

# 5-Day Devotional: Beyond "Almost" - Fully Surrendering to Christ

## Day 1: The Danger of "Almost"

**Reading:** Acts 26:24-29

**Devotional:** King Agrippa's words echo through eternity: "You almost persuade me to become a Christian." Almost is one of the most dangerous places to be spiritually. You can almost board a plane, but you'll miss your destination. You can almost get baptized, almost surrender, almost obey—but almost gives you nothing when it comes to salvation. Hearing the truth isn't enough; it requires a response. Today, examine your spiritual life honestly.

Are you almost committed? Almost obedient? Almost surrendered? God doesn't want your partial devotion—He wants all of you. The gap between "almost" and "altogether" is the difference between heaven and hell. Don't let another day pass living in the dangerous territory of "almost."

**Reflection Question:** What area of your life remains in the "almost" category when it comes to full obedience to Christ?

### Today's Challenge

#### Salvation Assurance:

If you're uncertain about your baptism or salvation, I would love to speak with you regards this most important area of your life.

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## Day 2: Hearing Without Yielding

**Reading:** James 1:22-25

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Felix the governor heard Paul preach about righteousness, self-control, and judgment, then said, "Go away until I have a convenient time." How many of us do the same? We hear powerful sermons, feel convicted, sense God's call—then wait for a more convenient time. But tomorrow isn't promised. Being a hearer only deceives you into thinking you're right with God when you're not. The mirror of God's Word shows us what we need to change, but looking without acting accomplishes nothing. Faith without corresponding action is dead. You know what the Bible says about baptism, reconciliation, generosity, purity, and commitment. The question isn't about knowledge—it's about obedience. Stop waiting for convenience and start walking in obedience today.

**Reflection Question:** What truth have you been hearing repeatedly but have yet to obey?

### Today's Challenge

#### Surrender:

Identify and remove one thing that's competing with God's will and His placement in your life, as FIRST.

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## Day 3: You Cannot Serve Two Masters

Reading: Matthew 6:19-24

### Devotional:

Jesus declared plainly: you cannot serve God and the world. You'll love one and hate the other. Many want heaven's blessings while clinging to worldly pleasures. Like Lot's wife, our hearts remain attached to what God calls us to leave behind. Is it a relationship that dishonors God? An addiction you won't release? A lifestyle of materialism? Pride that refuses correction? Whatever competes with Christ for first place in your life is an idol. The rich young ruler walked away sorrowful because his possessions owned him. What owns you? Salvation requires surrender—dying to self so Christ can live through you. You cannot hold tightly to the world with one hand while reaching for heaven with the other. Choose today whom you will serve.

**Reflection Question:** What possession, relationship, or habit do you need to release to fully follow Christ?

### Today's Challenge

#### Accountability:

Confess a specific struggle to a trusted Christian friend and ask for accountability.

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## Day 4: Faithful Unto Death

**Reading:** Revelation 2:8-11

### Devotional:

"Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life." Early Christians whispered these words to each other as they faced execution for confessing Christ. When the sword came to their neck, they chose faithfulness over life itself. Today, God doesn't ask you to lose your head—just your pride, your sin, your worldly attachments. Yet many find this too difficult. We start strong but don't finish. **We get baptized but don't remain steadfast.** Life gets hard, someone hurts us, we get busy, and we fade away. But God calls us to be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in His work—not just when it's convenient or comfortable. Your Christian walk isn't a sprint; it's a marathon requiring endurance, commitment, and daily surrender until your last breath.

**Reflection Question:** What challenge or disappointment has caused you to become less faithful in your walk with Christ?

### Today's Challenge

#### Commitment:

Identify one area of your life where you are convicted to change and make the **COMMITMENT** to change.



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## Day 5: The Family You Gain

**Reading:** Acts 2:41-47; Ephesians 2:19-22

### Devotional:

When you go all the way with Christ, you gain a family. The early church didn't just attend services—they lived life together, meeting daily, sharing meals, ensuring no one had lack. You need a church family. There will come times when you're sick, struggling financially, battling spiritually, and your biological family cannot help you. But your church family—bound by the blood of Christ—will pray, provide, and stand with you. Yet many operate on the periphery, dipping in and out, never truly connecting. They want the benefits without the commitment. Being part of God's family means showing up, serving, giving, forgiving, and fighting for each other. It means accountability and authenticity. Don't settle for being a stranger. Become a true member of God's household today.

**Reflection Question:** Are you truly connected to a church family, or are you merely a **spectator** on the sidelines?

### Today's Challenge

#### Relationship

Identify “Are you in a **Symbiotic** or **Parasitic** relationship with the church through the use of your Time, Talent & Treasure?”