

5 Day Devotional
November 30, 2025 AM Sermon
“Faith in the family Pt. 4”

Day 1: Your Past Does Not Define You

Reading: Colossians 3:1-4; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: Your worst moment does not define you. When God saved you, His grace covered every sin, every failure, every shameful memory. Satan wants you constantly looking backward, but God calls you forward. You are a new creation in Christ—the old has passed away. Today, stop comparing yourself to who you used to be or measuring yourself against other Christians. God's grace is sufficient, and His mercy is new every morning. The question isn't whether you're worthy of being used by God—the question is whether you'll surrender to His purpose. God has a plan for your life that isn't limited by your history. Believe that today is a fresh start, and walk in the freedom Christ purchased for you.

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Day 2: Faith That Works at Home

Reading: Colossians 3:18-21; 1 Peter 3:1-7

Devotional: Your faith at home must be real, or your faith outside the home will be ineffective. It's easy to be "Christian" in public while letting our guard down with those closest to us. But God calls us to authentic discipleship where it matters most—in our marriages, with our children, in our everyday interactions. The way you treat your spouse when things aren't going well, how you respond to disobedient children, how you honor your parents—these moments reveal the depth of your walk with Christ. People can see through religious performance. Your family knows the real you. Let Christ transform your home first. When revival happens in your personal life, those closest to you will notice something different. Make your home the first mission field where Christ's love is genuinely displayed.

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Day 3: God Works in a Fallen World

Reading: Matthew 19:3-9; Romans 8:18-25

Devotional: We live in a world cursed by sin, where things aren't as God intended them to be. There is cancer, broken relationships, injustice, and suffering because sin has corrupted creation. But here's the hope: God still works, guides, and uses us in this fallen world. Jesus acknowledged that Moses permitted divorce because of hard hearts, but reminded us that "from the beginning it was not so." God's ideal hasn't changed, but His grace meets us in our brokenness. Your circumstances may be unfair. Your situation may be difficult. But God can still use you right where you are. Be Christ-like regardless of your environment. Your influence isn't limited by the brokenness around you—it's empowered by the Spirit within you.

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Day 4: Prayer That Makes a Difference

Reading: Colossians 4:2-4; James 5:16; 1 Peter 3:7

Devotional: Prayer is powerful, but several things can hinder it: unresolved conflict in marriage, unforgiveness toward others, selfish motives, unconfessed sin, and religious hypocrisy. Before you pray for others, examine your own heart. Are you harboring bitterness? Are you asking for things that serve only your desires? Is there sin you haven't confessed? God knows your heart—you cannot fool Him with religious words while living in disobedience. Start your prayers with confession and surrender. Ask God to reveal anything that shouldn't be there. When you're right with God, your prayers become effective and powerful. Paul believed prayer made a difference—that's why he constantly asked others to pray for him. Believe that your prayers matter, that God hears, and that He moves in response to the fervent prayers of His people.

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Day 5: God Still Has a Purpose for You

Reading: Colossians 3:22-24; Ephesians 2:10

Devotional: God wants to use you to make a difference in someone's life. You may not feel usable. You may think your past disqualifies you or that you don't have much to offer. These are lies from Satan. God created you with purpose, and while sin has corrupted us, God still desires to work through you. You don't need to wait for big moments—God works in the small, everyday interactions. A smile, an encouraging word, a cup of water given in Jesus' name—these matter eternally. Stop looking for grand opportunities and start being faithful in the moment you're in. Serve Christ wherever you are, whether in the front pew or the back, at work or at home. When you live authentically for Christ, people notice something different about you. Let that difference point them to Jesus.