

5 Day Devotional
October 26, 2025 AM Sermon
“What will influence you?”

Day 1: The Choice of Peace

Reading: Colossians 3:15; Philippians 4:6-7

Devotional: Peace is not something that happens to you—it's something you let happen in you. Today's reading reminds us that we must "let" the peace of God rule in our hearts. This means peace is a choice, not a circumstance. Like an umpire calling the plays in a game, God's peace determines what's allowed in your heart and what must be rejected. When anxiety knocks, when fear whispers, when doubt creeps in, you have the authority to say, "No, the peace of God rules here." This doesn't mean you won't face trials, but it means those trials won't have the final say. What situation are you facing today where you need to actively choose God's peace over your worry? Surrender it to Him right now and let His peace be the umpire of your heart.

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Day 2: What Dwells Within You?

Reading: Colossians 3:16; Psalm 119:9-16

Devotional: You become what you consume. If you fill your mind with the world's messages—its music, its values, its anxieties—you'll produce worldly fruit. But when you let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly, abundantly, overflowing, you'll experience transformation. Consider this: if you spend 10 seconds reading Scripture and 16 hours consuming everything else, what's really dwelling in you? The psalmist declared, "Your word I have hidden in my heart, that I might not sin against You." Dwelling means more than visiting; it means taking up residence. Today, commit to letting God's Word move in and take over. Memorize a verse. Meditate on Scripture during your commute. Listen to worship music. Fill the container of your heart with what is pure, lovely, and true, and watch how it changes what flows out.

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Day 3: The Holy Spirit, Your Helper

Reading: John 14:25-27; Romans 8:26-28

Devotional: You are never alone in your struggles. Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would be your Helper, teaching you all things and bringing peace that the world cannot give or take away. When you don't know how to pray, the Spirit intercedes. When you don't understand God's ways, the Spirit illuminates. When circumstances overwhelm you, the Spirit reminds you of God's promises. The peace Jesus offers isn't dependent on perfect circumstances; it's rooted in His perfect presence within you. Today, you may face something that feels too big, too confusing, too painful. But remember: the same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead lives in you. He knows the way forward even when you don't. Trust His leading. Listen for His gentle voice. Let Him guide you into all truth and lasting peace.

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Day 4: Living for His Glory

Reading: Colossians 3:17; 1 Corinthians 10:31

Devotional: Every moment is sacred when lived for God's glory. Whether you're exercising, working, parenting, or pursuing a hobby, you can do it all in the name of Jesus. God didn't create you as a cookie-cutter Christian; He gave you unique passions, skills, and opportunities. Your workplace is your mission field. Your neighborhood is your ministry. Your hobbies connect you with people who need to see Jesus in you. The question isn't whether you're doing "spiritual" activities, but whether you're doing everything spiritually—with thanksgiving, for His glory, as His representative. Today, whatever you do, do it as unto the Lord. Let your coworkers see Christ in your integrity. Let your family see Him in your patience. Let strangers see Him in your kindness. You are His ambassador everywhere you go.

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Day 5: A Faith Worth Talking About

Reading: Romans 1:8; 1 Thessalonians 1:6-10

Devotional: What if your faith became so authentic, so transformative, so evident that people who had never met you heard about it? That was the testimony of the early church—their faith was "spoken of throughout the whole world." Not because they were perfect, but because they were genuinely changed by the power of God. When you let peace rule your heart, when God's Word dwells in you richly, when you live for His glory in everything, people notice. They see something different, something real, something they desperately need. Your peace in the storm becomes their invitation to the Savior. Your joy in hardship becomes their question mark that leads to the Answer. Today, live in such a way that your faith speaks. Not through religious performance, but through genuine transformation. Let your life be a testimony that points others to Jesus, the Prince of Peace.