

## **A Journey to the Resurrection: Breaking Barriers Through the Resurrection 5-Day Devotional Guide**

### **Day 1: Declared and Affirmed**

**Reading: Matthew 3:13-17**

#### **Devotional**

Before Jesus faced any wilderness, any trial, or any cross, the Father declared His identity: "This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." This affirmation came before Jesus performed miracles or accomplished His mission. God's declaration over your life is not based on your performance but on His purpose. The enemy will always attack what God has already affirmed. Just as he questioned Jesus with "If You are the Son of God," he will question your identity in Christ. But remember, what God has spoken over you cannot be undone by doubt or opposition. Stand firm in who God says you are, not in what circumstances suggest. Your identity is settled in heaven before it is tested on earth.

#### **Reflection**

What has God already declared over your life? How can you stand firm in that truth today?

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### **Day 2: The Barrier Sin Built**

**Reading: Genesis 3:1-10; Isaiah 59:1-2**

#### **Devotional**

Sin's first evidence was not merely disobedience but distance. Adam and Eve, who once walked freely with God, suddenly found themselves hiding among the trees. Sin always creates separation, distorting intimacy and building walls we cannot tear down ourselves. Isaiah reminds us that our iniquities have separated us from God, hiding His face from us. Every sacrifice in the Old Testament—every lamb, every drop of blood—was a temporary covering, a reminder that the barrier still stood. Humanity was designed for God's presence but cut off from it. This separation was not just relational but spiritual, bringing death and disconnection. Yet even in establishing the sacrificial system, God was pointing forward to a better solution, a permanent remedy for the barrier sin built.

#### **Reflection**

Where have you experienced separation from God? What barriers need His intervention in your life?

### **Day 3: Paid in Full**

**Reading: John 19:28-30; Hebrews 10:10-14**

#### **Devotional**

"Tetelestai!" When Jesus shouted this from the cross, He was not expressing defeat but declaring victory. This word meant "paid in full"—stamped on completed debts, approved sacrifices, and finished assignments. Jesus became the High Priest, the spotless Lamb, and the obedient Servant all at once. What animals could not fully accomplish, He fulfilled forever. Every sin—paid in full. Every requirement—fulfilled. Every assignment—completed. There is nothing you can add to what Christ has done. The striving stops at the cross. The earning ends there. The weight of trying to fix yourself is lifted. The enemy may remind you of your past, but heaven has stamped your life: Paid in Full. Not partially forgiven, not conditionally accepted, but completely redeemed through the better sacrifice.

#### **Reflection**

What are you still trying to earn that Jesus has already paid for? How does "paid in full" change your approach to God today?

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### **Day 4: The Veil Torn**

**Reading: Matthew 27:50-54; Hebrews 10:19-22**

#### **Devotional**

At the moment Jesus gave up His spirit, the temple veil tore from top to bottom—not by human hands but by divine intervention. This massive, thick curtain that separated humanity from God's presence was ripped open. What once required a priest, blood, and annual rituals now requires only faith. The barrier that preached "you can come close, but not too close" was destroyed. God was declaring that what was restricted is now open, what was distant is now accessible. You do not need to stand outside anymore, wondering if you are worthy enough to enter. You do not need someone else to go on your behalf. Through Christ's blood, you have boldness to enter the Holiest place. The torn veil means unrestricted access to the Father's presence, anytime, for anyone who believes.

#### **Reflection**

Are you living with boldness in God's presence, or are you still standing at a distance? What would change if you fully embraced your access?

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## **Day 5: The Tomb Could Not Hold Him**

**Reading: Matthew 28:1-10; 1 Corinthians 15:54-58**

### **Devotional**

They rolled the stone, sealed the tomb, and set guards—every barrier designed to keep Jesus contained. But when heaven intervened, what was meant to be a barrier became evidence of His power. The stone was not rolled away so Jesus could escape; it was moved so we could see He was already gone. Death could not hold Him. The grave could not contain Him. Hell could not stop Him. He conquered death and walked out victorious, holding the keys of death and Hades. Because He lives, every barrier trying to define your end is broken. What tried to bury you will not keep you. The same resurrection power that raised Christ from the dead is available to break every chain, tear down every wall, and remove every obstacle in your life. Victory is not something you chase—it is something you step into because He is alive.

### **Reflection**

What "tomb" are you facing today? How does the reality of the resurrection empower you to overcome it?

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### **Closing Prayer**

Father, thank You for breaking every barrier that separated us from You. Help us to live in the freedom of the torn veil and the power of the empty tomb. May we walk boldly in Your presence, knowing we are paid in full through Jesus Christ. Amen.