

# 5-Day Devotional: From Death to Life

## Day 1: Remember What He Said

Reading: Luke 24:1-12

Devotional: The women at the tomb were reminded to "remember" what Jesus had told them. How often do we forget God's promises when faced with impossibility? The stone was rolled away, the tomb was empty, and the angels asked, "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" Today, pause and remember what God has spoken over your life. His promises aren't fairy tales—they're truth. What situation in your life needs you to stop searching among dead things and start remembering His living word? Write down one promise from Scripture that applies to your current struggle. Let remembrance move you from perplexity to joy, just as it did for those women who ran to tell others the good news.

## Day 2: Dead People Don't Fix Themselves

Reading: Colossians 2:13-15

Devotional: Christianity isn't about self-improvement; it's about resurrection. You were dead in your sins, but God made you alive with Christ. Dead people cannot fix, improve, or better themselves—they need life. Stop trying to修改 your behavior through sheer willpower and start submitting to Jesus as Lord. The cross isn't just forgiveness; it's total victory over the powers that held you captive. The resurrection is your receipt that the payment worked. Today, identify one area where you've been trying to "improve" the old self instead of letting it stay buried. Surrender that struggle to Jesus and ask Him to bring new life instead of demanding you resuscitate what should remain dead.

## Day 3: Buried and Raised

Reading: Romans 6:1-11

Devotional: Baptism symbolizes a profound truth: burial means something is over, not improved or needing fixing—it's dead and buried. The old you was crucified with Christ so the new you could walk in resurrection life. Many believers stay stuck because they keep visiting the tomb of who they used to be. God isn't asking you to make old things better; He's making dead things alive. You don't need behavior modification; you need to walk in the newness of life already given to you. What past sin, shame, or identity are you still dragging out of the grave? Today, declare it buried with Christ. Stop seeking the living among the dead. Rise and walk in your new identity.

#### **Day 4: The Living Among the Dead**

Reading: Galatians 2:20; 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: "Why do you seek the living among the dead?" This question confronts every believer who allows past failures to define present identity. You have been crucified with Christ; you no longer live, but Christ lives in you. You are a new creation—the old has gone, the new has come. Yet how often do others (or you yourself) keep digging up what God has buried? Today, practice responding to accusation—whether from others or your own thoughts—with truth: "That's not here. It's buried. I am alive in Christ." When tempted to rehearse old sins or disqualifying moments, redirect your mind to who you are now. Living people don't belong in graveyards.

#### **Day 5: Raised to Walk**

Reading: Ephesians 2:1-10; John 10:10

Devotional: Jesus didn't rise from the dead so you could stay on a deathbed. He rose and walked so you could rise and walk. God's plan isn't just forgiveness—it's abundant life. Physically, mentally, emotionally, socially, and spiritually, He wants to bring resurrection power into every area. Stop white-knuckling your way through spiritual disciplines as if you're still trying to earn life. You already have it. Now walk in it. What area of your life feels dead right now? Your marriage? Your purpose? Your joy? Jesus came to give life to the full. Today, take one practical step of faith in that dead area—not to earn God's favor, but because you're already alive in Him. Walk out of the tomb and into the abundant life He purchased for you.

## Reflection Questions:

How does viewing Christianity as a movement from death to life rather than behavioral modification change the way you approach your relationship with God?

In what areas of your life have you been seeking the living among the dead, holding onto past failures instead of embracing the new life Christ offers?

The pastor mentioned that dead people cannot fix or improve themselves. How does this truth challenge the self-improvement culture we live in today?

What does it mean that the resurrection is the receipt that the cross worked, and how does this change your understanding of forgiveness?

Are there ways you have been trying to qualify or disqualify yourself or others from receiving God's grace, and how can you shift toward seeing people as God died for them?

The sermon emphasizes that Jesus is not just Savior but also Lord. What is the difference between trying to be better and submitting to Jesus as Lord of your life?

How have you experienced God bringing dead things alive in your physical, mental, emotional, or social life?

What does it look like practically to stop laying on a deathbed and start walking in the new life Christ has given you?

The women at the tomb were told to remember what Jesus had said. What promises or truths from Scripture do you need to remember during difficult seasons?

If baptism symbolizes being buried with Christ and raised to walk in new life, what old things might God be calling you to bury so you can truly live?