

## 5 Day Devotional for the week of February 1, 2026

This week's five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from Sunday. We will explore the theme of encountering God's presence and the incredible journey it entails, which Pastor discussed passionately. Each day will focus on different aspects drawn from the sermon to encourage you in your spiritual walk and closeness with Jesus.

### Day 1

*John 17:2-3 For you granted Him authority over all people that He might give eternal life to all those you have given Him. <sup>3</sup> Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.*

This passage reminds us that eternal life is not only about reaching a destination but knowing God deeply and personally. Pastor emphasized that miracles are just signs pointing to the greater relationship we are invited to experience with Jesus. It's in knowing Him, rather than just seeing miraculous acts, that our lives find true purpose and fulfillment.

As you ponder this truth today, consider how much weight you place on miraculous signs in your faith journey compared to the relationship you have with Jesus. Is your faith built on experiences or on the deep knowing of Him as your personal Savior?

- Do I seek God's presence more during miraculous experiences than in day-to-day life?
- How has my relationship with God grown beyond seeking signs and wonders?
- What steps can I take to deepen my knowing of God daily?
- Pray for the ability to cherish your relationship with God above all experiences.
- Ask for wisdom to discern God's quiet presence in your daily life.

### Day 2

*1 Peter 1:8 Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy,*

Pastor highlighted the inexpressible joy that comes from our belief in Jesus despite not seeing Him physically. It's this joy, deeply rooted in faith, which allows us to experience God's glory and presence. Joy is not the absence of troubles but the presence of Jesus in our lives that transcends those challenges.

Reflect on how joy manifests in your life. Is it dependent on circumstances, or is it rooted in the

unshakeable faith in God's promises? This joy that comes from believing in Jesus gives strength during trials and becomes a testimony of God's goodness to others.

- When do I most often experience joy in my relationship with God?
- How can I cultivate a joy that is unwavering regardless of my life's circumstances?
- What can I do to share this joy with others?
- Thank God for the joy He provides beyond earthly experiences.
- Ask for a deeper understanding of how to embody joy in every aspect of life.

### **Day 3**

*Psalm 139:7-12 Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? <sup>8</sup> If I go up to the heavens, You are there; if I make my bed in the depths, You are there. <sup>9</sup> If I rise on the wings of the dawn, if I settle on the far side of the sea, <sup>10</sup> even there Your hand will guide me, Your right hand will hold me fast. <sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness will hide me and the light become night around me," <sup>12</sup> even the darkness will not be dark to You; the night will shine like the day, for darkness is as light to You.*

The sermon reminds us that God's presence is everywhere; there is nowhere we can go that He isn't already there. Pastor encouraged us to rely on this truth, especially during times of silence or when we may not feel His presence tangibly. Trusting in God's continual presence brings a deeper, more abiding faith.

This day, meditate on God's omnipresence. Know that even in the stillness or times of perceived absence, He is guiding you. Let this truth dispel any doubt or fear about being alone, and replace it with a peace that comes from knowing He is always near.

- How do I practice the awareness of God's omnipresence in my daily routine?
- When have I felt God's presence during difficult times?
- What can I do to remind myself of God's nearness when He feels far away?
- Invite God to reveal Himself in new ways in your everyday life.
- Pray for comfort and assurance in times when His presence seems distant.

### **Day 4**

*1 Kings 19:11-13 The Lord said, "Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Then a great and powerful wind tore the mountains apart and*

*shattered the rocks before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind there was an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake. <sup>12</sup> After the earthquake came a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire came a gentle whisper. <sup>13</sup> When Elijah heard it, he pulled his cloak over his face and went out and stood at the mouth of the cave. Then a voice said to him, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"*

Pastor shared the story of Elijah and the small, still voice of God, emphasizing that sometimes God speaks not in the grand events but in the quiet whispers. It's in these moments we must be ready to listen and respond to His delicate instructions and encouragements.

Today, consider how you are tuning your heart to hear God's whisper. Are you creating space in your life for quiet reflection and listening? The distractions of life can often drown out His gentle guidance, but intentional quiet moments can bring clarity and direction.

- Am I actively listening for God's quiet voice in my life?
- What distractions do I need to minimize to hear God better?
- How can I create a routine that allows for regular quiet time with God?
- Ask God to speak clearly to you in ways that you can understand.
- Pray for the discipline to seek His voice amidst life's noise.

## **Day 5**

*Psalm 16:11 You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at your right hand.*

The sermon concludes with an invitation to experience the fullness of joy that comes from being in God's presence. Pastor reminded us that this joy isn't found in worldly accomplishments, but in the eternal relationship we have with our Creator. Communion and fellowship with God bring a joy that satisfies the soul completely.

Embrace the understanding that God's presence offers true joy and peace beyond anything the world can provide. Let this be a commitment to seek His face daily, that His joy may overflow in your life and touch those around you.

- What changes in my life when I fully embrace the joy offered by God's presence?
- How can I ensure that my joy is grounded in the eternal, rather than the temporal?
- In what ways can God's joy be a witness to others through my life?

- Celebrate the joy that God provides and ask for a greater capacity to share it.
- Seek God's direction in how to live out His joy in your community.