

DAY 5 –*Responding With Grace*

SCRIPTURE TO READ:

Romans 12:17–18

Optional Additional Reading: 1 Peter 2:21–23; Matthew 5:43–45

THINK IT THROUGH:

Our reactions reveal the condition of our hearts more than our actions do. Anyone can love easy people—surrender is seen when we respond well to difficult ones.

Paul's instruction is simple but costly:

- Don't retaliate.
- Don't escalate.
- Do everything you can to pursue peace.

You're not responsible for someone else's choices, but you are responsible for your response. And Jesus modeled this perfectly—He was reviled, yet did not revile; sinned against, yet did not sin.

PUT IT INTO PRACTICE:

Think of one relationship where tension exists. Take one step today toward peace—a kind word, a calm response, a silent prayer.

PRAYER FOR TODAY:

"Lord, reshape my reactions. Help me respond with grace, patience, and peace, even when it's difficult." Amen.

GO FURTHER

Pray for someone who frustrates or hurts you. Ask God to soften your heart before theirs.



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