

5 Day Devotional
December 7, 2025 AM Sermon
“Will you make a difference?”

Day 1: The Lord Will Provide

Reading: Genesis 22:1-14; Philippians 4:19

Devotional: Abraham's journey to Mount Moriah teaches us that "Jehovah Jireh" means the Lord will provide—not sometimes, but always. When circumstances seem impossible and prayers feel unanswered, doubt can flood our hearts. Yet God's provision isn't limited by our understanding or timing. Like Abraham, we must trust that God sees what we cannot. Perhaps you've prayed for your marriage, a lost family member, or financial provision without seeing results. Don't let unanswered prayers convince you that God isn't working. He is a miracle-working God who provides every time, always. Today, choose to believe that the Lord will provide in your situation, even when you cannot see how.

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Day 2: Speech Seasoned with Grace

Reading: Colossians 4:5-6; James 3:1-12

Devotional: "Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt." Always. No exception clause for difficult coworkers, challenging family members, or those who've hurt you. Our words reveal what fills our hearts. Grace-filled speech extends mercy to those who don't deserve it, while salt preserves rather than destroys relationships. This doesn't mean being dishonest or avoiding truth, but delivering it with love. When frustration rises and flesh wants to lash out, remember: your speech identifies you as Christ's follower. Lost people are watching how you respond in difficult moments. Saved people need your encouragement, not your criticism. Bridle your tongue, be slow to speak, and let grace flow from your lips.

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Day 3: Vigilant in Prayer

Reading: Colossians 4:2-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Devotional: "Continue earnestly in prayer, being vigilant in it with thanksgiving." Vigilant means refusing to quit when overwhelmed or when God seems silent. We abandon prayer precisely when we need it most. Paul, writing from prison chains, didn't stop praying—he prayed for open doors to share Christ. Prayer isn't passive resignation; it's active warfare. It's believing God hears and acts even when circumstances suggest otherwise. Your prayers matter for your children, grandchildren, marriage, and lost friends. Don't let Satan convince you prayer is pointless. You have not because you ask not. Approach God's throne boldly, calling Him "Abba, Father." Be desperately needy of Him. Spiritual maturity recognizes increasing dependence on God, not independence from Him.

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Day 4: Your Past Doesn't Define You

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17; Psalm 103:8-12

Devotional: Satan wants you sidelined by your past, convinced your failures make you unusable. But when Christ saves you, your sins are forgiven and your past is covered. You are not who you used to be. Whether you sinned before salvation or stumbled after forty years of faith, repentance brings complete forgiveness. God removes your transgressions as far as east is from west. Stop wearing chains God has already broken. Your mistakes don't disqualify you from service; they often become your greatest ministry. The only good in you is Jesus, so point others to Him. Rejoice in what Christ has done, not what you've failed to do. God has a purpose for your life today, tomorrow, and until He returns.

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Day 5: Making a Difference Where You Are

Reading: Matthew 20:25-28; 1 Peter 4:7-11

Devotional: God gave every believer at least one spiritual gift to serve others. Your life has divine purpose—not just on Sundays, but Monday through Saturday. Jesus didn't immediately take you to heaven after saving you because He wants you making a difference here. Lost people need your grace-filled words and authentic witness. Saved people need your prayers, presence, and love. Sometimes they don't need your advice; they need you to sit quietly and weep with them. You are fearfully and wonderfully made with unique gifts. Will you use them? Serve without grumbling. Love fervently. Be hospitable. Let your life declare that Jesus is enough. You make a difference—not because of who you are, but because of who He is.