

5 Day Devotional
August 16, 2026 AM Sermon
“Keeping the main thing, the main thing Pt. 3”

Day 1: The Main Point Is Jesus

Reading: Hebrews 8:1-6; Hebrews 9:11-12

Devotional: It is easy to fill your spiritual life with activity, tradition, and religious routine while quietly losing sight of the one thing that matters most -- Jesus Christ. The writer of Hebrews cuts through every distraction and declares that the main point is this: we have a High Priest seated at the right hand of the Father, who offered Himself once for all. No system, no ritual, no religious heritage can do what He has done. Today, examine your heart honestly. Is Jesus truly the center of your faith, or has something else quietly taken His place? Return to the main point.

Application: Set aside ten minutes today to sit quietly before God with no agenda other than acknowledging who Jesus is and what He has done for you.

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Day 2: Don't Settle for Less Than God's Best

Reading: Philippians 3:12-14; Hebrews 9:1-7

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Application: Identify one specific way you can step out in faith this week -- whether in prayer, service, generosity, or witness -- that stretches beyond your current comfort zone.

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Day 3: The Invitation Is Open to You

Reading: Matthew 11:25-30; John 7:37-39

Devotional: Jesus did not whisper His invitation. He stood and cried out. He spoke in the language of human experience -- thirst, weariness, heavy burdens -- because every person alive understands what it means to carry more than they can bear. His invitation was not addressed to the perfect, the put-together, or the religiously accomplished. It was addressed to the laboring and the thirsty. That means it was addressed to you. No past failure disqualifies you. No sin is too great to bring to Him. He has already purchased your forgiveness. All that remains is for you to come. The door is open. Come.

Application: Write down the burdens you are currently carrying and, in a moment of prayer, consciously hand each one to Jesus, trusting His promise to give you rest.

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Day 4: A Sacrifice That Cannot Be Repeated

Reading: Hebrews 9:12-15; Romans 8:1

Devotional: The annual sacrifices of the Old Testament priests pointed forward to a moment in history that would change everything. When Jesus entered the most holy place -- not made with human hands -- He did so with His own blood, securing eternal redemption once for all. That word "once" carries the weight of eternity. It means the work is finished. It means your sin has been paid for completely. It means Satan has no legal ground to condemn what God has already forgiven. Whatever your past holds, if you are in Christ, it has been covered by a sacrifice that never needs to be repeated. Walk in that freedom today.

Application: Memorize or meditate on the truth that there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus, and every time a condemning thought arises today, respond with that truth out loud.

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Day 5: Saved to Serve -- Living Out the Faith You Profess

Reading: Hebrews 9:14; Titus 2:11-14; Matthew 10:32-33

Devotional: Salvation is not a finish line. It is a starting point. The blood of Christ does not merely cleanse your record -- it transforms your purpose. You were saved from dead works so that you could serve the living God. That service does not require a platform, a title, or a perfect testimony. It requires a life that looks different from the world around it. When you walk into your workplace, your neighborhood, your home, people should encounter something in you that they cannot fully explain apart from Jesus. You do not have to beat anyone over the head with the gospel. You simply have to live it, consistently and without apology. That is how the world around you gets reached.

Application: Choose one person in your life who does not yet know Christ and commit to praying for them daily this week, asking God to open a natural door for your faith to become visible to them.