



5 Day Devotional: [Watch- Love, Betrayal, and The Table](#)

Day 1: The Worth of Extravagant Love

Devotional

In a world that constantly asks us to calculate costs and weigh benefits, there's something beautiful about love that stops counting. An unnamed woman entered a dinner party with an alabaster jar worth nearly a year's wages. Without hesitation, she broke it and poured the precious perfume over Jesus' head. The disciples were outraged at the waste, but she understood something profound: Jesus is worth more than anything we could ever hold in our hands. True worship isn't about what's left over after we've taken care of everything else. It's about recognizing that Christ deserves our very best, our most treasured possessions, our deepest devotion. When we truly love someone, cost becomes secondary to expression. This woman's extravagant act wasn't wasteful—it was worship in its purest form. What alabaster jar are you holding onto? What precious thing have you been reluctant to surrender to Christ? Perhaps it's your time, your dreams, your security, or your reputation. Love reorders our values, making sacrifices that seem foolish to the world feel completely logical to the heart that truly knows Jesus.

Bible Verse

'While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his head.' - Mark 14:3

Reflection Question

What 'alabaster jar' in your life represents something precious that you've been hesitant to fully surrender to Jesus?

Prayer

Lord, help me to love You with the same extravagance as this woman. Show me what I'm holding back from You, and give me the courage to break open my heart in worship.

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Day 2: The Danger of Drifting

Devotional

Judas walked with Jesus for three years. He heard every sermon, witnessed incredible miracles, and shared meals with the Son of God. Yet somehow, his heart remained elsewhere. His betrayal didn't happen overnight—it was the result of a slow drift, hidden resentments, and areas of his life he never fully surrendered to Christ. The most sobering truth about Judas isn't that he was a monster, but that he was so ordinary. He looked like a devoted follower on the outside while harboring divided loyalties within. Church attendance, biblical knowledge, and even close proximity to Jesus don't automatically translate to genuine devotion. Betrayal rarely begins suddenly. It grows slowly in the shadows of our unsubmitted hearts. Maybe it starts with small compromises, secret sins, or areas we've marked 'off-limits' to God's lordship. Before we know it, we can find ourselves far from the heart of Christ while still maintaining the appearance of faithfulness. The question isn't 'How could Judas do that?' but rather 'Where am I capable of drifting from Christ?' God isn't looking for perfect people—He's looking for humble, submitted, honest ones who are willing to bring their whole hearts under His loving authority.

Bible Verse

'Then Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to betray Jesus to them.' - Mark 14:10

Reflection Question

What areas of your life have you kept 'off-limits' to Jesus' lordship, and how might this be creating distance in your relationship with Him?

Prayer

Father, search my heart and reveal any areas where I've been drifting from You. Help me to submit every part of my life to Your loving authority.

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Day 3: Grace for the Failing Heart

Devotional

Peter was absolutely certain he would never deny Jesus. With passionate conviction, he declared his unwavering loyalty, even unto death. Yet Jesus knew better. Before the rooster crowed twice, Peter would deny knowing Christ three times. Despite this knowledge, Jesus didn't dismiss Peter

or exclude him from the Last Supper. Instead, He served him bread and wine with the same love He showed the others. Peter represents all of us who love Jesus sincerely but struggle with consistency. We make bold declarations of faith, then find ourselves failing when the pressure mounts. We promise to pray more, love better, and trust deeper, yet we stumble again and again. The beautiful truth is that Jesus knows our frame—He remembers that we are dust. Our failures don't surprise God, nor do they disqualify us from His love. Jesus entered the Last Supper knowing exactly who would betray Him, deny Him, and abandon Him. Yet He still served them, still loved them, still called them His friends. This is the heart of grace: Jesus loves us fully while knowing our failures completely. Your worst failure doesn't have to be the final word. Jesus invites you to His table not because you've been faithful, but because He has been faithful to you.

Bible Verse

"Truly I tell you," Jesus answered, "today—yes, tonight—before the rooster crows twice you yourself will disown me three times." - Mark 14:30

Reflection Question

How does knowing that Jesus loves you fully despite knowing your failures completely change the way you approach Him in prayer and worship?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for loving me even when You know I will fail. Help me to receive Your grace and find strength in Your faithfulness rather than my own.

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Day 4:

The Lonely Cross, The Welcomed Heart

Devotional

At the Last Supper, Jesus knew what lay ahead. The cross would be lonely—not just physically, but relationally. The disciples who shared this meal would scatter. Peter would deny Him. Judas would betray Him. The crowds would mock Him. Even the Father would turn away as Jesus bore our sin. Yet He walked toward it willingly, for you and for me. Jesus entered into ultimate loneliness so that we would never be abandoned by God. He was broken so that we could be made whole. He was rejected so that we could be welcomed into God's family. The cross represents the greatest exchange in history: His isolation for our inclusion, His abandonment for our acceptance. This is why we can come to God's table today. Not because we deserve it, but because Jesus made us worthy through His sacrifice. Not because we've been faithful, but because He has been faithful to us. The gospel doesn't minimize our failures—it transforms them into opportunities to experience grace. When you feel alone, remember that Jesus was abandoned so you could belong. When you feel broken, remember that He was shattered so you could be made whole. When you feel unworthy, remember that His worthiness covers your unworthiness completely.

Bible Verse

'While they were eating, Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take it; this is my body." - Mark 14:22

Reflection Question

In what areas of your life do you most need to remember that Jesus' loneliness purchased your belonging to God's family?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for enduring the cross so I could be welcomed into God's family. Help me to live in the security of Your love and sacrifice.

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Day 5: Come to the Table

Devotional

The Last Supper wasn't served to perfect people. Around that table sat a betrayer, a denier, and deserters. Yet Jesus served them all with equal love, equal grace, equal welcome. This is the heart of the gospel: we don't come to God's table because we are worthy—we come because He is worthy. Every time we take communion, we're reminded of this beautiful truth. The bread and cup aren't rewards for good behavior; they're gifts of grace for broken people. Jesus is worthy of our love, patient with our failure, and faithful to save us. His invitation isn't based on our performance but on His character. Perhaps you've been staying away from God because of shame, failure, or unworthiness. Perhaps you've been calculating whether you deserve His love, His forgiveness, His welcome. Stop counting. Stop calculating. Come to the table not because you've been faithful, but because God has been faithful to you in Jesus. His grace is always there, always available, always sufficient. You don't have to clean up your act first. You don't have to prove your devotion. You simply need to come, just as you are, to the One who gave everything for you. Jesus is worthy of your greatest adoration, and His worthiness is enough to cover every area where you fall short.

Bible Verse

'Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship.' - Romans 12:1

Reflection Question

What keeps you from fully accepting Jesus' invitation to 'come to the table' just as you are, without trying to earn your place?

Prayer

Father, help me to stop calculating my worthiness and instead rest in Jesus' worthiness. Thank You for Your faithful love that never fails.

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