

**5 Day Devotional**  
**May 17, 2026 AM Sermon**  
**“It is almost unbelievable”**

**Day 1:** God Knows the Real You—And Still Loves You

**Reading:** Hebrews 4:13-16

**Devotional:** God sees everything about you—every thought, every whispered word, every hidden desire. This reality could be terrifying, except for one stunning truth: He loves you anyway. While we oscillate between self-righteousness and crushing shame, God offers a third way—grace through Jesus Christ. Your Savior knows your worst moments and still calls you His own. He doesn't love an idealized version of you; He loves the real you, flaws and all. Today, resist the temptation to hide from God or pretend you're better than you are. Instead, come honestly before Him, knowing that His love isn't based on your performance but on Christ's finished work.

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**Day 2:** Jesus, Our Compassionate High Priest

**Reading:** Hebrews 2:14-18

**Devotional:** Jesus isn't a distant deity who cannot relate to your struggles. He became fully human, experiencing temptation in every way you do—yet without sin. When you face weakness, failure, or overwhelming circumstances, Jesus doesn't respond with disgust or impatience. He responds with compassion. He understands your frailty because He wore human flesh. He knows what it's like to be tired, betrayed, misunderstood, and tempted. This means you never approach God as an inconvenience. Your struggles don't exhaust His patience. Every time you come to Him in prayer, you're met with understanding and mercy. Jesus sits at the Father's right hand, constantly interceding for you, reminding the Father that you belong to Him.

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**Day 3:** Come Boldly to the Throne of Grace

**Reading:** Hebrews 10:19-25

**Devotional:** Many believers approach God timidly, as though they're bothering Him or need to earn the right to His presence. But Scripture commands the opposite: come boldly. Not arrogantly, but confidently, knowing that Jesus has opened the way. The throne you approach isn't a throne of judgment for believers—it's a throne of grace. You don't come hoping you might receive mercy; you come knowing you will. God invites you to cast all your cares on Him because He genuinely cares for you. Your needs matter to Him. Your burdens concern Him. When you hesitate to pray because you've asked before or feel unworthy, you're actually doubting God's character and Christ's sacrifice. Today, practice bold prayer—bringing everything to Him without shame or hesitation.

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**Day 4:** Salvation: Relationship, Not Religion

**Reading:** John 3:1-21

**Devotional:** Religious activity cannot save you. Church attendance, baptism, good deeds, and moral living—while potentially good things—cannot earn salvation. Jesus told Nicodemus, a deeply religious man, "You must be born again." Salvation is supernatural transformation, not religious performance. It's receiving new life through faith in Christ alone. Many people have head knowledge about Jesus without heart surrender to Jesus. They know facts but haven't experienced relationship. If you died today and God asked why He should let you into heaven, could you point only to Jesus—His death, resurrection, and your personal faith in Him? Or would you list your religious credentials? God desires all people to be saved and come to knowledge of the truth. That truth centers on one mediator: Jesus Christ.

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**Day 5:** Hold Fast Your Confession

**Reading:** 1 Timothy 6:11-16

**Devotional:** True salvation produces fruit. If you've genuinely been born again, you'll desire to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, and patience. This doesn't mean perfection—you'll stumble and struggle. But a complete absence of desire for God indicates a heart problem. Believers are called to "hold fast" their confession, to fight the good fight of faith, to lay hold of eternal life. This isn't about earning salvation but living out the reality of it. When your heart grows cold, when sin entangles you, when doubts arise—return to the throne of grace. Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you. Let the Holy Spirit search your heart. Repent of known sin. Pursue intimacy with Jesus through His Word and prayer. Your salvation is secure in Christ, but your joy, peace, and fruitfulness depend on abiding in Him.