



5 Day Devotionals for I AM Worship Church

Hope Sunday

Hope Center Ministries • Sunday, August 2, 2026



Day 1: The Courage to Surrender Reading: Mark 14:32-36

Devotional: In the garden, Jesus faced the full weight of what lay ahead. He did not pretend the cost was small. He brought His honest fear before the Father and then released His will entirely. Surrender is not weakness. It is the most courageous act a person can perform. Many of us spend years running, checking boxes, and managing appearances while our inner voice remains unchanged. True surrender is not a performance for others. It is a private, honest moment between you and God where you stop driving and hand over the keys. What are you still gripping today?

Reflection: What area of your life have you been managing on your own rather than genuinely surrendering to God?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes today in a quiet place. Write down one thing you have been unwilling to release. Speak it aloud to God and ask Him to take it.

Day 2: Coming to Your Senses Reading: Luke 15:11-24

Devotional: The prodigal son did not change because the pig pen was comfortable. He changed because he came to his senses. The turning point was not a program, a sermon, or a set of circumstances. It was an internal awakening. He recognized where he was, remembered who his father was, and made the decision to go home. The father was already watching, already waiting, already running. God does not require you to clean yourself up before returning to Him. He meets you on the road. The question is not whether He is willing to receive you. The question is whether you are willing to go home.

Reflection: Is there a moment in your own life when you came to your senses? What did that feel like, and what did you do with it?

Practical Application: Read Luke 15:11-24 slowly and place yourself in the story. Identify which character you most resemble right now and journal your honest response.



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Day 3: The God Who Stays on You Reading: Psalm 139:7-12

Devotional: Psalm 139 describes a God from whom there is simply no escape. Not because He is a warden, but because He is a Father who refuses to abandon His children. Several of the men who shared their stories described a season of running, of getting high enough or moving fast enough to drown out the voice of God. None of it worked. He stayed. He hovered. He waited. What feels like relentless pursuit is actually relentless love. The God who tracked you through your worst years is the same God who is present in your best ones. You were never as alone as you believed yourself to be.

Reflection: When did you most feel like God had abandoned you? Looking back, where do you now see evidence that He was present?

Practical Application: Make a list of three moments in your past where, in hindsight, God was clearly at work even when you did not recognize it. Use that list as a form of praise today.

Day 4: Egypt Out of You Reading: Exodus 13:17-18, Romans 12:2

Devotional: The Israelites left Egypt in a single night. The plagues ended, the sea parted, and they walked out free. But the habits, the fears, the old ways of thinking, those did not leave with them. They carried Egypt inside even as they walked toward the promised land. This is the deeper work of transformation. A changed environment is a gift. A changed heart is a miracle. Paul urges believers not to be conformed to the patterns of this world but to be transformed by the renewing of the mind. That renewal is not a moment. It is a daily decision to let God do what only He can do on the inside.

Reflection: What patterns of thinking from your old life are still shaping your decisions today?

Practical Application: Identify one thought pattern that consistently pulls you backward. Find a specific Scripture that directly counters that lie and commit it to memory this week.



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Day 5: Carrying the Message Forward Reading: Jeremiah 29:11, 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Devotional: Jeremiah 29:11 describes God's intention to give His people a future and a hope, not harm. Paul writes in 2 Corinthians that God comforts us in our troubles so that we can comfort others with the same comfort we ourselves have received. Your story is not just yours. The suffering you endured, the pit you climbed out of, the moment you surrendered on a bathroom floor or in a jail cell or on the side of a road, God intends to use all of it. You are not just a recipient of grace. You are a carrier of it. Someone is waiting to hear exactly what you have been through.

Reflection: Who in your life right now needs to hear about what God has done for you?

Practical Application: This week, share one specific thing God has done in your life with someone who needs to hear it. It does not have to be polished. It just has to be true.