

5 Day Devotional for the week of January 25, 2026

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We will explore the importance of seeking God's presence over simply seeking His blessings and miracles. Each day will focus on understanding the intimate relationship God desires to have with us, highlighting the theme of 'Presence over Answers, Eternity over Outcomes.'

Day 1

Scripture: Exodus 33:15 Then Moses said to Him, "If your Presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here."

In today's world, we often seek quick solutions from God—a miracle here, a blessing there—without longing for His presence. Moses, faced with the opportunity to enter the Promised Land without God's accompaniment, chose otherwise. His plea, "If your presence does not go with us, do not send us up from here," reflects a heart that valued God's presence over any earthly promise.

The essence of our faith lies not in the gifts we receive but in the Giver Himself. The Promised Land, full of milk and honey, seemed like the ultimate goal. Yet, Moses knew that without God's presence, even the most bountiful land would be inadequate. As we journey through life, let us focus on pursuing His presence, for it is God with us—Emmanuel—that truly satisfies.

- What are some areas in your life where you might be seeking the gift more than the Giver?
- How can you cultivate a deeper awareness of God's presence in your daily routines?
- In what ways have you experienced God's presence during challenging times?
- Pray for a heart that desires God's presence above all else.
- Ask God to reveal areas in your life where you may be prioritizing outcomes over His companionship.

Day 2

Scripture: Luke 17:15-16 One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. ¹⁶ He threw himself at Jesus' feet and thanked Him—and he was a Samaritan.

The story of the ten lepers showcases a profound spiritual lesson: while all received healing, only one returned to thank Jesus. This Samaritan understood a truth that transcends physical

healing; he recognized the Healer's supreme importance. His return to Jesus exemplified a heart that valued a relationship with God over the blessing received.

Often, we are focused on the outcome—the healing, the job, the answered prayer—while forgetting to return to the One who provides. True wholeness is found not just in the healing of our circumstances but in nurturing our relationship with God. As we reflect on this story, let us contemplate the posture of our hearts post-miracle and strive to embody gratitude and worship like the Samaritan leper.

- Reflect on a time when you received an answered prayer. Did you focus more on the outcome or on praising God afterward?
- How can you cultivate a spirit of continuous gratitude in your life?
- Why do you think it's important to return to God after receiving His blessings?
- Pray for a thankful heart that always acknowledges God's work in your life.
- Ask for wisdom to recognize the importance of God's presence over His gifts.

Day 3

Scripture: Matthew 6:33 But seek first His kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.” This scripture serves as a guiding principle for prioritizing our pursuit of God over worldly gains. By placing God first in our lives, we align with His will, ushering in peace and fulfillment that surpass material possessions.

When we seek God earnestly, His presence fills our lives, shaping our perspectives and transforming our realities. Trusting that He knows our needs, we are free to focus not on what we can receive, but on aligning our lives with His purposes. Let this day be a reminder to rearrange our priorities, ensuring He remains at the heart of our intentions and decisions.

- What are some practical ways you can seek God's kingdom first in your daily life?
- Is there a part of your life where you've been seeking the gift more than the Giver?
- How does putting God's kingdom first change your outlook on life's challenges?
- Pray for the commitment to seek God's kingdom and righteousness above all else.
- Ask God to realign your desires with His heart, teaching you to trust in His provision.

Day 4

Scripture: John 17:3 Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.

Jesus defines eternal life as knowing God, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom He sent. This shifts our understanding of eternity; it begins not after life, but in a life deeply intertwined with God. The depth of our relationship with Him forms the essence of our eternal experience.

Our earthly pursuits often fixate solely on the here and now, missing the profound richness of knowing God intimately. Yet true fulfillment lies in developing a personal relationship with Him, infusing our daily lives with an eternal perspective. Let us invest in nurturing this relationship, for it is the gateway to true, abundant life.

- How does understanding eternal life as knowing God reshape your perspective on earthly life?
- What steps can you take to deepen your relationship with God each day?
- Reflect on the joy and peace that come from knowing God on a personal level.
- Pray for a deeper revelation of who God is, growing in your knowledge and love for Him.
- Invite God into the details of your day, asking Him to guide your steps and decisions.

Day 5

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:18 So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal.

Paul encourages us to fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. Our lives are a temporary passage, yet our spirits are eternal. By focusing on what is unseen, we tap into the realm of eternity and experience God's eternal nature in our daily lives.

Our circumstances, both good and bad, are temporal, but God's presence offers an eternal anchor. When we choose to place our faith and trust in the unseen—His promises, His presence—our lives transform with peace and purpose beyond human understanding. Let us choose to view our world through the lens of eternity, prioritizing a relationship with the Eternal One in everything we do.

- How does viewing life through the lens of eternity affect your daily choices?
- What are some ways you can remind yourself of God's eternal presence in your life?
- Why is it important to focus on the unseen rather than the seen?
- Pray for a perspective that treasures the eternal over the temporal.

- Ask God to open your eyes to His presence in every aspect of your life, grounding you in His truth.