

## **5-Day Devotional: Alive in Him**

**Pastor Jay Hassman**

**April 5, 2026**

### **Day 1: The Reality of Death**

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 3:23

Devotional: Before we can appreciate resurrection, we must acknowledge our condition. Scripture doesn't soften the diagnosis. It is simple. We were spiritually dead, not merely sick or struggling. This isn't about being pessimistic; it's about being honest. Dead means separated from God, powerless to change our condition, incapable of self-rescue. Our culture encourages self-improvement, but the gospel declares we need something far greater. We need resurrection. A dead person doesn't need motivation or advice; they need life. Today, acknowledge that your greatest need isn't to become better, but to become alive. Stop trying to fix what only God can resurrect. Surrender your self-help strategies and recognize your complete dependence on the One who gives life.

Reflection: What areas of your life have you been trying to "fix" on your own? How does understanding spiritual death change your approach?

### **Day 2: But God...**

Reading: Ephesians 2:4-5; Lamentations 3:22-23

Devotional: Two words change everything: "But God." After describing our hopeless condition, Paul introduces the turning point of human history. God didn't act because we deserved it or earned it. He moved because of His great love and rich mercy. While we were still dead in our sins, God intervened. His mercy is new every morning, not depleted by our failures. The resurrection power that raised Jesus from the grave is the same power offered to you today. God doesn't wait for you to clean yourself up before He moves. He reaches into your grave and speaks life. This is the heart of the gospel and that is not what you've done for God, but what God has done for you through Christ.

Reflection: How does knowing God acted "while you were still dead" change how you view His love for you?

### **Day 3: Made Alive Together**

Reading: Colossians 2:13-14; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: Salvation isn't renovation; it's resurrection. God doesn't improve your old life because He gives you a completely new one. You are not a better version of yourself; you are a new creation in Christ. The old has passed away; the new has come. This transformation isn't gradual self-improvement but instantaneous divine recreation. When God forgave all your sins, He cancelled the written code that stood against you. The record of debt has been nailed to the cross. You don't

carry yesterday's failures into today's identity. Stop living like someone who needs constant upgrades. You've been fundamentally transformed. Walk in the newness of life that resurrection brings.

Reflection: What "old things" do you need to stop rehearsing? How can you practically live as a new creation today?

#### **Day 4: Your New Identity**

Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-10; Romans 8:15-17

Devotional: Your identity is no longer defined by your past but by your position in Christ. You are chosen, royal, holy, and God's special possession. You've been transferred from the kingdom of darkness into the kingdom of light. More than forgiven, you've been adopted. You're not an outsider trying to earn acceptance as you're already a son, a daughter, an heir of God. Stop identifying with your failures and start identifying with your Father. When condemnation whispers your old name, remember Romans 8:1: there is no condemnation for those in Christ. Your new identity isn't based on performance but on God's declaration over your life. You belong to Him.

Reflection: How would your daily decisions change if you truly believed you are who God says you are?

#### **Day 5: Living Resurrected**

Reading: Ephesians 2:6; Romans 6:4-11

Devotional: God didn't just make you alive. He raised you up and seated you with Christ in heavenly places. This is your current reality, not a future hope. You've been positioned with authority and purpose. Now the question becomes: Will you live like it? Stop returning to the grave God brought you out of. Stop living like you're still bound when Christ has set you free. Walk in newness of life. Your resurrection isn't just about eternal life someday; it's about abundant life today. The same power that raised Jesus from the dead is at work in you. Let resurrection power transform how you face today's challenges, relationships, and decisions. You are alive in Him—and now all you must do is live like it.

Reflection: What would change in your life this week if you fully embraced your resurrected identity? What one step will you take today to live as someone who has been raised with Christ?