

5 Day Devotional
November 2, 2025 AM Sermon
“Faith in the family Pt. 1”

Day 1: Seeking Things Above

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Devotional: When we place our faith in Christ, our entire orientation shifts. We are no longer bound to earthly patterns and worldly priorities. Paul's command to "seek those things which are above" is not a suggestion—it's the natural outflow of a transformed heart. If Christ has raised you to new life, your desires should reflect that resurrection power. Today, examine what occupies your thoughts and drives your decisions. Are you pursuing temporary satisfaction or eternal significance? The evidence of genuine salvation is not perfection, but direction. Your life should increasingly point upward, reflecting the reality that Christ sits at the right hand of God and you are hidden with Him.

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Day 2: Putting Off the Old

Reading: Colossians 3:5-11

Devotional: Salvation is not a license to continue in sin—it's liberation from sin's power. God calls us to actively "put off" the behaviors that characterized our old life: sexual immorality, anger, wrath, malice, and deceit. This isn't about earning God's love; it's about honoring the grace we've received. Notice Paul doesn't say these struggles will magically disappear. He says we must put them off, which requires intentional effort empowered by the Holy Spirit. What sins are you tolerating because you've convinced yourself that grace covers ongoing disobedience? God's grace is not permission to remain unchanged—it's power to become new. Confess what needs to be removed and ask God for strength to walk in holiness today.

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Day 3: Putting On Christ's Character

Reading: Colossians 3:12-17

Devotional: Christianity is not merely avoiding evil—it's actively pursuing Christlikeness. After putting off the old, we must put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, and long-suffering. Above all, we put on love. These virtues don't develop accidentally; they require intentional cultivation through God's Word dwelling richly within us. Notice the instruction: "whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus." This means your Monday morning should look like your Sunday morning. Your home life should reflect your church life. There should be no compartmentalization. Today, ask yourself: What would change if I truly did everything—every conversation, every task, every interaction—in Jesus' name? Let that question transform how you live today.

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Day 4: God's Design for Order

Reading: 1 Corinthians 14:33, 40; Romans 13:1-7

Devotional: "God is not the author of confusion but of peace." This truth extends to every area of life—our relationship with God, our homes, our workplaces, and our society. God establishes order not to restrict us but to provide the framework for flourishing. When we resist God's ordained structures—whether in government, employment, or family—we invite chaos. This doesn't mean authority figures are perfect or that we never speak truth to power. It means we recognize that rejecting all order is rejecting God Himself. Where are you experiencing chaos in your life? Often, disorder results from our refusal to submit to God's design. Today, pray for those in authority over you and ask God to help you honor the structures He has established, trusting that His ways lead to peace.

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Day 5: Come, Let Us Reason Together

Reading: Isaiah 1:18-20; James 1:5-8

Devotional: Perhaps the most comforting truth in Scripture is that God invites us to bring our confusion, struggles, and questions directly to Him. "Come now, and let us reason together," He says. God is not intimidated by your doubts or overwhelmed by your mess. He doesn't turn away when you're struggling with anger, when your marriage is failing, or when you feel inadequate as a parent. He beckons you closer. The God who conquered sin and death can certainly handle your problems. The question is: will you come? Will you bring your broken marriage, your rebellious child, your financial stress, your secret sin to the One who can actually do something about it? Stop trying to manage it alone. Stop pretending everything is fine. Come to God today with radical honesty and watch Him work the impossible.