

5 Day Devotional
January 18, 2026 AM Sermon
“Building faith on truth”

Day 1: The Foundation of God's Word

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Devotional: God has not left us to wander in confusion. Throughout history, He has spoken through prophets, and ultimately through His Son, Jesus Christ. The Scripture you hold is not merely ancient literature—it is the living, breathing Word of God, profitable for teaching, correcting, and equipping you for every good work.

Today, consider this: What areas of your life are built on feelings, opinions, or cultural trends rather than God's unchanging truth? The grass withers and flowers fade, but God's Word stands forever. Your faith cannot rest on what a church teaches, what a preacher says, or what feels right. It must be anchored in Scripture alone. When you stand before God, you won't answer for what others believed—only for what you did with His Word. Commit today to building your life on the solid foundation of biblical truth, even when it challenges your preferences.

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Day 2: Knowing Jesus—The Only Way

Reading: John 14:6; Acts 4:12; 1 John 5:11-13

Devotional: The most important question you'll ever answer is: "Who is Jesus?" Not just any Jesus, but the Jesus of Scripture—fully God, fully man, the only way to the Father. Religion offers many versions of Jesus: a prophet, a good teacher, a created being. But the Bible declares He is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father except through Him.

Salvation isn't Jesus plus anything. It's not baptism plus Jesus, good works plus Jesus, or church membership plus Jesus. It's Jesus alone. Have you truly repented of your sin and believed in Him as Lord and Savior? Can you say with confidence, "I know whom I have believed"? Today, examine your heart. Is your hope in a religious system or in a personal relationship with the risen Christ? Be ready to give an answer for the hope within you, because that hope has a name: Jesus.

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Day 3: The Call to Daily Obedience

Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9; James 1:22-25

Devotional: Faith isn't a Sunday morning experience—it's a daily walk. God commands us to teach His Word diligently to our children, to talk about it when we sit, walk, lie down, and rise up. This isn't about dragging your family to church; it's about living out Scripture in every moment.

Many believers struggle because they're fighting spiritual battles without spiritual weapons. They want victory without obedience, blessing without discipline. But God's Word must be more than something you hear—it must be something you do. Are you reading Scripture daily? Are you praying? Are you applying what you learn? Your children won't remember perfect parents, but they'll remember authentic ones who wrestled with faith and chose obedience. Today, identify one area where you know what God says but haven't obeyed. Confess it, repent, and take one concrete step toward obedience. Every problem in your walk with God stems from unbelief in what He has said.

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Day 4: Confronting Unbelief

Reading: Mark 9:14-24; Hebrews 11:6

Devotional: "I believe; help my unbelief!" This desperate father's cry should be ours daily. We say we believe God will supply our needs, yet we worry. We claim we're forgiven, yet we carry guilt. We profess faith in heaven, yet we fear death. Why? Because we don't truly believe what God has said about Himself, about us, or about what He's promised.

Every struggle, every anxiety, every defeated area of your life points to unbelief. You're not trusting God's Word in that specific area. Perhaps you disagree with what Scripture says about marriage, parenting, forgiveness, or holiness. That disagreement becomes the entry point for Satan's attack. Today, ask yourself: What part of God's Word do I struggle to believe or obey? That's where the enemy is working. Without faith, it's impossible to please God. Stop trying to rewrite Scripture to fit your preferences. Instead, surrender your unbelief and ask God to align your heart with His truth. He is always right; when you disagree, you are always wrong.

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Day 5: Standing on the Living Word

Reading: Isaiah 40:6-8; 1 Peter 1:23-25

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When you stand before the Lord, you won't be able to blame your church, your upbringing, or your pastor for what you believed. God didn't promise to bless your denomination or your traditions. He promised to bless His Word lived out in your life. This is why you must read it, study it, pray it, and apply it personally. The Bible isn't just a book—it's sharper than any two-edged sword, living and active, able to discern the thoughts and intentions of your heart.

Today, commit to building your entire life on Scripture. Make it your daily bread, your meditation, your guide. Let it convict you, correct you, and transform you. God's Word will never fail you. Will you trust it completely?