

5-Day Devotional: Welcome at His Table

Day 1: Pride Before the Fall

Reading: Proverbs 16:18-19; James 4:6-10

Devotional: Peter's confident declaration—"I'm ready to go to prison and to death"—reveals a heart full of sincere love but also overconfidence in his own strength. Like Peter, we often trust our abilities, experience, or willpower to navigate spiritual challenges. Yet Scripture warns that pride comes before destruction. God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble. Today, examine where you might be relying on your own strength rather than Christ's power. Are you attempting to live the Christian life without daily dependence on Jesus? Remember, apart from Him, we can do nothing. Confession of our weakness is not defeat—it's the doorway to His strength. Humble yourself before God today, acknowledging your need for His sustaining grace in every area of life.

Day 2: Jesus Prays for You

Reading: Romans 8:31-39; Hebrews 7:23-25

Devotional: In Peter's darkest moment of impending failure, Jesus made an astounding declaration: "I have prayed for you." Right now, at this very moment, Jesus stands at the right hand of the Father interceding for you. He knows your weaknesses, your struggles, your vulnerable places—and still He prays. This isn't passive observation; it's active advocacy. The Son of God speaks your name before the throne of grace. When you feel disqualified by your failures or overwhelmed by your imperfections, remember that you have an Advocate who never stops pleading your case. His prayers are not based on your performance but on His faithfulness. Let this truth settle deep: the same Jesus who prayed for Peter before his denial is praying for you before, during, and after yours.

Day 3: Connected to the Vine

Reading: John 15:1-8; Galatians 5:22-25

Devotional: Dead branches litter the ground after storms—disconnected, frail, lifeless. Jesus warned that apart from Him, we can do nothing. Connection to Christ isn't optional for spiritual vitality; it's essential. Just as branches receive life from the vine, we receive strength, purpose, and fruit-bearing power from abiding in Jesus. This connection happens through prayer, Scripture reading, worship, and making Him the center—not merely a part—of your life. When trials come and temptations blow like fierce winds, only those connected to the Vine remain standing. Evaluate your connection today. Is Jesus central to your daily decisions, relationships, and priorities? Or have you drifted into self-reliance? Return to the Vine. Abide in Him. His life flowing through you produces fruit that remains.

Day 4: Grace for Your Worst Moments

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:7-10; 1 John 2:1-2

Devotional: Jesus didn't exclude Peter from the table after predicting his failure. He included him, knowing full well what was coming. God's commitment to your future isn't contingent on your best performance—it extends to your worst moments. His grace isn't a reward for faithfulness; it's a remedy for failure. Paul discovered that God's grace is sufficient even in persistent weakness. When the messenger of Satan tormented him, God's response wasn't removal of the trial but provision of grace. You may be living with regret, shame, or the weight of recent failures. Jesus sees you not through the lens of condemnation but through the promise of restoration. His grace is greater than your worst mistake. You cannot disqualify yourself from His love. Today, receive His sufficient grace.

Day 5: Failure Isn't Final

Reading: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; John 21:15-19

Devotional: "When you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." Jesus saw beyond Peter's denial to his restoration and future ministry. Your failure is real, but it's not final. Jesus sees the other side of your mistakes—the potential, the purpose, the redemption waiting on the other side of repentance. Peter, who denied Christ three times, became the rock upon which the early church was built, preaching to thousands at Pentecost. God specializes in turning failures into testimonies, weakness into strength, denial into declaration. Whatever you've done, wherever you've fallen, Jesus is committed to your future. He's not finished with you. The same grace that restored Peter is available to you today. Come to His table. Examine your heart honestly. Confess your need. And receive the reminder of His unfailing faithfulness.