

5 Day Devotional
January 11, 2026 AM Sermon
“What God is doing at Ten Mile”

Day 1: The Light That Exposes and Heals

Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14

Devotional: The church is called to operate in the light, not in darkness. When we hide our struggles, failures, or financial dealings, we operate contrary to our identity as children of light. True spiritual health requires transparency—not sharing every personal detail, but conducting the Lord's business openly and honestly. Consider your own life today: Are there areas where you're operating in secrecy? Is there sin you're hiding, hoping no one will notice? Remember, anything done in darkness cannot be blessed by God. Confession brings healing. Transparency builds trust. Walking in the light means allowing God's truth to expose what needs changing while trusting His grace to cover our weakness. The Dead Sea is dead because water only flows in, never out. Don't let your spiritual life stagnate—let the light of Christ shine through you.

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Day 2: The Priority of Gathering

Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25

Devotional: Attending church is the most basic act of Christian obedience—like showing up to practice when you're on a team. Yet many believers treat corporate worship as optional, rotating in and out based on convenience rather than conviction. The writer of Hebrews commands us not to forsake assembling together, especially as we see the Day approaching. Why? Because we need each other. We need the encouragement, the accountability, the sharpening that comes from gathering with God's people. When you're absent, the body is incomplete. Your spiritual gifts are needed. Your presence matters. If you find yourself consistently making excuses to miss worship, examine your heart. Is it really about schedule conflicts, or is it about priorities? God has placed you in a specific church family for a reason. Commit to being present, engaged, and invested in the community God has given you.

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Day 3: Generous Hearts, Abundant Blessing

Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Devotional: "He who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully." This passage is explicitly about financial giving, despite what some may claim. God calls us to give cheerfully, not grudgingly or out of obligation. But why does giving matter so much? Because it reveals what we truly worship. When we hold tightly to our resources, we demonstrate that we trust our bank account more than our heavenly Father. Generous giving is an act of faith—declaring that God is our provider, not our paycheck. The blessing isn't always financial; sometimes God gives peace, joy, opportunities, or relationships that money cannot buy. Examine your giving today. Are you giving sacrificially or just conveniently? Are you sowing seeds that will produce an eternal harvest? Remember, you cannot out-give God. Test Him in this and watch Him provide.

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Day 4: Eyes to See, Hearts to Understand

Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Devotional: Paul prays that believers would receive "the spirit of wisdom and revelation" and that "the eyes of your understanding" would be enlightened. This isn't about receiving new Scripture, but about truly comprehending what God has already revealed. How many of us know the truth intellectually but fail to live it practically? We know we should forgive, yet we carry grudges. We know God provides, yet we worry constantly. We know Jesus is Lord over all, yet we act as though our problems are too big for Him. Today, ask God to open your spiritual eyes. Pray for understanding that transforms behavior, not just head knowledge that impresses others. When you grasp that everything—every demon, every scheme, every obstacle—is under Jesus' feet, you'll stop living in fear. When you understand the riches of your inheritance in Christ, you'll stop living like a spiritual pauper. Knowledge without understanding leaves you unchanged. Seek both.

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Day 5: The Church—Christ's Body on Earth

Reading: Ephesians 1:22-23; Romans 12:4-8

Devotional: The church is unlike any organization on earth because Christ is its head, and we are His body. Every member has a function, a purpose, a role to play. Some are the hands, some the feet, some—yes—even the armpit. Every part is necessary. When you withhold your gifts, the body suffers. When you refuse to serve, others must compensate for your absence. But here's the beautiful truth: when the body functions as designed, the world sees Jesus. The church isn't a building or a business; it's the fullness of Him who fills all in all. Stop comparing your church to corporations or colleges. Stop critiquing the carpet color or the song selection. Instead, ask: "How is God calling me to serve? What gift has He given me to strengthen this body?" You cannot lead until you're willing to be led. You cannot teach until you're teachable. Submit yourself to Christ, the head, and watch how He uses you to accomplish His purposes through His church.