

5-Day Devotional: Trusting Jesus When Life Feels Uncertain

Day 1: What Are You Holding?

Reading: Matthew 6:19-21

Devotional: Jesus begins His teaching on treasure by asking us to examine what we're gripping tightly. Like a child on a climbing wall refusing to trust the rope, we often cling to things that were never meant to hold us—our savings, our plans, our reputation. The sermon reminds us that "what we hold tightly to eventually tells us what we believe will hold us." Everything earthly has limits. Moths destroy, rust corrodes, thieves steal. But heavenly treasure remains secure. Today, ask yourself: What would shake my peace if I lost it? That thing may have become your treasure. Where your treasure is, your heart follows. Is your heart anchored in the eternal security of Christ, or in temporary things? Release your grip on what cannot save you, and reach instead for the One who holds you.

Day 2: Clear Vision, Clear Direction

Reading: Matthew 6:22-24

Devotional: Jesus teaches that our eyes are the lamp of our body—what we focus on shapes everything else. A "healthy eye" sees clearly, while a selfish, distracted eye fills us with darkness. When we constantly compare ourselves to others, focus on scarcity, or obsess over what we lack, our vision becomes clouded. The sermon warns that "a divided vision will always create unrest in our lives and a lack of peace." You cannot serve two masters; eventually one will command your loyalty. Like Jesus, who said "I always do the things that are pleasing to Him," we need singular focus. What is shaping your vision today? Social media comparisons? Financial anxieties? Career ambitions? Ask God to clear your spiritual vision so you can see what truly matters—His kingdom, His righteousness, His presence. When your vision is fixed on Jesus, your whole life becomes full of light.

Day 3: The Father Who Knows

Reading: Matthew 6:25-34

Devotional: Three times in this passage Jesus commands, "Do not be anxious." He knows anxiety constantly tries to take first place in our hearts. But notice His reason for our peace: "Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all." Anxiety whispers, "What if I'm forgotten? What if there's not enough?" But God knows. The birds don't frantically worry, yet they're fed. The flowers don't anxiously strive, yet they're beautifully clothed. How much more does God care for you? The sermon reminds us that "grace always shows up one day at a time." You don't need to carry tomorrow's burdens today. First Peter 5:7 invites us to "cast all your anxieties on him because he cares for you." What anxieties are you carrying that belong in God's hands? Name them. Speak them aloud. Then consciously release them to your Father who knows, who cares, and who provides.

Day 4: Seek First the Kingdom

Reading: Luke 12:22-34

Devotional: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." This isn't passive inactivity—it's active prioritization. Whatever comes first shapes everything else. When God's kingdom takes priority, our perspective shifts. We still work, plan, and provide, but without the crushing weight of anxiety. The sermon challenges us: "Are you trusting Jesus more than your bank account? More than your retirement fund? More than your job security?" These aren't bad things, but they make terrible gods. They cannot promise peace or hold tomorrow together. Jesus offers something different—belonging to a Father who keeps providing. Seeking God's kingdom first means asking daily: What does God want from this situation? How can I honor Him in this decision? What matters for eternity, not just for today? When we chase His kingdom, everything else finds its proper place.

Day 5: The God Who Shows Up

Reading: Philippians 4:6-7, 19

Devotional: The sermon concludes with powerful testimony: "The dude shows up every time. May not be how we expect it. May not be when we exactly want it to be. But he's gonna show up." This is the confidence that comes from walking with God—not that life becomes easy, but that He proves faithful again and again. Paul writes, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Notice the pattern: instead of anxiety, prayer; instead of worry, thanksgiving. When we bring our needs to God, "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." This isn't peace because everything is certain—it's peace that transcends circumstances. Today, reflect on how God has shown up in your past. Let those memories build your trust for today's uncertainties. Then release today's concerns to Him, knowing He will provide according to His riches in glory.