



5-Day Devotional: The Power of the Resurrection

Day 1: The Rarity of Holiness

Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-12

Devotional: God calls you a "royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people." You are not common—you are a rarity in this world. Just as the red heifer was valuable because of its scarcity and purity, your holiness makes you precious to God. When you live set apart from the world's patterns, you shine as a light in darkness. The question is not whether you've said a prayer, but whether your life reflects transformation. God doesn't want your leftovers; He desires your first and best. Today, examine your life honestly. Are you living as a rarity, or have you become common? Choose holiness, not perfection, but sincere devotion to the One who made you valuable through Christ's blood.

Reflection: What areas of your life have become "common" rather than set apart for God?

Day 2: Outside the Camp

Reading: Hebrews 13:11-16

Devotional: Jesus died outside the camp so that no wall would separate you from God's love. Religion builds barriers; grace tears them down. The fact that Christ was crucified outside Jerusalem's gates means the prostitute, the addict, the broken, and the outcast can come directly to Him without climbing over religious requirements. You don't need a mediator besides Jesus. You don't need to clean yourself up first. Wherever you are—in your car, your bedroom, your darkest moment—you can cry out to Jesus and He hears you. This is the beauty of the gospel: it's accessible to everyone. Jesus left the religious system to reach you. Will you come to Him today, just as you are?

Reflection: What barriers have you placed between yourself and God that Jesus has already removed?

Day 3: The Sweet-Smelling Sacrifice

Reading: Ephesians 5:1-2

Devotional: When Jesus hung on the cross, hell celebrated and Satan thought he had won. But God saw it differently—as a "sweet-smelling savor." How could such suffering be sweet to God? Because He knew the end of the story. He saw beyond the cross to the resurrection, beyond your sin to your redemption, beyond your struggle to your victory. When you face battles that seem hopeless, remember that God sees what you cannot. He knows the outcome before the trial begins. Your suffering is not meaningless; it's part of a greater plan. Like Jesus, your sacrifice of obedience, even when it's painful, rises to God as a beautiful aroma because He knows the transformation it will bring.

Reflection: What current struggle might God be using to bring about your greater victory?

Day 4: Changed Forms, Greater Power

Reading: John 16:7-15

Devotional: Jesus told His disciples something confusing: "It is better that I go away." How could His leaving be better? Because He would change forms—from physical presence with a few to spiritual presence within millions. The resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead now lives inside you through the Holy Spirit. This is why Jesus said you would do greater works than He did. Not because you're greater, but because His Spirit multiplies through His body, the Church. You are His hands, feet, eyes, and ears in this world. The same power that conquered death, hell, and the grave dwells in you. Stop living as though you're powerless. The resurrection isn't just history; it's your present reality.

Reflection: How can you tap into the resurrection power living within you today?

Day 5: Ready for the Trumpet

Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

Devotional: When the trumpet sounds, will you hear it? Only those with the Holy Spirit dwelling within them will recognize that call. The question isn't about your hearing ability but about your spiritual condition. Are you born again, or have you simply said a prayer without transformation? Jesus didn't die so you could add Him to your life; He died so He could become your life. The resurrection means that death has no power over you, that heaven awaits, that your story doesn't end at the grave. But this promise is only for those who have truly surrendered to Christ. Today is the day of salvation. Don't wait. Don't assume. Make certain that the resurrection power lives in you, so when that trumpet sounds, you'll rise to meet Him in the air.

Reflection: If the trumpet sounded today, are you confident you would hear it and rise?