5-Day Devotional: "The Pearl of Great Price"

AM Message by Bro. Mike Bentley – November 15, 2026

Day 1: The Kingdom Worth Everything

Reading: Matthew 13:44-46; Matthew 16:18-19

Devotional: The merchant in Jesus' parable did not stumble upon the pearl of great price and shrug. He recognized its worth and surrendered everything to obtain it. The kingdom of God, which is Christ's church, carries that same extraordinary value today. Many people spend their lives accumulating things that will perish, while the greatest treasure available to them goes unsought. Ask yourself honestly: what are you treating as more valuable than belonging to Christ's kingdom? Surrender your priorities to Him today, and pursue the pearl with the same urgency the merchant displayed.

Day 2: The Blood That Purchased the Church

Reading: Acts 20:28; 1 Peter 1:18-19; Hebrews 9:14

Devotional: The church was not established cheaply. It was purchased with something the apostle Peter described as precious blood, worth far more than silver or gold. Jesus left the glories of heaven, took on human form, endured rejection and suffering, and died on a cross, all to purchase His church. When we treat membership in His kingdom casually or take it for granted, we diminish the weight of that sacrifice. Today, meditate on the price Christ paid. Let the reality of His blood-bought church stir in you a deeper reverence, a stronger commitment, and a more grateful heart.

Day 3: Seeking With Diligence

Reading: Matthew 7:7-8; Hebrews 11:6; 2 Peter 1:3; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Devotional: God does not hide Himself from those who genuinely seek Him. He has already provided everything we need for life and godliness through His Word. The Scriptures are complete, sufficient, and able to equip every believer thoroughly for every good work. Seeking the kingdom is not passive. It requires diligence, honesty, and a willingness to follow truth wherever it leads. Many people wait for a feeling or a sign, when God has already spoken

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through His Word. Open your Bible today not merely out of habit, but with the expectation that God will reveal something you need to see.

Day 4: The Cost of the Kingdom

Reading: Luke 13:3; Romans 10:9; Mark 16:16; 2 Timothy 2:10; Acts 14:22

Devotional: Entering the kingdom costs something. It requires belief, repentance, confession, and baptism. Beyond that initial entrance, remaining faithful to Christ's church may mean releasing preconceived ideas, severing ties with religious traditions not founded in Scripture, and enduring the disapproval of others. The apostle Paul endured tremendous suffering for the sake of those in the kingdom, because he understood what the kingdom was truly worth. Suffering for the right thing is not a sign that something has gone wrong. It is often confirmation that you are walking in the right direction. Count the cost honestly and then count the reward even more carefully.

Day 5: Delivered Into the Kingdom

Reading: Colossians 1:13; Acts 2:47; Ephesians 5:23; John 4:24; 2 Corinthians 5:21

Devotional: Those who obey the gospel are not merely joining an organization. They are being delivered from the domain of darkness and transferred into the kingdom of the Son of God's love. God Himself does the adding. He makes the unworthy worthy through Christ, in whom we become the righteousness of God. Once inside His kingdom, we are called to worship Him in spirit and in truth, to encourage one another, and to serve together as His body. If you are already in His church, do not take that deliverance lightly. Live today as someone who has been rescued, because you have been.