

5 Day Devotional
August 9, 2026 AM Sermon
“Keeping the main thing, the main thing Pt. 2”

Day 1: The God Who Pursues Us

Reading: Hebrews 8:1-6

Devotional: The writer of Hebrews makes a stunning declaration -- there is a main point to all of it. Jesus, seated at the right hand of God, serves as the mediator of a better covenant built on better promises. This is not a distant God who set the world in motion and walked away. This is a God who actively pursues relationship with broken, stubborn, sin-prone people. He obtained a ministry on your behalf. Before you ever reached for Him, He was already reaching for you. The question is not whether God is available. The question is whether you are willing to come.

Application: Set aside five minutes today to simply sit in silence and acknowledge that God is present and actively working on your behalf, even in areas where you feel spiritually dry.

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Day 2: The Problem Has Always Been Us

Reading: Isaiah 59:1-3; Romans 3:21-23

Devotional: Isaiah delivers one of Scripture's most sobering truths -- God's hand is not too short to save, and His ear is not too dull to hear. The barrier between you and God is never God's unwillingness. Isaiah makes clear that it is human sin and iniquity that creates the distance. Romans echoes this, reminding us that all have sinned and fallen short. There is no partiality. No one earns a pass. The sooner we stop blaming circumstances, other people, and difficult seasons for our spiritual dryness, the sooner we can honestly stand before God and acknowledge what He already knows -- we are the problem, and He is the solution.

Application: Write down one specific sin or attitude you have been unwilling to fully surrender. Confess it honestly before God today, without minimizing or qualifying it.

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Day 3: The Covenant That Changes Everything

Reading: Hebrews 8:7-9; Jeremiah 31:31-34

Devotional: God did not abandon His people when they failed to keep the old covenant. He did something far greater -- He established a new one. The old covenant exposed humanity's inability to meet God's standard through their own effort. The new covenant, sealed in the blood of Jesus Christ, does not simply set a higher bar. It provides the power to live differently from the inside out. God promised to write His law on human hearts rather than stone tablets. This is the difference between religion and relationship. Religion tells you what to do. Relationship transforms who you are.

Application: Identify one area where you have been relying on outward religious behavior rather than genuine heart surrender. Ask God to move that area from obligation to devotion.

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Day 4: Mercy That Remembers No More

Reading: Hebrews 8:10-12; Romans 6:22-23

Devotional: Among the most staggering promises in all of Scripture is found in the new covenant -- God declares that He will remember our sins and lawless deeds no more. This is not God pretending the sin did not happen. This is God, through the finished work of Jesus Christ, legally and completely removing the record of your guilt. The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life. A gift cannot be earned. It can only be received. Your past failures, your worst moments, your deepest shame -- none of it is beyond the reach of a mercy that chooses not to remember.

Application: Speak aloud today: "God has been merciful to my unrighteousness. He remembers my sins no more." Repeat it until you begin to believe it, because it is true.

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Day 5: The Greatest Invitation Ever Given

Reading: John 3:16; 1 Timothy 2:3-4
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Devotional: God desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. The invitation of the gospel is not exclusive to the morally impressive or the religiously experienced. It is extended to all -- the broken, the stubborn, the ashamed, and the searching. God is long-suffering, not willing that any should perish. The fact that you are still drawing breath is evidence of His patience toward you. He hung the stars in place and set boundaries for the ocean, and yet He bends toward you personally and says, come. There is no greater love. There is no greater invitation. The only question remaining is your answer.

Application: If you have never surrendered your life to Jesus Christ, today is the day. If you have, reach out to one person this week who needs to hear that the invitation is still open for them.