

5-Day Devotional: Building on the True Foundation

Day 1: The Immutability of God's Love

Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7; Jeremiah 35:15

Devotional: God's character has never changed. From Genesis to Revelation, the Father demonstrates persistent, patient love. Like the vineyard owner who gave tenants everything they needed, God has provided abundantly for His people throughout history. He sent prophet after prophet, messenger after messenger, calling His people back to righteousness. This wasn't the action of a harsh God who changed between testaments—this was relentless grace. Today, reflect on how God has persistently pursued you. How many times has He sent conviction, wisdom through His Word, or godly counsel your way? His patience with you reveals His unchanging love. Don't mistake His patience for permission to continue in sin. Instead, let His consistent faithfulness draw you to repentance and deeper devotion.

Day 2: Breaking Free from Delusion

Reading: Psalm 2; Proverbs 28:13; James 1:22-25

Devotional: The human heart is deceitfully wicked, capable of constructing elaborate false identities to protect our pride and justify our sin. The Sanhedrin believed they owned what was merely entrusted to them—a fatal delusion that led to murdering the Son of God. We too can become so attached to our sins, our status, or our self-perception that we reject truth when it confronts us. The only remedy is honest exposure before God's Word. When Scripture convicts you, don't defend yourself—submit. When the Holy Spirit brings discomfort, don't rationalize—repent. True healing begins precisely when our false stories collapse. Ask God today: "What lie am I believing about myself? What sin have I justified?" Then sit in the uncomfortable truth and let Him restore you to reality.

Day 3: The Authority Question

Reading: Mark 11:27-33; Matthew 7:21-23

Devotional: The central question of Jesus's ministry—and of your life—is this: Who has authority? The religious leaders wanted to maintain their control, their systems, their reputation. They were stewards who forgot they didn't own the vineyard. Many today treat their lives, families, even churches as personal possessions rather than God's property. We are not owners; we are tenants, stewards, under-shepherds. Christ alone is Lord. When His Word challenges your

choices, your relationships, your finances, or your habits, will you submit or resist? Stewardship acknowledges that everything belongs to Him. Your life isn't yours to do with as you please—it was bought with precious blood. Today, surrender one area where you've been acting as owner rather than steward. Acknowledge His rightful authority.

Day 4: Victory Through the Cross

Reading: Colossians 2:13-15; 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

Devotional: The cross looked like defeat but secured eternal victory. When the tenants killed the Son, they thought they were protecting their inheritance—instead, they sealed their judgment and Christ's triumph. Jesus disarmed the powers of darkness, stripped them naked, and put them to open shame through what appeared to be His weakest moment. This is the beautiful paradox of the gospel: God's power is made perfect in weakness. The blood that ran down those nails covered all your legal debts before a holy God. Every trespass—premeditated, willful sin—has been forgiven. Not because you earned it, but because Christ accomplished it. Today, if guilt haunts you, remember: the record of debt has been nailed to the cross and covered in blood. Walk in the freedom of total forgiveness.

Day 5: Building on the Cornerstone

Reading: Psalm 118:19-29; 1 Peter 2:4-10; Matthew 7:24-27

Devotional: The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. Every structure needs a foundation, and Christ is the only foundation that will stand. Marriages built on feelings will crumble. Churches built on tradition or personality will fade. Lives built on success, reputation, or comfort will collapse. But what is built on Christ—His Word, His truth, His authority—will endure every storm. You are either building on the Rock or you will be crushed by it. There is no neutral ground. Today, examine what foundation your life actually rests upon. Is it truly Christ, or have you been building on something that will fail? Repent of false foundations and recommit to building everything—your family, your decisions, your future—on Jesus alone. He is the cornerstone, and in Him, you cannot fail.