

# **5 Day Devotional**

## **January 4, 2026 AM Sermon**

### **“Jesus is above all”**

#### **Day 1: The Gift of Faith**

**Reading:** Romans 10:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-9

**Devotional:** Faith is not something we manufacture through positive thinking or willpower. It is a divine gift from God, given to us through His grace. When we heard the gospel and the Holy Spirit convicted our hearts, God gave us the ability to believe. But faith doesn't stop at salvation—it must be nurtured daily through hearing God's Word. Consider how much time you spend consuming worldly messages versus eternal truth. Are you strengthening the faith God has given you? Today, commit to filling your mind with Scripture, worship, and truth. Faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God. What you listen to shapes what you believe. Choose wisely.

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#### **Day 2: Faith Tested Through Suffering**

**Reading:** Hebrews 10:32-39; James 1:2-4

**Devotional:** The early believers endured tremendous persecution—their property was plundered, they were publicly ridiculed, and many were imprisoned or killed. Yet they joyfully accepted these losses because they knew they had "a better and enduring possession" in heaven. Your struggles may look different, but they're just as real. Loss, disappointment, betrayal, or grief can shake even the strongest faith. In these moments, remember that faith isn't the absence of struggle; it's trusting God through the struggle. The believers Paul wrote to didn't pretend suffering was easy—they endured it with hope fixed on Jesus. What trial is testing your faith today? Don't draw back. Press forward, knowing your faith is being refined for something greater.

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#### **Day 3: Growing Beyond Spiritual Infancy**

**Reading:** Hebrews 5:12-14; 1 Peter 2:1-3

**Devotional:** Spiritual immaturity isn't cute when it becomes chronic. Paul confronted believers who should have been teachers but still needed someone to teach them the basics. How long have you been a Christian? Are you growing, serving, and being used by God more than when you first believed? Spiritual growth isn't automatic—it requires intentional feeding on God's Word and putting it into practice. A baby drinking milk is appropriate; a thirty-year-old doing the same is alarming. God has given you gifts, talents, and opportunities to serve. The question isn't whether you're capable—it's whether you're willing. This year, ask God to use you more effectively. Pursue maturity. Desire solid food. Become who God has called you to be.

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#### **Day 4: Jesus—The Object of Our Faith**

**Reading:** 1 John 5:4-5; Hebrews 12:1-2

**Devotional:** Victory in the Christian life doesn't come from believing harder or trying more—it comes from believing in the right person. Jesus is the object of our faith. We don't overcome the world through our strength, goodness, or determination. We overcome because Jesus has already overcome, and we are in Him. Many believers place their faith in churches, pastors, programs, or their own abilities, only to be disappointed when these things fail. But Jesus never fails. He is the author and finisher of our faith. When you fix your eyes on Him, everything else falls into proper perspective. Your hope isn't in what you can do—it's in what He has done. Today, redirect any misplaced faith back to Jesus, the only One truly worthy of your trust.

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**Day 5: Using the Faith God Has Given You**

**Reading:** Romans 12:1-3; Matthew 25:14-30

**Devotional:** God has dealt to each believer a measure of faith—not to be buried or wasted, but to be used for His glory. Faith is a gift, but you are responsible for what you do with it. Will you present your body as a living sacrifice, allowing God to transform your mind and prove His perfect will through your life? Or will your faith remain unused, like a forgotten Christmas gift buried under life's clutter? The parable of the talents reminds us that God expects a return on what He's invested in us. He hasn't given you faith to sit idle. Step out in obedience. Serve. Give. Love. Witness. Let God use the faith He's placed in you to accomplish things only He can do. Your faith is meant to be active, not dormant.