

5-Day Devotional: Walking in Obedience and New Life

Day 1: The River of New Life

Reading: Romans 6:1-14

Devotional: Baptism symbolizes our death to the old self and resurrection to new life in Christ. Like stepping into a river, we allow God's grace to wash over us, carrying away our former identity. The water doesn't save us—the blood of Jesus does—but baptism declares publicly what has already happened in our hearts. Today, consider what "old self" you've buried with Christ. Are there remnants of that former life still clinging to you? Delayed obedience is disobedience. Just as Jesus fulfilled all righteousness through baptism, we position ourselves for God's blessing when we obey. If you've been saved but never baptized, what's preventing you? Look, there's water. Take the next step in your faith journey and publicly declare your allegiance to Christ.

Day 2: Transformation Through Obedience

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:14-21

Devotional: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." Transformation isn't about walking down an aisle—it's about a life well-lived, ending the game differently than you started. True change happens when we surrender our will to God's will, when we stop living the life the world tells us to live and start living the life Jesus wants us to live. Consider the areas of your life still under construction. Where is God calling you to greater obedience? Perhaps your marriage is struggling, your relationships are strained, or you feel spiritually stuck. The answer isn't found in worldly solutions but in full surrender to Christ. Today, identify one area where delayed obedience has kept you from experiencing God's fullness, and commit to taking action.

Day 3: The Blood and the Bread

Reading: 1 Corinthians 11:23-32

Devotional: Communion calls us to reflection, gratitude, and anticipation. As we remember Christ's broken body and shed blood, we confront the costliness of our salvation. This is a bloody gospel—Jesus' sacrifice was brutal, necessary, and complete. Without the shedding of blood, there is no remission of sins. When you take communion, don't let it become an empty ritual. Examine your heart. Are you taking it unworthily, without proper reflection? Let it be a time of deep gratitude for the gift you could never earn. The bread represents His body, broken for you. The cup represents His blood, shed for the forgiveness of your sins. And remember—this isn't the last supper. One day, we'll share communion with Jesus Himself in the Father's kingdom. Live today in light of that coming celebration.

Day 4: Watch and Pray

Reading: Ezekiel 38:1-23

Devotional: In times of global unrest, war, and violence, God doesn't call us to panic or denial—He calls us to watch and pray. Watching means staying informed, aware, and discerning. Praying means maintaining our spiritual equilibrium and trusting God's sovereignty over world events. Ezekiel 38 reveals God's foreknowledge of future conflicts and His ultimate control over history's outcome. When you watch without praying, anxiety consumes you. When you pray without watching, you become naive. Balance both. The Bible remains remarkably relevant to current events because God has already told us the end of the story. As these things unfold, don't look down in despair—look up in expectation. Your redemption draws near. Today, commit to being informed but anchored, aware but not afraid, watchful but prayerful.

Day 5: Occupy Until He Comes

Reading: Luke 19:11-27

Devotional: Jesus didn't call us to sit on a mountaintop waiting for His return. He commanded us to occupy—to stay busy, to invest our talents, to serve faithfully until He comes. Being occupied doesn't mean being distracted; it means being purposeful. Every day is an opportunity to love recklessly, serve sacrificially, and

represent the King well. Consider how you're occupying your time, talents, and treasures. Are you investing in eternal things or merely consuming earthly pleasures? God has positioned you exactly where you are for such a time as this. Your workplace, your neighborhood, your family—these are your mission fields. Don't wait for the perfect opportunity to serve God; seize today's opportunities. Be transformed. Be different. Be a light in the darkness. And when Christ returns, may He find you faithful, busy about His kingdom work, ready to hear, "Well done, good and faithful servant."