5 Day Devotional July 20, 2025 AM Sermon "Understanding who God wants you to be"

Day 1: Embracing God's Encouragement

Reading: Psalm 94:18-19

Devotional: In a world that often feels discouraging, God's Word is His unwavering support. The sermon reminds us that "If I say my foot slips, your mercy, O Lord, will hold me up." This powerful verse illustrates God's constant presence in our lives, even when we feel like we are falling. Today, reflect on the anxieties within your heart. How can you invite God's comfort to delight your soul? Remember, God's encouragement isn't just for some troubles or most troubles, but for all of them. Take time to cast all your cares upon Him, trusting in His promise to hold you up.

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Day 2: Knit Together in Love

Reading: Colossians 3:12-14

**Devotional:** The sermon emphasizes the importance of being "knit together in love" as a church and in our relationships. This concept goes beyond superficial connections, calling us to a deeper, more Christ-like love. As you read today's passage, consider how you can "put on" compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience in your interactions with others. How can you bear with one another and forgive as Christ forgave you? Reflect on a relationship in your life that needs mending or strengthening. Ask God to help you approach it with the sacrificial love described in this passage, remembering that love is the "bond of perfection" that unites us.

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Day 3: Full Assurance of Understanding

**Reading:** John 16:12-15

**Devotional:** Today's sermon highlights our ability to attain "all riches of the full assurance of understanding" through Christ. This promise challenges us to move beyond doubt and uncertainty in our faith. As you read about the Holy Spirit guiding us into all truth, consider areas of your spiritual life where you lack assurance. Perhaps you struggle with doubts about God's love, your salvation, or His plan for your life. Invite the Holy Spirit to illuminate these areas, remembering that God desires for you to have complete understanding and confidence in Him. How might your life change if you fully embraced this "full assurance" in your daily walk with Christ?

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Day 4: Knowing the Mystery of God

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-19

**Devotional:** The sermon discusses ability to gain "knowledge of the mystery of God, both of the Father and of Christ." This profound truth invites us into a deeper, more intimate relationship with our Creator. As you read Paul's prayer for the Ephesians, notice his desire for them to comprehend the vastness of Christ's love. Today, spend time meditating on the dimensions of God's love for you - its width, length, height, and depth. How does knowing you're known and deeply loved by God impact your identity and purpose? Ask God to help you grasp this mystery more fully, allowing it to transform your thought patterns and actions.

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Day 5: Treasures of Wisdom and Knowledge

Reading: Proverbs 2:1-11

**Devotional:** Our final day focuses on the "treasures of wisdom and knowledge" available to us in Christ. This promise reminds us that God's wisdom is not just partially available, but fully accessible to those who seek Him. As you read today's passage, note the active verbs - receive, treasure, incline, apply, cry out, seek. What steps can you take to more diligently pursue God's wisdom in your life? Perhaps it's dedicating more time to studying Scripture, seeking godly counsel, or practicing discernment in decision-making. Remember, these treasures of wisdom and knowledge are not just for our personal benefit, but equip us to navigate life's challenges and be a light in a dark world. Ask God to reveal areas where you need His wisdom most, and commit to seeking Him wholeheartedly.