

5 Day Devotional
December 28, 2025 AM Sermon
“Moving Forward”

Day 1: When Strength Fails, God Remains

Reading: Psalm 73:23-28

Devotional: "My flesh and my heart fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever." This isn't a pessimistic statement—it's a realistic one. Every person will face a moment when their own strength runs out. Perhaps you're there now, facing a diagnosis, loss, or betrayal that has brought you to your knees. The beautiful truth is that our weakness doesn't surprise God. He knew we would need Him desperately, which is why He promises to be our strength when ours is depleted. Today, acknowledge where your strength has failed. Then, invite God to be your portion—your sustenance, your medicine, your supply. He doesn't wait until you're strong enough; He meets you in your weakness.

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Day 2: Drawing Deep from God's Well

Reading: Proverbs 20:5; James 1:5-8

Devotional: "Counsel in the heart of man is like deep water, but a man of understanding will draw it out." God's purpose for your life isn't always obvious or easy to find—it requires intentional seeking. Like drawing water from a deep well, discovering God's direction demands effort: time in His Word, prayer, worship, and godly counsel. Many people want God to write His will across the sky, but He often reveals it gradually as we draw near to Him. The promise is simple: draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Your purpose after loss, after betrayal, after disappointment isn't gone—it's waiting to be discovered in the depths of God's presence.

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Day 3: You Need Your Person

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12; Hebrews 10:24-25

Devotional: "Two are better than one...for if they fall, one will lift up his companion." God designed us for community. While Jesus is our ultimate source of comfort, He typically works through people—the body of Christ. You need someone who will pray with you, weep with you, correct you, and celebrate with you. Isolation is dangerous, especially during trials. God uses human hands to hug, human voices to encourage, and human presence to remind us we're not alone. If you don't have that person, ask God to provide them and be willing to be vulnerable. If you do have that person, thank God for them. And remember: someone else needs you to be their person too.

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Day 4: Walking Through, Not Camping In

Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7; Psalm 23

Devotional: "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you." Notice God doesn't say "if" but "when." He also doesn't say you'll avoid the waters or that they won't be deep—He says you'll pass through them. There's movement implied here. You're not meant to set up camp in the valley of grief, fear, or pain. God promises His presence as you move forward through the difficulty. The 23rd Psalm reminds us that even in the valley of the shadow of death, we keep walking—not running away, not denying reality, but walking with the Shepherd who restores our souls. Moving forward isn't forgetting what happened; it's trusting God has purpose beyond the pain.

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Day 5: The Promise of Restoration

Reading: Revelation 21:1-7; 2 Corinthians 1:3-7

Devotional: "God will wipe away every tear from their eyes. There shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying." This is our ultimate hope—not that God will make everything perfect right now, but that He promises complete restoration in eternity. Every loss, every betrayal, every moment of suffering will be redeemed. This isn't escapism; it's the anchor that keeps us steady in the storm. Because we know where we're headed, we can endure what we're facing. The God of all comfort doesn't waste our pain—He uses it to equip us to comfort others. Your future isn't defined by your past pain but by God's promised restoration. Keep moving forward toward that day when every former thing will pass away.