

5 Day Devotional
October 4, 2026 AM Sermon
“Being forgiven changes everything Pt. 5”

Day 1: The Certainty of Salvation

Reading: Hebrews 10:19-25

Devotional: Many believers wrestle with doubt, wondering whether God truly saved them or whether their past disqualifies them from His grace. But the writer of Hebrews calls us to hold fast to our confession without wavering, not because we are worthy, but because God who promised is faithful. There is a difference between feeling undeserving of salvation and doubting that God meant what He said. Feeling undeserving is honest humility. Doubting God's word is a foothold for the enemy. Today, anchor your confidence not in your record but in the faithfulness of the God who made the promise.

Application: Write down one promise from Scripture about salvation and return to it every time doubt arises this week.

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Day 2: The Light Given to Every Person

Reading: John 1:1-13; Psalm 19:1-4

Devotional: God has never left any person without witness. The heavens declare His glory day after day, and His creation speaks in every language to every culture. John tells us that the true light, Jesus Christ, gives light to every person who enters the world. No one arrives at eternity able to claim they were given no opportunity. This truth carries both great comfort and great urgency. It is comfort because it means God pursues all people. It is urgency because it means the church must go, give, and pray so that the gospel reaches those who have only heard creation's voice but not yet the Savior's name.

Application: Pray today for one unreached people group or one missionary your church supports, asking God to make His light known where it has not yet fully shined.

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Day 3: The Danger of Knowing Without Surrendering

Reading: Hebrews 10:26-31; Romans 1:18-21

Devotional: There is a sobering difference between knowing the truth and surrendering to it. The writer of Hebrews warns that willfully continuing in sin after receiving the knowledge of the truth is not a minor spiritual problem. It is a condition of the heart that has heard God's voice and chosen to walk the other direction. Head knowledge of the gospel without heart transformation is not salvation. It is religion. God is not only Savior but Lord, and a life that claims His forgiveness while rejecting His authority reveals a heart that has never truly been changed. Today, examine not what you know about God but whether you have yielded to Him.

Application: Identify one area of willful disobedience and bring it honestly before God in prayer, asking for both the desire and the strength to repent.

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Day 4: The Discipline of a Loving Father

Reading: Hebrews 12:5-11; Proverbs 3:11-12

Devotional: One of the most misunderstood expressions of God's love is His discipline. Many people assume that if things are going wrong in their lives, God has abandoned them. The writer of Hebrews argues the opposite. God disciplines those He loves. A life that claims to follow God but experiences no conviction, no correction, and no sense of accountability may not be experiencing God's silence but rather the absence of a Father-child relationship altogether. Discipline is not punishment for its own sake. It is the loving correction of a Father who sees where sin is leading His child and refuses to let them go there without a fight.

Application: Thank God today specifically for one instance of His correction in your life, acknowledging that it was an act of love rather than rejection.

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Day 5: Returning to the God Who Waited

Reading: Luke 15:11-24; Hebrews 10:35-39

Devotional: The writer of Hebrews closes this passage not with condemnation but with endurance and hope. God does not delight in the destruction of those who wander. He delights in their return. The father in Luke 15 did not merely tolerate the prodigal's return. He ran to meet him. If you have spent seasons running from God, living two-faced, or hardening your heart to His voice, the invitation today is not to clean yourself up before coming back. It is simply to come back. God has not moved. His arms have not dropped. The sacrifice of Jesus remains sufficient for every sin of every wandering heart that returns to Him in genuine repentance.

Application: Spend ten minutes in quiet prayer, not asking for anything, but simply returning. Tell God where you have been, what you have done, and that you are choosing today to come home.