

**5 Day Devotional**  
**March 1, 2026 AM Sermon**  
**“The invitation to believe the truth”**

**Day 1:** The Danger of Drifting

**Reading:** Hebrews 2:1-4

**Devotional:** Religion without relationship is like having an invitation to a wedding but never attending. Many people grow up in church, know the Bible stories, and perform religious duties, yet never truly encounter Jesus. The writer of Hebrews warns against drifting past God's salvation—not drifting away from something you once had, but drifting by something you never grabbed hold of. Today, examine your heart honestly. Do you have religion or relationship? Have you personally repented and believed in Jesus, or are you relying on church attendance, baptism, or good works? God's invitation requires a response. Don't drift past the most important decision of your life. Salvation isn't about what you do; it's about who you know.

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**Day 2:** The Witness of Jesus

**Reading:** John 5:31-40

**Devotional:** Jesus confronted religious people who knew Scripture backwards and forwards but missed the entire point—Him. They searched the Bible thinking knowledge alone brought eternal life, yet refused to come to Jesus for life. Knowledge without relationship produces pride, not transformation. The Scriptures testify about Jesus; every page points to Him. Today, ask yourself: Am I reading the Bible to know about God, or to know God? There's a profound difference. The Pharisees could quote Scripture but crucified the Savior. Don't let religious knowledge become a substitute for genuine relationship. Jesus invites you beyond information to transformation. He doesn't want you to just study about Him; He wants you to come to Him and experience life.

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**Day 3:** Faith Comes By Hearing

**Reading:** Romans 10:13-17

**Devotional:** People don't accidentally stumble into salvation. Faith comes by hearing the Word of God, which means someone must speak it. This places a responsibility on every believer—we are called to tell others about Jesus. Many Christians remain silent because they fear scrutiny and accountability. When you publicly identify with Christ, people watch your life more closely. But this is exactly what we're called to do. You talk about what you love. If you love McDonald's, people know it. If you love your grandchildren, you can't stop talking about them. Why should Jesus be the only love we keep silent about? Today, ask God for courage to speak about Him naturally. Someone in your life needs to hear the gospel, and God may have positioned you to be the one who tells them.

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**Day 4:** Bearing Much Fruit

**Reading:** John 15:7-8

**Devotional:** Many Christians believe God is glorified only through their suffering, but Jesus said the Father is glorified when we bear much fruit. If you abide in Christ and His words abide in you, you can ask what you desire and it will be done. This isn't a blank check for selfish prayers; it's a promise that when you're aligned with God's heart, your prayers align with His will. The problem is many believers live defeated, discouraged lives and wonder why prayers go unanswered. God is a good Father who loves blessing His children. Your life should overflow with testimonies of His faithfulness— healing, provision, answered prayer, grace through trials. Don't let Satan make you feel guilty about God's blessings. Share them! Your testimony encourages others and glorifies God.

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**Day 5:** Come to the Water

**Reading:** Revelation 22:10-17

**Devotional:** The final invitation in Scripture is simple and profound: "Come." The Spirit says come. The church says come. Whoever is thirsty, come. Whoever desires, come and take the water of life freely. No matter where you've been, what you've done, or how unworthy you feel, God's invitation stands open today. He's not willing that any should perish. Perhaps you've been trying to live with one foot in the world and one foot in the church, robbing yourself of the abundant life Jesus offers. Today is your day to fully commit. Or maybe you've never truly accepted Christ—today, He calls you to come. Don't wait for a more convenient time. Don't assume tomorrow is guaranteed. The invitation is now. Come to Jesus. He is everything you need.