# 5 Day Devotional Guide

Shout Out Loud

## Day 1: Building on the Rock | Scripture: Luke 6:46-49

Devotional: Jesus confronts a piercing question: "Why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?" Words are easy; obedience reveals truth. Many claim Christ with their lips while their lives tell a different story. True discipleship means building your entire life on the foundation of Christ's teachings—not just knowing them, but doing them. When storms come, and they will, only those who have dug deep and built on the rock will stand. Today, examine one area where you've heard God's word but haven't obeyed. What's holding you back? The emboldened life begins with aligning our actions with our confession. Stop calling Him Lord in word only; make Him Lord in deed.

### Day 2: Training in Righteousness | Scripture: 1 Timothy 4:7-8; Romans 6:12-14

Devotional: Athletes train their bodies with discipline and sacrifice. Peter speaks of false teachers "trained in greed"—their whole lives disciplined toward selfish gain. But as believers, we're called to train in godliness, to discipline ourselves toward righteousness. This isn't about earning salvation; it's about living out the transformation Christ has already accomplished. Just as an athlete doesn't become Olympic-ready overnight, spiritual maturity requires consistent practice. What are you training toward? Are your daily habits forming you into Christlikeness or conforming you to the world? The emboldened believer intentionally practices righteousness—fleeing temptation, pursuing holiness, and encouraging others toward the same. Your spiritual disciplines today shape your spiritual strength tomorrow.

#### Day 3: Clothed in Righteousness | Scripture: Isaiah 61:10; Galatians 3:26-27

Devotional: Shame characterized humanity's first sin—Adam and Eve hid, naked and afraid. But God's redemptive plan clothes us in garments of salvation and robes of righteousness. We no longer stand before God in our filthy rags of self-righteousness or exposed in our sin. Through Christ, we're adorned like a bride on her wedding day, beautiful and acceptable. This isn't about covering up who we are; it's about being transformed into who God created us to be. Bold people try to justify their nakedness, celebrating sin publicly. Emboldened people rejoice in being clothed by Christ's righteousness. Today, stop trying to cover yourself with excuses or good works. Rest in the righteousness Christ has already provided. Let His covering give you confidence to walk in holiness.

## Day 4: Leaving the Old Way | Scripture: Ephesians 4:22-24, 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Devotional: Balaam heard God's voice but pursued his own way, wanting God's blessing without God's lordship. How often do we do the same—asking God to bless our plans rather than seeking His will? True repentance means abandoning the old way entirely, not just modifying it or making it more religious. When you came to Christ, you didn't just add Jesus to your life; you exchanged lives. The old has gone; the new has come. Yet we often cling to familiar sins, comfortable compromises, and selfish ambitions. The emboldened life requires radical abandonment of self-pursuit for God's purposes. What "old way" are you still holding onto? What would it look like to fully surrender that area to Christ? God's way isn't a detour—it's the direct path to abundant life.

## Day 5: Speaking Truth Out Loud | Scripture: Romans 10:13-15; 1 Peter 2:9-12

Devotional: Bold people say what they should be ashamed of out loud, flaunting sin without remorse. But emboldened believers declare truth out loud—the life-transforming gospel of Jesus Christ. You are chosen, royal, holy, and special—not because of your goodness, but because of His mercy. And this truth is too good to keep silent. The world needs to hear that freedom from sin is possible, that transformation is real, that Jesus saves. But they need more than words; they need to see the gospel lived out in your conduct. Your life should make people curious about Jesus. Today, ask God for boldness to share the gospel—not arrogantly, but confidently; not in your strength, but empowered by His Spirit. Who needs to hear the truth from you? Live it, then speak it.