

5 Day Devotional
June 7, 2026 AM Sermon
“Spiritual growth requires a choice Pt. 2”

Day 1: The Foundation That Cannot Be Moved

Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Devotional: A house without a foundation crumbles at the first storm. Paul reminds us that Jesus Christ is the only foundation for our spiritual lives. Everything we build—our habits, relationships, and choices—must rest on Him. The foundation isn't just important; it's everything. Yet many stop at the foundation, never building the house God intends. Salvation through Jesus is where we begin, not where we end. Today, examine what you're building on your foundation. Are you adding rooms of prayer, walls of obedience, and windows of worship? Or have you stopped construction altogether? God desires to build something beautiful in you, but it requires your cooperation. The foundation is secure—now let Him build.

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Day 2: The Fruit Reveals the Tree

Reading: John 15:1-8

Devotional: Jesus uses agricultural imagery we cannot misunderstand: branches bear fruit or they don't. There's no middle ground. A fruitless branch isn't just unproductive; it's evidence of disconnection from the vine. This should cause us to pause and honestly assess our lives. Do we demonstrate love when it's inconvenient? Joy in trials? Peace amid chaos? These aren't optional decorations for the committed Christian; they're the natural result of abiding in Christ. If your life lacks spiritual fruit, the problem isn't God's unwillingness to produce it—it's a blockage in your connection to Him. Today, confess any sin that hinders your relationship with Jesus. Reconnect to the vine and watch Him produce fruit you cannot contain.

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Day 3: Self-Examination Without Condemnation

Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5; Galatians 5:22-23

Devotional: Paul commands us to examine ourselves to see if we're truly in the faith. This isn't about creating doubt but ensuring certainty. A doctor's diagnosis may be uncomfortable, but ignoring symptoms doesn't bring health. The fruit of the Spirit—love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control—these are God's diagnostic tools. They reveal the condition of our hearts. Are these qualities increasingly evident in your life? If not, don't despair; God doesn't bring condemnation but conviction that leads to restoration. Today, prayerfully review each fruit. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas needing growth. Remember: conviction is God's invitation to deeper intimacy, not His rejection of you.

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Day 4: Growth Requires Pruning

Reading: John 15:2; Hebrews 12:5-11

Devotional: God prunes every fruitful branch so it bears more fruit. This promise contains both comfort and challenge. If you're experiencing God's pruning—through trials, correction, or difficult circumstances—it's evidence you belong to Him. He only prunes branches connected to the vine. The pruning process hurts. God may cut away relationships, habits, or comforts that hinder your growth. But His pruning is purposeful, not punitive. A skilled gardener doesn't destroy; he cultivates greater fruitfulness. Today, instead of resisting God's pruning, surrender to it. Ask Him what He's trying to remove and why. Trust that temporary discomfort produces eternal fruit. The branches that yield the most abundant harvest are those that submit to the gardener's shears.

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Day 5: Living Evidence of Saving Faith

Reading: James 2:14-26; Ephesians 2:8-10

Devotional: We are saved by grace through faith, not by works—but saving faith always produces works. This isn't contradictory; it's complementary. A faith that doesn't transform behavior isn't genuine faith. James asks the piercing question: "Can that faith save him?" The answer is no. True salvation produces evidence: changed priorities, transformed relationships, growing holiness, and increasing fruit. You cannot earn salvation, but you cannot hide it either. Today, consider what evidence your life presents. Would someone observing you conclude you belong to Jesus? Not based on perfection, but on direction—are you moving toward Him or away? If you've never truly surrendered to Christ, today is your day. If you have, recommit to living out the reality of your salvation with visible, undeniable fruit.