

## 5 Day Devotional for the week of January 18, 2026

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. As we journey through the themes discussed, we'll explore how these teachings can impact our daily lives and spiritual growth.

### Day 1

*Scripture: John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.*

The foundation of our faith is rooted in the love that God shows us through His son, Jesus Christ. This love is not just a passive feeling but an active decision made by God to bring humanity back to Him. As we reflect on the concept of sacrifice, we recognize the depth of God's commitment to us, encouraging us to respond to His love with our own acts of faith and devotion.

In our daily lives, we are called to mirror this divine love, offering forgiveness, understanding, and grace to those around us. By doing so, we showcase the transformational power of God's love, urging others to seek this divine relationship for themselves.

- How does understanding God's love change the way I view my relationship with Him?
- What are some ways I can actively show love to those around me?
- In what ways has God demonstrated His love for me personally?
- Pray for the wisdom to understand the depth of God's love.
- Ask God to help you show love and compassion in challenging situations.

### Day 2

*Scripture: Philippians 4:13 I can do all this through Him who gives me strength.*

Our journey of faith is filled with moments where we question our strength and resolve. Yet, we are reminded that true strength comes from Christ who empowers us to overcome challenges and pursue our calling. This scripture challenges us to trust not in our own abilities but to lean on God's power to lead and guide us through life's trials.

Embracing the strength God provides allows us to face each day with confidence, knowing that we are equipped to handle whatever comes our way. It's a reminder that we are never alone; every step forward is a step taken with Christ by our side.

- What areas of my life do I need to rely more on Christ for strength?
- How does knowing Christ is with me change my approach to difficult situations?
- In what recent situation did I experience God's strength?
- Pray for boldness and courage to face new challenges.
- Thank God for His unwavering presence and support.

### **Day 3**

*Scripture: Psalm 23:1-2 The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing. <sup>2</sup>He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters,*

The Lord is our shepherd, guiding us through the complexities of life with wisdom and care. In a world that often feels chaotic, it's comforting to know that God provides everything we need and leads us to places of peace and rest. The imagery of a shepherd softly leading his sheep invites us to trust in God's gentle and sure guidance.

As we navigate our daily routines, we are encouraged to pause and recognize the ways in which God provides for us, meeting not only our physical needs but also providing spiritual nourishment and guidance.

- How have I experienced God's guidance and provision in my life this week?
- In what areas do I need to trust God more deeply as my shepherd?
- Where can I find rest in God's presence today?
- Pray for clarity and understanding of God's path for you.
- Thank God for being your constant provider and guide.

### **Day 4**

*Scripture: Matthew 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Our lives are meant to be a reflection of God's light, shining brightly for others to see. When we let our light shine, we illuminate the path for others, guiding them towards truth and hope. This scripture reminds us that our actions and words hold power, influencing those around us and drawing them closer to God.

As we endeavor to live out our faith, we are challenged to be intentional in our daily interactions. Whether through acts of kindness, words of encouragement, or living with integrity, we can be a beacon of light in a sometimes darkened world.

- How can I be more intentional in letting my light shine before others?
- What are some practical ways I can reflect God's light in my community?
- Who has been a beacon of light in my life, and how can I emulate that?
- Ask God for opportunities to share His love through your actions.
- Pray for courage to be a strong witness of faith in your community.

## **Day 5**

*Scripture: Romans 8:28 And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose.*

One of the most reassuring promises in Scripture is that God works everything for the good of those who love Him. In times of uncertainty or hardship, we might not see how things will turn out, but this promise reminds us that God weaves each detail for our benefit and His glory.

Embracing this promise requires faith and patience, trusting that what we face now is part of a larger narrative that God is writing. It calls us to hold onto hope and trust in His plan, believing that He sees the bigger picture even when we do not.

- How can I cultivate patience when waiting for God's plan to unfold?
- What past experiences have I seen God work for good in my life?
- How can trusting God's plan bring peace in my current situations?
- Pray for trust in God's purpose and timing in your life.
- Ask God to reveal the good in your current circumstances.