

5-Day Advent Devotional: The Wonderful Counselor

Day 1: Beholding His Wonder

Reading: Colossians 1:15-17

Devotional: Today, pause to consider the breathtaking truth that Christ holds all things together—including your life. The wonder of Jesus isn't found in a single moment but in His continuous, sustaining work. Every breath you take, every sunrise you witness, points to His faithful presence. Unlike fleeting wonders that merely inspire us temporarily, Christ's wonder transforms us eternally. He rescued you from sin's depths and continues working in your circumstances today. Ask yourself: Have I lost my sense of awe for who Jesus is? This Advent season, cultivate a reverential fear—not terror, but deep respect—for the One who created all things and sustains them still.

Day 2: The Counsel We Need

Reading: Matthew 7:7-11

Devotional: God's counsel isn't hidden behind academic walls or reserved for the spiritually elite. It's available the moment you ask, seek, and knock. What makes Christ's counsel different from all worldly advice? He binds His interests with yours, providing exactly what you need—even when it's difficult to receive. Today, bring your confusion, your unanswered questions, and your deepest struggles before Him. Don't be afraid to ask what's truly on your heart. Our Heavenly Father delights in giving good gifts to His children. His wisdom is uniquely faithful, without self-interest, and perfectly suited to guide you through life's complexities. Will you trust His counsel today, even if it differs from what you expected?

Day 3: Come to Me and Rest

Reading: Matthew 11:28-30

Devotional: Jesus extends an invitation that costs you nothing yet offers everything: "Come to Me." In a world exhausting you with demands, expectations, and endless striving, Christ offers rest for your weary soul. He doesn't promise to remove every burden, but to exchange your heavy load for His light yoke. This is the counsel of restoration—not destruction like the enemy offers. Acknowledge today that you don't have it all together. Life doesn't always make sense, and that's precisely why you need the Wonderful Counselor. He is gentle and humble in heart, walking alongside you through

every valley. What burden are you carrying that you need to surrender to Him? Let today be the day you stop pretending and start resting.

Day 4: His Counsel Transforms Lives

Reading: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Devotional: Christ's counsel often contradicts human wisdom. He perfects His power in your weakness, not your strength. When life brings grievous dangers and difficulties, Jesus doesn't promise immediate removal but rather His presence through them. Paul learned to boast in weakness because it created space for Christ's strength to shine. Today, consider what weakness you've been hiding or what difficulty you've been facing alone. God's counsel guides you through—not around—challenges, helping you bear what seems unbearable. His grace is sufficient, even when circumstances remain unchanged. Will you embrace weakness today, allowing Christ's power to dwell richly in you? Transformation happens when we stop relying on ourselves and fully trust His counsel.

Day 5: Cherishing His Counsel Above All

Reading: Philippians 4:19

Devotional: What do you cherish most? What are you holding onto so tightly that you refuse to release? Today's truth confronts us: Christ will supply all your needs according to His riches in glory. Not some needs. All needs. But this requires cherishing His counsel above everything else—even when He says "no," even when His provision looks different than expected. Don't add worldly philosophy to God's Word or treat Scripture as outdated advice. The early church hungered for God's counsel, sitting for hours absorbing His truth. This Advent, make a choice: Will you cherish Christ's counsel enough to align your entire life with it? His faithfulness spans a thousand generations. Trust that what He provides is exactly what you need for transformation and abundant life.