

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Living Beyond Easter Sunday

Devotional

Easter may be over, but the resurrection isn't confined to one day on the calendar. As believers, we are resurrected people every single day. This means our identity isn't shaped by temporary circumstances or cultural pressures, but by the eternal reality of Christ's victory over death. When we wake up each morning, we're not just starting another day - we're continuing to live out the resurrection power that transformed everything. This perspective changes how we approach challenges, relationships, and even mundane tasks. We carry within us the same power that raised Jesus from the grave. That's not just theology; it's our daily reality. The question isn't whether we'll face difficulties, but whether we'll remember who we are when we do.

Bible Verse

'Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother, To God's holy people in Colossae, the faithful brothers and sisters in Christ: Grace and peace to you from God our Father.' - Colossians 1:1-2

Reflection Question

How would your daily decisions change if you truly lived with the awareness that you are a resurrected person?

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Happy Resurrection Day. Yeah, you're welcome. Some of you might be saying, well, wait a minute, Pastor, that was last week. We celebrated the resurrection. And I would say, well, I'm sorry, but the resurrection can't be confined to one day. It's our life. We are resurrected people.

Prayer

God, help me remember that I am a resurrected person, not just on Easter but every day. May this truth shape how I live, love, and respond to the world around me.

Day 2: More Gospel, Not More Stuff

Devotional

In a world constantly telling us we need more - more apps, more strategies, more techniques - Paul reminds us of a profound truth: we don't need anything more than the gospel, but we do need more of the gospel each day. This isn't about adding spiritual practices to an already busy life; it's about going deeper into the transformative power of Christ's love. Sometimes we suffer from spiritual amnesia, forgetting who we are and what God has done for us. We start looking for supplements to our faith instead of diving deeper into its core. The gospel isn't a starting point we graduate from; it's the well we return to daily for fresh water. Every morning, we need to be reminded that we are loved, forgiven, and empowered by God's grace.

Bible Verse

'And we pray this in order that you may live a life worthy of the Lord and may please him in every way: bearing fruit in every good work, growing in the knowledge of God' - Colossians 1:10

Reflection Question

What 'more' are you seeking that might actually be found by going deeper into the gospel you already have?

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I believe that we don't need anything more than the gospel, but we do need more of the gospel each and every day.

Prayer

Lord, cure my spiritual amnesia and help me find in the gospel everything I truly need. Give me a hunger for more of You rather than more things.

Day 3: Love in Action

Devotional

The early church didn't have buildings, multimedia presentations, or even printed Bibles, yet they turned the world upside down. How? Through love in action. They cared for the poor, visited prisoners, helped those with special needs, and treated women and children with dignity when society didn't. Their love wasn't just a feeling; it was a force that demonstrated the fruit of the Spirit in tangible ways. This kind of love is still the greatest proof of the resurrection. When people see believers genuinely caring for others without expecting anything in return, they witness something supernatural. It's not about having the right programs or perfect theology; it's about letting Christ's love flow through us to touch the lives around us. This love makes the gospel attractive and contagious.

Bible Verse

'Being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, and giving joyful thanks to the Father' - Colossians 1:11-12

Reflection Question

Who in your life needs to experience Christ's love through your actions this week?

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They cared for the poor, they cared for those in prison, they cared for those with special challenges. They cared for, well, for example, women and children who didn't have much dignity. They said no, they are equal image bearers in God's sight.

Prayer

Father, let Your love flow through me in practical ways. Help me see opportunities to care for others as You have cared for me.

Day 4: The Revolutionary Practice of Gratitude

Devotional

In our age of entitlement, gratitude becomes a revolutionary act. When everyone around us focuses on what they lack, choosing thankfulness sets us apart as people who remember God's goodness. Gratitude protects us from spiritual amnesia and helps us maintain perspective when life gets overwhelming. It's easy to get caught up in challenges and forget the countless ways God has provided, protected, and blessed us. Taking time to intentionally remember and thank God for His faithfulness changes our hearts and our outlook. When we cultivate an attitude of gratitude, people notice. It becomes a testimony to God's goodness and a reminder that our hope isn't based on circumstances but on His unchanging character.

Bible Verse

'Who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light.' - Colossians 1:12

Reflection Question

What five things has God done in your life that you want to say 'thanks be to God' for today?

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This morning I encourage you in your prayers, think about five things that God has done in your life that you want to say thanks be to God.

Prayer

God, forgive me for taking Your blessings for granted. Open my eyes to see Your goodness and give me a heart overflowing with gratitude.

Day 5: Citizens of Another Kingdom

Devotional

We live under constant pressure to bow to the empire of the 'Next Thing' - whether it's technology, consumerism, or cultural trends. Like the Colossians who faced pressure to conform to Roman demands, we're told to find our identity and hope in what the world offers. But Paul reminds us: remember your identity. You are resurrected people, citizens of God's kingdom. Our hope isn't driven by optimism in capitalism, technology, or artificial intelligence. It comes from what God has done and continues to do. This doesn't mean we withdraw from the world, but that we engage it from a different foundation. We don't whisper our faith; we live it boldly, painting with our lives the big story of God's grace and glory. We are unstoppable witnesses of the truth when we remember whose we are.

Bible Verse

'For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.' - Colossians 1:13-14

Reflection Question

In what areas of your life are you tempted to bow to worldly pressures instead of living as a citizen of God's kingdom?

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Remember your identity. You are resurrected people. You represent God's interests and people are watching.

Prayer

Lord, help me remember my true citizenship and live boldly as Your representative in this world. May my hope be anchored in You alone.