

5 Day Devotional for the week of September 21, 2025

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Join us as we explore the messages shared by Pastor, focusing on how to navigate challenging times through faith, prayer, and the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Day 1

2 Timothy 3:1-5 But mark this: There will be terrible times in the last days. ² People will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boastful, proud, abusive, disobedient to their parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³ without love, unforgiving, slanderous, without self-control, brutal, not lovers of the good, ⁴ treacherous, rash, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God— ⁵ having a form of godliness but denying its power. Have nothing to do with such people.

We are living in unprecedented times of division and turmoil, but as shown in 2 Timothy 3:1-5, these are the perilous times that have been foreseen. The scripture reveals that in these last days, humanity will be swayed by selfish desires and wickedness. Reflecting on this, Pastor reminds us that our calling is not to fall into the chaos but to navigate these challenges by walking in the spirit.

This devotional prompts us to consider how we can embody the virtues of love and forgiveness in our daily lives despite being surrounded by worldly chaos. Embedded in us is the power of the Holy Spirit to help us stand firm and let our actions reflect our faith in God's promises.

- How do I respond to the challenges and divisions in today's world?
- In what areas of my life can I actively seek to walk more in the Spirit?
- How can I demonstrate unconditional love and forgiveness in my interactions?
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide your responses to contemporary challenges.
- Ask for a heart that mirrors Jesus' love and patience towards others.

Day 2

Ephesians 6:10-13 ¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in His mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

The battle we face is not one of flesh and blood but against spiritual forces. Ephesians 6 instructs us to put on the whole armor of God to stand firm against these forces of darkness. As Pastor emphasized, our task is to engage in spiritual warfare through prayer and faith, allowing God's power to work through us rather than resorting to conflict with others.

This day's reflection focuses on preparing ourselves spiritually for the battles we encounter. It's about understanding that our struggles can be addressed through prayer, resilience, and the enduring power of God's promises. By putting on the armor of God, we can stand strong amid adversity.

- What does wearing the whole armor of God look like in my life?
- How can I strengthen my faith to stand against spiritual challenges?
- How can I utilize prayer as a weapon against discouragement and fear?
- Pray for spiritual strength and resilience in facing daily battles.
- Seek God's wisdom to identify spiritual warfare around you and use His armor effectively.

Day 3

Matthew 24:4-14 ⁴Jesus answered: "Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵For many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am the Messiah,' and will deceive many. ⁶You will hear of wars and rumors of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸All these are the beginning of birth pains. ⁹"Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹²Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Jesus warns of deception and tribulation in the last days, urging us to remain steadfast in our faith. In his sermon, Pastor highlighted the significance of discerning truth amid the distractions of the world. As believers, our role is to endure these times while continuing to spread the Gospel and hold fast to the teachings of Christ.

This devotional encourages reflection on how to stay spiritually vigilant and resist being swayed by false teachings or fears. By focusing on our divine purpose, we can find peace in God's promises and carry the message of hope and salvation to others.

- How do I discern truth from deception in today's world?
- What actions can I take to strengthen my spiritual vigilance?
- How can I effectively share the message of the Gospel with others?
- Pray for spiritual discernment to recognize deception and hold onto truth.
- Seek guidance on ways to spread the Gospel in your community effectively.

Day 4

Proverbs 12:15 The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice.

The Book of Proverbs emphasizes wisdom and the folly of rejecting guidance. Pastor spoke of the importance of listening to others and the temptation to fall into arguments driven by pride or ego. In wisdom, we learn to hear God's voice and align our actions with His will, even when faced with conflict or disagreement.

This section urges us to examine our willingness to listen and learn, aligning our lives with the discipline of wisdom. By adopting a posture of humility and openness, we find ourselves better equipped to live in harmony with God's instructions and make impactful decisions.

- Am I open to receiving guidance and wisdom from others, even when it challenges my beliefs?
- How can I foster a spirit of humility in my conversations and interactions?
- What steps can I take to ensure my actions reflect divine wisdom?
- Pray for a humble heart willing to learn and grow in wisdom.
- Ask God to help you discern His voice among the many that clamor for your attention.

Day 5

Ezekiel 33:11 Say to them, 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign Lord, I take no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but rather that they turn from their ways and live. Turn! Turn from your evil ways! Why will you die, people of Israel?'

God pleads for the wicked to turn from their ways and embrace life. Pastor echoed this message, reminding us that there is no joy in the demise of the wicked, but a divine desire for redemption and hope. Our mission is to carry the light of Christ to those who are lost, offering them the opportunity to experience His transformative love and grace.

The final day invites us to reflect on our mission as bearers of the Gospel, understanding the depth of God's love for all humankind, regardless of their current path. In doing so, we become conduits of hope and reconciliation, echoing Christ's message of salvation.

- How can I be a source of hope and light to those around me?
- In what ways can I demonstrate God's love to those who seem far from Him?
- What barriers do I need to overcome to share the message of salvation effectively?
- Pray for God's love to shine through you as a beacon of hope.
- Ask for courage and wisdom in reaching out to those who need Jesus' love.