

5 Day Devotional
September 27, 2026 AM Sermon
“Being forgiven changes everything Pt. 4”

Day 1: From Surviving to Thriving

Reading: Hebrews 10:19-23

Devotional: Most of us are living in survival mode. We count down to the next paycheck, the next vacation, the next moment of relief. But God did not design you to merely survive. He designed you to thrive. The forgiveness purchased through Christ is not partial. It is complete. Every sin, every failure, every shameful memory has been covered. When you approach God, you are not approaching a judge waiting to remind you of your record. You are approaching a Father who has already settled the account. The question is not whether God has done enough. The question is whether you believe it enough to walk in it daily.

Application: Write down one area of shame or regret you have been carrying. Next to it, write the words "paid in full." Place it somewhere you will see it each morning this week.

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Day 2: Living From Victory, Not Toward It

Reading: Hebrews 10:11-14

Devotional: There is a profound difference between a soldier still fighting a war that has already ended and a soldier who knows the victory has been secured. Hebrews 10 draws a sharp contrast between the Old Testament priests who stood daily, offering sacrifices that could never fully remove sin, and Jesus, who sat down after offering one perfect sacrifice forever. He sat down because the work was finished. The enemy knows the war is over. The question is whether you do. God does not want you striving for a victory that has already been won. He wants you walking in it, resting in it, and living from it.

Application: Begin each morning this week by saying aloud before your feet hit the floor, "Jesus has already won. I am living from victory today." Let that truth set the tone before the demands of the day have a chance to pull you back into survival mode.

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Day 3: You Were Made for Relationship

Reading: Genesis 2:18, Hebrews 10:24-25

Devotional: Before the fall, before sin entered the world, God walked with humanity in the cool of the day. He was not obligated to. He chose to. That desire for fellowship did not disappear after the fall. It was the very reason redemption was necessary. God forgives us not simply to erase a record but to restore a relationship. You were not created to exist in isolation, spiritually or relationally. The same God who seeks fellowship with you has placed you in a body of believers who need you and whom you need. Isolation is not peace. It is a slow drift away from the life God intends.

Application: Reach out today to one person in your church or faith community you have been meaning to connect with. A simple message or phone call is enough to begin rebuilding that bridge.

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Day 4: The Danger of Willful Neglect

Reading: Hebrews 10:26-31

Devotional: These verses are not comfortable, and they were not meant to be. The writer of Hebrews draws a sharp line between circumstantial absence and willful abandonment. When a person consistently and deliberately chooses everything else over worshiping God and gathering with His people, it reveals something about the condition of the heart. Head knowledge of God and heart knowledge of God are not the same thing. Religious familiarity is not the same as saving faith. The warning here is not meant to produce guilt. It is meant to produce honest self-examination before a God who already knows the answer.

Application: Review your calendar from the past month. Honestly assess how much time was given to worship, fellowship, and serving others compared to personal leisure. Make one intentional adjustment this coming week.

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Day 5: Belonging to the Body

Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:12-18, Hebrews 10:25

Devotional: Satan wants to isolate you. He knows that a believer separated from community is far easier to discourage, deceive, and defeat. The Bible is clear that every member of the body of Christ has a place, a purpose, and a function that no one else can fill in quite the same way. You are not a number. You are not an afterthought. God's forgiveness was not a transaction that left you standing alone with a clean record. It was an invitation into a family. Find your place in that family. Serve there. Stay there. And watch what God does in and through a life that is planted and growing.

Application: Take one concrete step this week toward deeper involvement in your local church. Sign up to serve in one area, attend one additional gathering, or introduce yourself to someone you have never spoken to before.