



Part 1 - One Church

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This five-day devotional is designed to help you move from a Sunday gathering into a Monday-through-Saturday way of life—rooted in God's goodness and expressed through connection, growth, service, and sharing. Each day will invite you to remember what God has done, practice praise as a weapon, and take a practical next step with God's people.

Day 1

Psalm 103:2-5

Remembering is not nostalgia; it's spiritual warfare. When we intentionally call to mind the Lord's benefits—His forgiveness, healing, redemption, and steadfast love—our hearts begin to shift from fear to worship and from heaviness to hope.

The sermon emphasized gathering in God's presence with God's family and celebrating what He has done. Today, begin this journey by rehearsing God's goodness in your own story, because gratitude steadies your soul and fuels fresh faith for what you're facing now.

As you remember, ask God to show you where you've been interpreting your life through the lens of anxiety, disappointment, or shame. Let His past faithfulness

become evidence that He is trustworthy in the present, and let that remembrance become the start of a week marked by worship and obedience.

- Write down five specific ways God has been good to you in the past year, even if they feel small.
- Where has fear been shaping your reactions more than faith? Name one situation specifically.
- How might your attitude change today if you treated gratitude as a daily discipline, not a passing feeling?
- Take two minutes to thank God out loud for one hard season He carried you through.
- Who could you encourage today by briefly sharing one way you've seen God's goodness?

Day 2

Acts 2:42-47

God designed spiritual growth to happen in community, not in isolation. The early church devoted themselves to teaching, fellowship, prayer, and shared life, and their togetherness became a powerful witness of God's presence among them.

The sermon's invitation to connect is more than a church program—it's a spiritual pathway. When you move from attending to belonging, you place yourself in spaces where prayer is shared, burdens are carried, and faith is strengthened through others' testimonies.

Connection also protects you when the "lows and highs" come. Community helps you remember what you forget, believe when you struggle, and worship when your heart feels tired. Today, let God's goodness lead you into deeper relationships, not just deeper routines.

- What is one barrier that keeps you from deeper connection (time, fear, past hurt, insecurity)?
- Identify one person or group at church you could take a next step toward this week.
- Pray for one meaningful relationship God could form that would strengthen your faith.
- Choose one concrete action: fill out a connect card, join a group, or stay after service to meet someone new.
- How can you contribute to community—not just consume it—this week?

Day 3

Romans 12:1-2

Worship is not confined to songs; it is the daily surrender of your life to God. When you offer yourself to Him, your mind begins to change, and your habits start to align with what is true rather than what is loud or urgent.

The sermon highlighted praise that turns fear into worship and breaks chains by grace. That kind of breakthrough often begins when your inner life is renewed—when you stop being shaped by the world's anxiety and start being shaped by God's promises.

Today, focus on growth by practicing a renewed mind: replace the automatic thoughts that spiral into worry with intentional attention to God's character. As you worship through your choices, you'll discover that spiritual maturity is built in the ordinary moments of obedience.

- What is one pattern of thinking that most often steals your peace? Write it down clearly.
- What truth about God directly confronts that pattern (His goodness, presence, power, wisdom, love)?
- Choose one daily practice for renewal this week: Scripture reading, prayer walk, journaling, or worship music.
- Where do you need to surrender control to God today in a specific, practical way?
- How would your day look different if worship guided your decisions more than your feelings did?

Day 4

Ephesians 2:10

You were saved by grace, and you were also shaped for purpose. God prepared good works for you to walk in, meaning your life has kingdom assignments that fit your story, your gifts, and your season.

The sermon's picture of the church as a battleship reminds us that serving is not a side activity; it's part of discipleship. Serving doesn't earn God's love, but it expresses it—and it moves you from spectator to participant in what God is doing.

When you serve, praise becomes visible. Your willingness to show up, help, and carry responsibility becomes a testimony that God is good, not only in words but

in tangible love for others. Today, ask God where He wants you to join the crew and trust Him to supply what you lack.

- What are two gifts or strengths God has given you that could bless others (skills, compassion, leadership, encouragement)?
- What fears keep you from serving (not enough time, not qualified, fear of commitment)?
- Pray: "God, show me one place to serve that fits my season and helps me grow."
- Take one step today: sign up, ask a leader, or volunteer one time to explore a ministry area.
- How might serving reshape your worship by turning gratitude into action?

Day 5

1 Peter 3:15

Sharing your faith begins with a heart that is captivated by Jesus and ready to speak about Him with humility. When you've been remembering God's goodness, connected to His people, renewed in your mind, and engaged in serving, your life naturally becomes a platform for hope.

The songs in the sermon declared that praise silences the enemy and changes the atmosphere. One way praise spreads is through your story—how God met you in the lows and highs, how He carried you, and how He continues to be faithful. Your testimony doesn't need to be dramatic to be powerful; it needs to be honest and Jesus-centered.

Today, ask God for one person to love intentionally and one opportunity to share hope. Sharing is not winning arguments; it's offering a reason for your confidence in Christ. Let your words and your life together point others to the God who has been so good to you.

- Write a three-sentence version of your story: before Jesus, meeting Jesus, and life with Jesus now.
- Who is one person in your life who needs hope right now? Name them and pray for them.
- What would it look like to show love first (a meal, a message, an invitation, listening well)?
- Ask God for courage to invite someone to church or to a conversation about faith this week.
- How can you keep praise and gratitude central so your witness flows from joy instead of pressure?

