

5-Day Devotional: Taste and See, Again

Day 1: Questions Are Not Failures

Reading: John 14:1-7

Devotional: Thomas and Philip walked with Jesus for three years, yet they still asked basic questions. Their uncertainty didn't disqualify them from Jesus' love or mission. Notice how Jesus responds—not with shame, but with patient redirection. Your questions don't make you less faithful; they make you honest. Faith that has room for wondering is faith that has been at this long enough to stop pretending. Today, bring your most troubling question to God. Write it down. Sit with it. Remember that the disciples' questions didn't remove them from the upper room, and yours won't remove you from God's presence either.

Day 2: Multiple Doors, Same House

Reading: John 14:8-14

Devotional: Jesus tells Philip, "Believe me... but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves." There are different ways into faith—some enter through mystical encounter, others through rational observation of goodness in the world. God's house has many dwelling places and many entrances. Perhaps you once entered through certainty but now find yourself approaching through doubt. Perhaps intellectual arguments once convinced you, but now only beauty moves you. This is normal. Faith is not static. The invitation today is to notice which door is open to you right now, not which one you think should be open. Walk through the one that is.

Day 3: Chosen Before You Were Sure

Reading: 1 Peter 2:1-10

Devotional: "You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, God's own people." Notice the writer doesn't say "you will be" or "you can become." You already are. Your identity in Christ is given before it's earned, conferred before it's verified. The Christians in Pontus were scattered, maligned, and uncertain—yet they were called chosen. Your belonging doesn't depend on the strength of your faith today. It depends on God's faithfulness. When you feel like an exile, when your faith feels

thin, when neighbors or family question your trust—your status hasn't changed. You are still God's own. Let that truth hold you today, even if you can't fully grasp it.

Day 4: Keep Tasting

Reading: Psalm 34:1-8

Devotional: "Taste and see that the Lord is good" is not a one-time experiment but a repeated practice. Like newborns who instinctively long for milk, we're invited to keep returning to the goodness of God even when the world tells us it isn't real. Some days the taste is vivid; other days it's faint. The practice remains the same: come back. The spiritual life is not about arrival but return. What small practice helps you taste God's goodness? A morning prayer? A walk in creation? Service to a neighbor? Don't wait until you're sure. Come hungry. The table is set for those who wonder as much as for those who know.

Day 5: Standing on the Cornerstone

Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-8

Devotional: The cornerstone is Christ—the rejected one, the maligned one, the one the world discarded. And this cornerstone doesn't ask to be fully understood; it asks to be stood upon. You don't need to comprehend the mystery to build your life on it. Thomas stood on it with questions. Philip stood on it asking to see more. The Christians in Pontus stood on it while being called fools. Today you can stand on it too, with whatever faith you have. The stone holds whether you arrive with certainty or doubt, answers or questions. What matters is that you show up and place your weight on what God has made foundational. Stand there today. It will hold you.