming power while rolling in the same mud as everyone else. This requires intentional separation—not isolation, but holy distinction. Surround yourself with people who encourage your new life in Christ, who challenge you to grow rather than conform. When you're genuinely clean, living differently, you become a powerful testimony. Your old friends can see what transformation looks like. Don't follow the crowd; follow Christ. To live a new life, you must go a new way. Leave the mud behind. Who in my life encourages me toward holiness, and who is pulling me backward?