

5 Day Devotional Guide

Revived For Revival

Day 1: Embracing New Life in Christ

Scripture: Romans 8:1-11

Devotional: The apostle Paul reminds us that in Christ, we have been given new life. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead, we too have been raised from spiritual death to walk in newness of life. Reflect on what it means to be "alive in Christ." How has your life changed since you began following Jesus? Consider areas where you might still be living according to old patterns or worldly thinking. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any "dead" areas in your life that need revival. Pray for a renewed sense of God's presence and power in your daily walk.

Day 2: Rejoicing in Suffering

Scripture: 1 Peter 4:12-19

Devotional: Peter's words challenge our natural response to suffering. Instead of being surprised or discouraged by trials, we're called to rejoice. This isn't mere positive thinking; it's a profound shift in perspective that comes from understanding our identity in Christ and the eternal glory that awaits us. Reflect on a recent difficulty you've faced. How might your response have been different if you had viewed it through the lens of sharing in Christ's sufferings? Consider how your trials, when endured faithfully, can be a powerful testimony to others.

Day 3: Living as Salt and Light

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Devotional: Jesus calls us to be salt and light in a world that often rejects His ways. This aligns with Peter's exhortation to live distinctly as believers, even when it invites persecution. Our lives should stand out, not because we're intentionally provocative, but because we're reflecting Christ's character. How visible is your faith to those around you? Are there areas where you've been tempted to blend in rather than stand out for Christ? Remember, you've been made alive by Christ to bring others to Christ. Your distinct life can be the very thing God uses to draw others to Him. Identify one way you can be "salt and light" in your workplace, school, or community this week. Commit to taking that action, relying on God's strength.

Day 4: Enduring Refinement

Reading: James 1:2-12

Devotional: James echoes Peter's teaching on trials, emphasizing their refining purpose in our lives. Just as gold is purified by fire, our faith is strengthened through difficulties. This process isn't always comfortable, but it's essential for our spiritual growth. Reflect on a time when you experienced spiritual growth through hardship. How did that experience shape your faith? Remember that God's refinement in your life is evidence of His love and His desire to conform you to the image of Christ. In prayer, surrender a current struggle to God, asking Him to use it for your refinement. Look for ways to encourage another believer who may be going through a difficult refining process.

Day 5: Anchored in Hope

Reading: Romans 5:1-5

Devotional: Paul reminds us that our hope in Christ is not wishful thinking, but a confident expectation grounded in God's love and the work of the Holy Spirit. This hope sustains us through suffering and empowers us to persevere. It's the bedrock of our new life in Christ and the fuel for our witness to the world. How has your hope in Christ sustained you in difficult times? Consider how this hope sets you apart from those who don't know Christ. Let this hope be an anchor for your soul and a beacon to draw others to Jesus. Share your testimony of hope with someone today, whether through words or actions. Look for an opportunity to encourage someone who may be struggling to find hope in their circumstances.