

A Journey to the Resurrection: 5-Day Devotional Guide

Day 1: Led by the Spirit

Reading: Matthew 4:1-4; Psalm 23:1-4

Devotional

The same Spirit that affirmed Jesus at His baptism led Him into the wilderness. This reveals a profound truth: divine affirmation often precedes divine testing. The wilderness was not punishment but preparation. God leads us into seasons that feel dry and uncomfortable not because He has abandoned us, but because He is doing His deepest work beneath the surface. In these hidden places, our dependence on God strengthens and our identity becomes secure. The wilderness strips away noise and distractions, teaching us to survive on what God has spoken even when we cannot see what He is doing. Trust that if the Spirit has led you into a difficult season, He is preparing you for your next level of purpose.

Reflection Question: What "wilderness season" are you currently experiencing, and how might God be using it to prepare rather than punish you?

Day 2: The Battle for Identity

Reading: Matthew 3:16-17; Matthew 4:3-4; 1 John 2:15-17

Devotional

The enemy's first attack against Jesus targeted His identity: "If You are the Son of God." Notice that the last thing the Father spoke was "This is My beloved Son," and the first thing Satan challenged was that very declaration. The enemy always attacks what God affirms. He wants you to doubt who you are and question what God has said over your life. Every temptation ultimately aims at your identity because if the enemy can confuse who you are, he can distort where you are going. Your identity is the first battlefield because your destiny is the ultimate target. When you know who you are in Christ, temptation loses its grip and you stop performing for approval or chasing validation.

Reflection Question: What has God spoken over your identity, and what lies is the enemy using to challenge that truth?

Day 3: The Weapon of the Word

Reading: Luke 4:1-13; Ephesians 6:10-17; Hebrews 4:12

Devotional

Jesus defeated every temptation with three words: "It is written." He did not argue, explain, or defend Himself with human reasoning. He wielded the Word of God as His weapon. When the enemy twisted Scripture, Jesus responded with the full truth of Scripture. This is the pattern of victory for every believer. When lies assault your mind, answer with Scripture. When fear threatens your peace, stand on God's promises. When circumstances contradict what God has spoken, declare what is written. The Word is living, active, and sharper than any two-edged sword. It is your offensive weapon in spiritual warfare. Victory comes not through your own strength but through speaking and standing on the eternal truth of God's Word.

Reflection Question: What Scripture promises do you need to speak aloud today to combat the enemy's lies?

Day 4: Consecration Before Elevation

Reading: Matthew 4:1-2; Daniel 1:8-16; Joel 2:12-13

Devotional

Before Jesus healed anyone, preached His first sermon, or performed a miracle, He entered a season of consecration through fasting and prayer. Consecration is making room by removing everything that cannot go into your next season. Jesus quieted His flesh so the voice of His Father could be amplified. Modern Christianity often wants miracles without maturity, a move of God without heart preparation, and end results without sacrifice. But you do not walk into an assignment without first ensuring alignment. Before public victory comes private testing. Before resurrection power comes wilderness preparation. Fasting and prayer are not religious rituals but spiritual disciplines that purify motives, strengthen dependence, and position you for what God has next.

Reflection Question: What do you need to fast from or consecrate to God in order to make room for what He wants to do in your life?

Day 5: Returning in Power

Reading: Luke 4:14-21; Acts 1:8; 2 Corinthians 12:9-10

Devotional

Jesus did not leave the wilderness weaker—He returned in the power of the Spirit. He went in led but came out loaded. He entered with obedience but emerged with authority. The wilderness was not meant to break Him but to build Him, not to weaken Him but to weaponize Him. When God leads you into a dry place, He is not hiding you but shaping you. Your wilderness is not your ending but your equipping. Your silence is not punishment but preparation. When this season concludes, you will return with more power, clarity, authority, and a deeper understanding of your identity. You will carry a testimony that hell cannot argue with. You are not coming out the way you went in. God is preparing you for miracles, breakthroughs, and supernatural demonstrations of His Kingdom power.

Reflection Question: How has God been strengthening and shaping you through your current season, and what testimony will you carry when you emerge?

Closing Prayer

Father, thank You for leading us through wilderness seasons that prepare us for greater purpose. Strengthen our identity in You, sharpen us with Your Word, and help us embrace consecration over convenience. As we journey toward Resurrection Sunday, fill us with Your Spirit and bring us out with power and authority to advance Your Kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.