

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Joy in the Darkness

### Devotional

Life has a way of throwing curveballs that can steal our joy and leave us feeling overwhelmed. Yet there's something remarkable about authentic Christian joy - it doesn't depend on perfect circumstances. The apostle Paul discovered this secret while writing from a prison cell, penning the most joy-filled book in the Bible during one of his darkest seasons. His joy wasn't rooted in his situation but in his relationship with the Father. When we understand that our Heavenly Father takes pleasure in us, everything changes. You're different when you know someone is pleased with you in that moment. This divine pleasure becomes the wellspring of supernatural joy that sustains us through any storm. Joy isn't just a nice feeling - it's a powerful force that gives us energy, creativity, and productivity. More importantly, it becomes a light that draws others to God. When people see authentic joy radiating from your life despite difficult circumstances, they can't help but wonder about its source.

### Bible Verse

'At that time Jesus, full of joy through the Holy Spirit, said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and learned, and revealed them to little children. Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do." - Luke 10:21

### Reflection Question

What circumstances in your life are currently challenging your joy, and how might focusing on God's pleasure in you transform your perspective?

### Quote

The pleasure of your Heavenly Father gives you joy.

### Prayer

Father, help me find my joy not in my circumstances but in Your pleasure over me. Fill me with supernatural joy that draws others to You.

## Day 2: Chosen for Revelation

### Devotional

Have you ever wondered why you're drawn to seek God? Why you find yourself hungry for His Word or longing for His presence? The beautiful truth is that your spiritual journey isn't accidental - you've been specifically chosen by Jesus to receive revelation of the Father. You thought you chose to be here, but He chose you, which is a more powerful choice. This divine selection isn't based on your worthiness or achievements; it's rooted in God's love and sovereign plan. When we engage with Scripture and spend time in God's presence, we're not just reading ancient text - we're receiving personal revelation from the Father through His Son. This knowledge transforms us from the inside out, renewing our minds and changing how we see ourselves, others, and our circumstances. The Holy Spirit becomes our teacher, opening our understanding to truths that the world cannot comprehend. This isn't just information; it's transformation through divine revelation.

### Bible Verse

'All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows who the Son is except the Father, and no one knows who the Father is except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.' - Luke 10:22

### Reflection Question

How does knowing that Jesus specifically chose to reveal the Father to you change how you approach reading Scripture and spending time with God?

### Quote

Because you are here today. It says here that Jesus chose to reveal the Father to you. You thought you chose to be here. Okay, he chose you, which is a more powerful choice.

### Prayer

Jesus, thank You for choosing me to receive revelation of the Father. Open my heart and mind to understand Your truth more deeply each day.

## Day 3: Eyes Wide Open

### Devotional

There's a profound difference between having physical sight and spiritual vision. Many people can see what's happening around them but miss what God is doing in and through their circumstances. When the Holy Spirit awakens our spiritual vision, we begin to see beyond the surface level of life. We start recognizing God's favor, protection, and calling on our lives even in difficult seasons. This spiritual awakening transforms us from people who merely react to life's challenges into those who actively participate in God's kingdom purposes. Vision helps us see that what others might consider worthless or rejected, God has redeemed for His glory. We begin to understand that our current struggles are not the end of our story but part of a larger narrative that God is writing. With spiritual vision, we can see opportunities where others see obstacles, hope where others see despair, and purpose where others see pain. This isn't positive thinking - it's seeing through God's eyes and understanding His heart for our lives.

### Bible Verse

'Blessed are the eyes that see what you see.' - Luke 10:23

### Reflection Question

What situation in your life might look different if you asked God to give you His perspective and spiritual vision?

### Quote

What the world or the enemy or others have found worthless and rejected, he has redeemed.

### Prayer

Holy Spirit, open my spiritual eyes to see what You're doing in my life and circumstances. Help me see through Your perspective, not just my own.

# Day 4: Pleasing the Lord

## Devotional

In a world that constantly tells us to follow our hearts and do what feels right, God calls us to something higher - carefully determining what pleases Him. This isn't about earning His love or approval; it's about aligning our lives with His perfect will because we already have His love. When we make decisions based on what pleases the Lord rather than what pleases ourselves or others, we discover a life of purpose and fulfillment that surpasses anything we could achieve on our own. This requires intentionality and wisdom. We must study His Word, seek His guidance through prayer, and be willing to choose His ways even when they're difficult or unpopular. The transformation that comes from this lifestyle is remarkable - we become people who walk in light rather than darkness, who make choices that honor God and bless others. This isn't about perfection; it's about direction. Every day we have opportunities to choose what pleases the Lord, and each choice shapes us into the people He's called us to be.

## Bible Verse

'Find out what pleases the Lord.' - Ephesians 5:10

## Reflection Question

What decision are you currently facing where you need to carefully determine what would please the Lord rather than what seems easiest or most appealing?

## Quote

Carefully determine what pleases the Lord.

## Prayer

Lord, give me wisdom to discern what pleases You in every decision I face. Help me choose Your ways over my own desires.

# Day 5: A New Thing

## Devotional

God specializes in new beginnings. No matter what your past looks like or how stuck you might feel in current circumstances, God is always ready to do something fresh in your life. The invitation is clear: forget the former things and don't dwell on the past because God is doing a new thing. This doesn't mean we ignore the lessons from our past, but we refuse to let past failures, disappointments, or even successes define our future. God isn't mad at you or holding grudges - He is love, and His heart toward you is always redemptive. The moment you've been waiting for is now. Either we rise up and awaken for the glory of God, or we let the moment pass and look back with regret on what might have been. God's new thing in your life might look like restored relationships, fresh opportunities, renewed purpose, or simply a transformed heart. The key is being willing to step forward in faith, trusting that the God who has been faithful in the past will be faithful in the future. Your best days aren't behind you - they're ahead of you.

## Bible Verse

'Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.' - Isaiah 43:18-19

## Reflection Question

What 'former thing' do you need to release so you can fully embrace the new thing God wants to do in your life?

## Quote

Forget the former things. Do not dwell on the past. Behold, I am doing a new thing.

## Prayer

Father, help me let go of the past and trust You for the new thing You're doing in my life. Give me faith to step forward into Your plans.