

5 Day Devotional
July 5, 2026 AM Sermon
“When God meets you where you are!”

Day 1: Recognizing Jesus as King

Reading: Hebrews 7:1-3; Matthew 6:33

Devotional: God's kingdom is not a democracy where we vote on His decisions—it's a monarchy where Jesus reigns as King. This truth challenges our independence and self-reliance. When we acknowledge Christ as King, we surrender our right to argue, negotiate, or demand our own way. The question isn't whether God's commands make sense to us, but whether we trust His sovereign wisdom. Today, examine the areas of your life where you're still trying to maintain control. Are you treating Jesus as an advisor you consult occasionally, or as the King who deserves complete authority? True peace comes when we stop fighting for the throne of our own lives and let the rightful King rule. Seek first His kingdom, and watch how everything else falls into place.

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Day 2: The Priest Who Intercedes

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16; Romans 8:31-34

Devotional: Jesus isn't just a historical figure who died two thousand years ago—He's your living High Priest, actively interceding for you right now. When you stumble, He pleads your case. When you're weak, He strengthens you. When you need grace, He invites you to come boldly to the throne. Many believers know about God's forgiveness theoretically but never experience it personally because they won't come honestly before Him. Stop trying to clean yourself up before approaching God. Come messy. Come broken. Come desperate. The throne of grace exists precisely for people who need grace. What burden are you carrying that you haven't truly surrendered to Him? What sin are you hiding instead of confessing? Today, come boldly—not in your own righteousness, but in His.

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Day 3: A Heart of Gratitude

Reading: Malachi 3:8-12; 2 Corinthians 9:6-11

Devotional: Gratitude isn't just a feeling—it's an action. Abraham demonstrated his thankfulness to God by giving back a portion of what he'd received. This wasn't about religious obligation; it was worship. When we withhold our time, talents, or treasure from God, we're essentially saying the blessings matter more than the Blessor. God doesn't need your resources, but He desires your heart. Giving reveals what we truly value. Are you holding anything back from God—not just money, but perhaps your dreams, relationships, or control? God invites you to test Him in this area, promising blessings you won't have room to contain. This isn't a formula for prosperity; it's an invitation to trust. What would it look like for you to give sacrificially today, demonstrating that your security rests in God alone, not in what you possess?

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Day 4: When God Shakes Your Life

Reading: Hebrews 12:25-29; James 1:2-4

Devotional: God shakes our lives not to destroy us, but to reveal what we're truly built upon. Financial struggles, relational challenges, health crises—these aren't signs that God has abandoned you. They're opportunities to discover whether your faith is anchored in circumstances or in Christ Himself. When everything stable becomes unstable, what remains? If your joy disappears when your comfort disappears, perhaps you've been loving the blessings more than the Blessor. God allows the shaking so that what cannot be shaken—your relationship with Him—becomes unmistakably clear. If you're in a valley today, don't waste it by only asking "Why?" Instead, ask "What are You revealing to me, Lord?" The same God who blessed Abraham in victory meets you in your struggle. He hasn't left. He's refining, strengthening, and drawing you closer.

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Day 5: Knowing God, Not Just About God

Reading: Philippians 3:7-11; John 17:3

Devotional: You can know about marriage without being married. You can know about children without having them. Similarly, you can know about God without truly knowing Him. Religion offers information; relationship offers transformation. Jesus didn't come to give you theological knowledge—He came to give you Himself. Eternal life isn't a destination; it's knowing God intimately. This requires more than Sunday attendance or Bible knowledge. It demands surrender, honesty, and daily communion. Many people will stand before God claiming religious credentials, but Jesus will say, "I never knew you." The question isn't what you know about God, but does He know you as His own? Have you moved beyond secondhand faith to personal encounter? Today, stop treating your relationship with God like a textbook and start treating it like a love story. Pursue Him. Seek Him. Know Him—really know Him.