

5-Day Devotional: The Joy of Not Knowing

Day 1: Living in the Last Days with Purpose

Reading: 1 Peter 4:7-12

Devotional: "The end of all things is near." These words aren't meant to frighten us but to focus us. We live in a uniquely important time in human history—the dispensational age before Christ's return. This reality should shape how we pray, love, and serve. When we recognize that our time is limited and Christ's return is imminent, trivial concerns fade away. The question becomes: Are we investing in what matters eternally? Today, ask yourself: If Christ returned tonight, would I be found faithful in prayer, fervent in love, and actively serving His church? Don't let the uncertainty of tomorrow paralyze you. Instead, let it propel you toward sound judgment and sober-minded devotion. Christ is coming back—live like you believe it.

Day 2: Fervent Love That Covers

Reading: Proverbs 10:12; 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Devotional: Love that never ceases—this is the standard Christ sets before us. Not love that ends when someone offends us, disappoints us, or sins against us. Fervent love covers a multitude of sins because it mirrors the love shown to us at Calvary. We cover what we care about: our cars, our grills, our possessions. How much more should we cover one another with sacrificial love? This isn't about ignoring sin or pretending everything is fine. It's about choosing forgiveness over being right, grace over grudges. Today, identify one relationship where you've been holding back love. Perhaps someone has wounded you deeply. Ask God for the strength to forgive and forget—not because they deserve it, but because Christ covered your multitude of sins. Love must be your highest priority.

Day 3: Hospitality Without Complaint

Reading: Romans 12:9-13; Hebrews 13:1-2

Devotional: "Be hospitable to one another without complaint." These words cut through our consumer mentality toward church. Hospitality isn't a transaction; it's relational. It's not about what the church offers you, but what you offer through Christ's strength. The warning against complaint addresses that subtle grumbling—the low tone of dissatisfaction that poisons community. When we serve grudgingly or attend church asking "What's in it for me?" we miss the point entirely. Our identity isn't found in perfect worship services or flawless preaching—it's found solely in Christ. Today, examine your heart. Are you treating your church family like a hotel (transactional) or a home (relational)? Choose one concrete way to serve this week without complaint. Move from consumer to contributor, trusting that God supplies the strength you need.

Day 4: Stewarding Gifts in Uncertainty

Reading: Matthew 25:14-30; 1 Corinthians 4:1-2

Devotional: Stewardship isn't about having all the answers—it's about faithfully managing what God has entrusted to you, even when the future is unclear. The servants in Jesus' parable didn't know when their master would return, yet they invested wisely. Similarly, we're called to steward our gifts, resources, and opportunities with sound judgment, not knowing what tomorrow holds. This requires self-restraint—resisting the world's demand for immediate gratification and easy paths. True stewardship means praying, "Father, let Your will be done," then stepping forward in obedience. Perhaps God is calling you to serve in an area where you feel unequipped. Remember: the strength is found in Christ, not in your abilities. Today, ask God to reveal one area where you've been holding back because of uncertainty. Trust Him with what you don't know.

Day 5: The Joy of Not Knowing

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Isaiah 55:8-9

Devotional: There is profound joy in surrendering control to a sovereign God. When we admit "I don't know what to do," we position ourselves to fully trust in the One who does. God's ways are higher than ours; His thoughts beyond our comprehension. The tuning season—that chaotic time of preparation—precedes the beautiful concert. What looks messy to us is purposeful in God's hands. He is long-suffering, patient, and faithful even when we cannot see the path ahead. The joy of not knowing isn't ignorance or passivity; it's active trust. It's choosing to be the church, seek God fervently, and look for opportunities He opens, even when the future is unclear. Today, bring your uncertainties before the Lord. Release your need to control outcomes. Find joy in knowing that while you may not know tomorrow's details, you know the One who holds tomorrow. Christ is with you always, even to the end of the age.