

## 5 Day Devotional

July 6, 2025 AM Sermon

**“Overcoming Because of Jesus Pt. 7”**

**Day 1:** Reconciled to God

**Reading:** Colossians 1:19-23

**Devotional:** Today's passage reminds us of the incredible transformation that occurs when we come to faith in Christ. Once alienated from God, we are now reconciled through Jesus' sacrifice. Reflect on your own journey from estrangement to reconciliation. How has your relationship with God changed? Consider the peace you now have with God because of Christ's work on the cross. Take a moment to thank God for His forgiveness and the new standing you have in Him. Today, live in the confidence that you are fully reconciled to God, no matter your past or present struggles.

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**Day 2: The Fullness of Christ**

**Reading:** Colossians 1:15-20, John 1:1-14

**Devotional:** These passages highlight the supremacy and divinity of Christ. Jesus is not just a good teacher or a created being, but the very image of the invisible God, in whom all the fullness of God dwells. How does this understanding of Jesus impact your faith and daily life? Reflect on areas where you might be tempted to diminish Christ's role or power. Ask God to help you see Jesus in His full glory and to submit every aspect of your life to His lordship. Today, seek to honor Christ as supreme in all things.

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**Day 3: Hope in Suffering**

**Reading:** Romans 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

**Devotional:** Life often brings challenges that can shake our faith. Yet, these passages remind us that our hope is not based on circumstances, but on the unchanging character of God and the work of Christ. How have you experienced God's presence in times of suffering? Consider how your trials have produced perseverance, character, and hope. Today, whatever you're facing, choose to focus on the eternal weight of glory that far outweighs any temporary affliction. Ask God to strengthen your inner being and to use your struggles to deepen your faith.

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**Day 4:** Living as New Creations

**Reading:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21, Ephesians 4:22-24

**Devotional:** In Christ, we are new creations. The old has gone, the new has come! This transformation is not just a one-time event, but an ongoing process of renewal. Reflect on areas of your life where you still struggle with old patterns or thoughts. How can you actively "put on the new self" in these areas? Remember, you are now an ambassador for Christ, reconciled to God and entrusted with the message of reconciliation. Today, ask God to help you live out your new identity in Christ, and look for opportunities to share His love with others.

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**Day 5:** Grounded and Steadfast

**Reading:** Colossians 1:23, 1 Corinthians 15:58

**Devotional:** Our faith journey is not a sprint, but a marathon. These verses encourage us to continue in the faith, remaining grounded and steadfast. What does it mean to you to be "grounded and steadfast" in your faith? Consider areas where you might be wavering or tempted to drift from the hope of the gospel. Remember, your labor in the Lord is not in vain. Today, recommit yourself to standing firm in your faith. Ask God to strengthen your spiritual roots and to help you persevere in following Him, regardless of the challenges you face.