# TEN MILE BAPTIST CHURCH DEVOTIONAL

5 Day Devotional August 17, 2025 AM Sermon "Understanding who God wants you to be Pt. 4"

Day 1: Rooted in God's Love

Reading: Jeremiah 17:7-8, Psalm 1:1-3

Devotional: Just as a tree planted by water spreads its roots deep, our faith should be deeply rooted in God's love. Today's passages remind us that when we trust in the Lord, we become like trees planted by streams, bearing fruit even in times of drought. Reflect on areas of your life where you may be relying on your own strength rather than God's. How can you deepen your roots in God's love today? Consider starting a gratitude journal, listing three ways you've experienced God's love each day.

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Day 2: Built Up in Christ

Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-5, Ephesians 2:19-22

**Devotional:** As believers, we are being built up into a spiritual house with Christ as our cornerstone. This process isn't always comfortable - sometimes God needs to chisel away at our rough edges. But remember, He is the master builder, and His work in us is always for our good and His glory. What areas of your life is God currently "building up"? How can you cooperate with His work instead of resisting it? Take time to pray, surrendering these areas to God's transformative power.

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Day 3: Established in Faith

Reading: Colossians 2:6-7, Hebrews 13:9

Devotional: Being established in faith means having a firm foundation that can withstand life's storms. It's not about never doubting, but about returning to the truth of God's Word when doubts arise. Today's passages encourage us to continue in Christ as we received Him, being rooted and built up in Him. What "strange teachings" or doubts have been shaking your faith lately? Write them down, then search Scripture for God's truths that counter these doubts. Let God's Word be the anchor that keeps you established.

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Day 4: Abounding in Thanksgiving

**Reading:** Colossians 3:15-17, 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Devotional: Gratitude is a powerful antidote to discouragement and fear. When we choose to give thanks in all circumstances, we shift our focus from our problems to God's faithfulness. The passages today call us to let thankfulness rule in our hearts. This doesn't mean ignoring difficulties, but choosing to see God's hand even in challenging times. Start your day by listing five things you're thankful for, no matter how small. How does this change your perspective on the day ahead?

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Day 5: Walking in Christ

Reading: Colossians 2:6-7, Ephesians 5:1-2

Devotional: Our daily walk with Christ should reflect the love and grace we've received. Walking in Christ means allowing His teachings and character to shape our actions, thoughts, and relationships. It's a continual process of growth and transformation. Reflect on your "walk" over the past week. In what ways has it aligned with Christ's example? Where have you strayed? Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in walking more closely with Christ today, being mindful of how you interact with others and respond to challenges.