

5 Day Devotional
August 2, 2026 AM Sermon
“Keeping the main thing, the main thing”

Day 1: The Work Is Finished

Reading: Hebrews 8:1-2; Hebrews 10:11-14

Devotional: The Old Testament priests stood every day, offering sacrifices that could never permanently remove sin. They stood because the work was never done. But Jesus sat down. That single detail carries enormous weight. His sitting is not indifference -- it is completion. The cross accomplished everything required for your forgiveness, your acceptance, and your belonging to God. You are not fighting for His approval. You are living from a victory already won. Whatever guilt you carry today, lay it down at the feet of a Savior who has already paid the full price and taken His seat.

Application: Write down one area where you have been performing for God rather than resting in what He has already done. Confess it, release it, and thank Him for the finished work of the cross.

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Day 2: Seen as Perfected

Reading: Hebrews 10:14; Romans 8:1; Ephesians 1:3-6

Devotional: Hebrews 10:14 declares that by one offering, Christ has perfected forever those who are being sanctified. God does not look at you and see only your worst moments. He sees the finished work He is doing in you. Sanctification is the ongoing process by which the Holy Spirit makes you more like Jesus -- and God, who exists outside of time, already sees that completed picture. This is not a license for careless living. It is an invitation to stop defining yourself by your failures and to begin seeing yourself as God sees you: claimed, covered, and being transformed by His grace.

Application: Find a quiet moment today and read Ephesians 1:3-6 slowly. Meditate on each phrase that describes who you are in Christ. Let those truths challenge any lies you have believed about your worth before God.

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Day 3: Worship Made Perfect Through Christ

Reading: Hebrews 8:3-5; Romans 8:26-27; John 4:23-24

Devotional: None of us come to God with pure, unhindered worship. We carry distraction, weariness, and the weight of sin into every prayer, every song, and every act of service. Yet the Old Testament tabernacle was only a shadow of the heavenly reality where Christ now ministers on our behalf. When your words fail and your prayers feel hollow, the Holy Spirit intercedes, carrying the true desires of your heart to the Son, who presents them perfectly before the Father. You do not need to have it all together before approaching God. Come honestly, come humbly, and let Christ make it right.

Application: Set aside ten minutes today to pray without a prepared script. Be honest with God about exactly where you are -- your doubts, your burdens, your confusion. Trust that the Spirit is carrying those words to the Father in their perfect form.

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Day 4: Christ, the Only Mediator

Reading: Hebrews 8:6; 1 Timothy 2:5-6; John 14:6

Devotional: A mediator stands between two parties and makes a way for them to be reconciled. Hebrews 8:6 declares that Jesus is the mediator of a better covenant, built on better promises. First Timothy 2:5 leaves no room for ambiguity: there is one God and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus. No tradition, no religious system, no human authority can bridge the gap between a holy God and a sinful person. Only Jesus, who gave Himself as a ransom, can do that. This is not an exclusive claim meant to divide -- it is the most inclusive invitation in all of history. Anyone who comes to Him will not be turned away.

Application: Examine your understanding of salvation honestly. Is your confidence resting fully in what Christ has done, or have you quietly added conditions to it? Spend time in prayer reaffirming that your faith rests on Christ alone.

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Day 5: Living From the Better Covenant

Reading: Hebrews 8:10-12; Jeremiah 31:31-34;
Hebrews 13:15-16

Devotional: The new covenant is not simply an improved version of the old. It is a transformation of the relationship between God and His people. God promises to write His law on hearts rather than stone, to be known personally rather than through intermediaries, and to remember sin no more. This is the covenant you live under as a believer. You have direct access to the Father through the Son. You have the Holy Spirit dwelling within you as a permanent guide. You have full forgiveness, not as a possibility, but as a settled reality. Live today from that abundance. Let your obedience flow from gratitude, your worship flow from joy, and your witness flow from a heart that has been genuinely changed.

Application: Read Hebrews 13:15-16 and identify two specific ways you can offer a sacrifice of praise today -- one through your words and one through a practical act of kindness toward another person. Do both before the day is over.