

5 Day Devotional
May 31, 2026 AM Sermon
“Spiritual growth requires a choice”

Day 1: From Lazy Listening to Active Obedience

Reading: Hebrews 5:11-14

Devotional: The writer of Hebrews confronts a painful reality: we can become dull of hearing. Like a door hinge that swings back and forth but goes nowhere, we can consume spiritual truth without ever moving forward. Have you grown lazy in your faith? Perhaps you once responded immediately to God's Word, but now you've heard it so many times that it no longer moves you. Today, God calls you to honest reflection. Are you listening to grow, or have you become a spiritual consumer? The antidote to spiritual laziness is intentional obedience. Don't just hear—do. Choose one area where you've been coasting and commit to action today. God hasn't saved you to remain stagnant; He's called you to abundant, active faith that bears fruit for His glory.

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Day 2: Spiritual Maturity: Where You Are vs. Where You Should Be

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:11; James 1:2-4

Devotional: "By this time you ought to be teachers." These words pierce through our excuses. God has a timeline for our growth, and He expects progress. Spiritual maturity isn't automatic—it requires intentional choices. Just as an athlete who doesn't train in the off-season reveals their lack of preparation on game day, our spiritual condition becomes evident in life's trials. Are you still feeding on milk when you should be eating solid food? Maturity means putting away childish patterns: blame-shifting, excuse-making, and spiritual passivity. God hasn't called you to perpetual infancy but to full maturity in Christ. Today, identify one area where you're still acting like a spiritual child. Commit to growth through prayer, study, and obedience. Let patience have its perfect work so you may lack nothing.

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Day 3: Discernment: Recognizing Good from Evil

Reading: Hebrews 5:14; Romans 12:2

Devotional: Spiritual maturity produces discernment—the ability to distinguish good from evil. In our culture where good is called evil and evil is called good, the church desperately needs believers whose senses are exercised through constant use of God's Word. Discernment isn't intellectual knowledge; it's practical wisdom applied to daily decisions. Can you look at your home, your relationships, your entertainment choices, and clearly identify what honors God? This skill develops only through consistent engagement with Scripture. When you read that unforgiveness blocks God's forgiveness, do you immediately apply it? When Scripture commands you to be anxious for nothing, do you surrender your worry? Discernment requires both knowing God's Word and obeying it. Today, ask God to sharpen your spiritual senses and give you courage to align your life with His truth.

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Day 4: For His Name's Sake: God's Glory in Your Growth

Reading: Psalm 23; 2 Corinthians 4:7-12

Devotional: Why does God lead, restore, and provide for you? Psalm 23:3 reveals the answer: "for His name's sake." Your spiritual growth isn't ultimately about you—it's about displaying God's glory. We've believed the lie that God is glorified through our perpetual brokenness and defeat. But God receives glory when He transforms lives, heals marriages, restores prodigals, and demonstrates His power through weak vessels. When you walk through valleys and God sustains you, His faithfulness is on display. When He prepares a table before your enemies, His provision testifies to His goodness. Stop settling for spiritual mediocrity as though that honors God. Your victory, your healing, your growth—these magnify His name. Today, surrender an area of defeat and trust God to work for His glory, not just your comfort.

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Day 5: Evidence of Faith: Living What You Claim

Reading: James 2:14-26; Matthew 7:16-20

Devotional: Faith without works is dead. If someone claimed to eat healthy and exercise daily but their physical appearance contradicted their words, you'd question their truthfulness. Similarly, our spiritual claims must align with visible evidence. Are you a Sunday school teacher who rarely studies Scripture? A church leader who inconsistently attends worship? A parent who doesn't pray with your children? The evidence matters. God doesn't demand perfection, but He does call for authenticity. The world doesn't need more titles or positions; it needs believers whose lives demonstrate the transforming power of Jesus Christ. Your testimony isn't found in your sinless perfection but in God's ongoing work of redemption in your life. Today, examine the evidence. Where does your walk match your talk? Where doesn't it? Repent, return, and let God restore authentic faith that bears fruit.