

5-Day Devotional: Creating Space for God

Day 1: The Heart's True Treasure

Reading: Matthew 6:19-21

Devotional: Jesus invites us to examine where our treasures truly lie. Our possessions aren't merely objects—they tell stories about our security, success, and identity. But slowly, the things we hold begin to hold us. Today, consider what occupies the storage space of your soul. Are you spiritually broken or simply spiritually overloaded? The phone that flashes "storage full" isn't broken; it's just carrying too much. Similarly, our hearts need clearing to make room for what truly lasts. Pray this simple prayer: "Lord, reorder my loves." Then keep a list this week of what stirs your anxiety or envy—these are clues to where your treasure is drifting from the eternal to the temporary.

Day 2: Choosing the One Necessary Thing

Reading: Luke 10:38-42

Devotional: Martha wasn't doing anything wrong—she was doing good, necessary things. Yet Mary chose the one necessary thing: sitting at Jesus' feet. When good things crowd out the best thing, our souls become fragmented. Like an electrical outlet with too many devices plugged in, we eventually trip the breaker. Simplicity is the breaker box of discipleship, resetting us so the one thing powering everything is Jesus' presence. This week, practice the "uncluttered hour"—sixty minutes with no media, no multitasking, just Scripture, prayer, or a slow walk with Jesus. Let your soul breathe. Say no to hurry so you can say yes to His presence.

Day 3: Clearing Space for Kingdom Work

Reading: Philippians 2:3-4

Devotional: A cluttered life is usually a self-centered life, but a simplified life becomes available for service. One family wanted to help a single mom in need, but their spare room was filled with clutter—seasonal decorations, old clothes, unused gym equipment. They had the space, the heart, and the opportunity, but not the margin. After clearing the room, the husband reflected: "We didn't just clean a room; we cleared space for God to use our home again." A life without margin is a life God cannot easily interrupt. When you make room for God, God fills the room. What space—in your home, calendar, or budget—is God inviting you to clear this week?

Day 4: Modeling Holy Simplicity

Reading: 2 Corinthians 4:18

Devotional: Jesus embraced holy simplicity not because He lacked options, but because His heart was undivided. He had one aim: the Father's will. He owned very little yet lacked nothing. He was stripped of earthly security so we could receive the riches of grace. The gospel frees us from the tyranny of "more" because in Christ, we already have enough—forgiveness, identity, and a future that cannot be taken away. Simplicity isn't self-improvement; it's a Spirit-empowered response to Christ's sufficiency. This week, practice "one in, one out"—every time something new enters your home, donate one thing. Fix your eyes not on what is seen but on what is unseen and eternal.

Day 5: Replacing Clutter with Kingdom Practices

Reading: 1 Timothy 6:7

Devotional: We brought nothing into this world and can take nothing out. The great question isn't "How much can I get?" but "What do I want my heart to become?" You weren't created for a cluttered, frantic, overstuffed life. You were created for peace, purpose, and presence—to walk with Jesus without carrying the world's weight. This week, choose one barrier between you and Jesus, then replace it with a kingdom practice. Replace 30 minutes of scrolling with Scripture. Replace one purchase with an act of generosity. Remove one evening commitment and invest in family or a neighbor. When you make space for God's voice, you hear His direction. When you simplify your life, you multiply your kingdom impact.