



Five-Day Devotional 14
Resurrection Effect 1: A Life Changed by the Risen Christ
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From the Pastor's Desk

Devotional Inspiration

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Introduction: There is one event in history unparalleled in its power and impact—the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Nothing before it compares, and nothing since has equaled it. When Jesus rose from the grave, the effect was immediate and continues to ripple across the world today. It has shaken religions, cultures, governments, and individual lives.

Nowhere is this transformation more evident than in the life of Peter. When we compare his denial of Jesus in the Gospels with his calm confidence in Acts 12, we see a dramatic change. What happened? The resurrection of Jesus.

In Acts 12:6, we read a striking phrase: *“Peter was sleeping.”* On the eve of possible execution, Peter rests peacefully. This is not denial—it is evidence of transformation. The resurrection had changed him.

The word “sleeping” (Greek: *koimao*) means to rest, to be calm, to be at peace—even in the face of death. It is in the present passive tense, indicating Peter was being acted upon. Something—or rather Someone—had produced this peace within him.

The resurrection of Jesus produces undeniable effects. Over the next five days, we will explore how the risen Christ transforms the believer.

Blessings,

Pastor Fryar

Note to reader: This five-day devotional is designed to encourage and reaffirm that when you pray, you are deepening your walk with God. This is highlighted through use of scripture references from the New King James Version unless otherwise indicated.



Day 1: The Resurrection Produces Assurance

Scripture: “He presented himself alive to them after his suffering by many proofs...” –Acts 1:3 ESV.

Peter’s confidence began with certainty: Jesus was truly alive. The resurrection was not a rumor or wishful thinking—it was confirmed through “infallible proofs.” Jesus presented Himself alive, repeatedly.

This assurance changes everything. Fear fades when faith is grounded in truth. Peter was no longer clinging to hope; he was anchored in reality.

Reflection: Is your faith based on assumption, or on the assurance that Jesus is alive?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, strengthen my confidence in the truth of Your resurrection. Help me live with bold assurance that You are alive and present.



Day 2: The Resurrection Reveals an Unstoppable Savior

Scripture: “...after his suffering...”—Acts 1:3a.

Jesus endured suffering, death, and the grave—and yet He rose. Nothing could stop Him. Not the cross. Not the tomb. Not death itself.

Peter saw this firsthand. The same Jesus who was crucified now stood alive before him. This revelation changes how we view our own trials. If death could not stop Jesus, then nothing we face is beyond His power.

Reflection: What situation in your life feels overwhelming? Have you surrendered it to the unstoppable Christ?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, remind me that You are greater than every obstacle. Help me trust in Your power over every circumstance.



Day 3: The Resurrection Confirms an Unfinished Work

Scripture: “...all that Jesus began both to do and teach...”—Acts 1:1.

The resurrection was not the end—it was a continuation. Jesus *began* His work on earth, and He continues it even now. Though His sacrificial work was completed (John 19:30), His mission did not stop. Through the Holy Spirit, Jesus is still working and teaching through His people.

Peter understood this. His life now had purpose. He was part of an ongoing divine mission.

Reflection: Do you see your life as part of Christ’s continuing work on earth?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, use me as part of Your ongoing work. Teach me to follow Your leading and participate in Your mission.



Day 4: The Resurrection Unveils an Unshakable Kingdom

Scripture: “...speaking of the things pertaining to the kingdom of God...”—Acts 1:3; John 19:36.

After His resurrection, Jesus taught about the Kingdom of God. Why? Because His victory proved that earthly kingdoms are temporary—but God’s Kingdom stands forever. Peter no longer feared earthly authorities. Even when imprisoned by King Herod, he rested. Why? Because he belonged to a higher Kingdom that could not be shaken.

Reflection: Where is your security rooted—in earthly systems or in God’s eternal Kingdom?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me fix my heart on Your Kingdom. Teach me to trust in what cannot be shaken.



Day 5: The Resurrection Produces Supernatural Peace

Scripture: “...Peter was sleeping...”—Acts 12:6.

This may be the most powerful evidence of the resurrection’s effect on Peter. The night before his possible execution, chained between soldiers—Peter slept. This was not natural peace. This was supernatural calm produced by the risen Christ.

The same man who once denied Jesus out of fear now rests in complete trust. The resurrection had transformed his heart.

Reflection: Do you have peace even in uncertain or threatening situations?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, fill me with Your peace. Help me rest in Your control, even when circumstances feel overwhelming.

Closing thought: The resurrection is not just an event to celebrate—it is a reality that transforms. It brings assurance, reveals Christ’s power, invites us into His ongoing work, anchors us in His Kingdom, and fills us with peace.

Like Peter, we are called to live under the powerful effect of the risen Christ.