



5 Day Devotional: [Watch- Trust The Long Game](#)

Day 1: When Evil Seems to Win

Devotional

Have you ever watched the news and felt your blood pressure rise? Or scrolled through social media only to find yourself angry at the injustice you see? You're not alone. We live in a world where evil often appears to have the upper hand, where the wicked seem to prosper while good people struggle. But here's what we need to remember: what we see in the moment isn't the whole story. Evil may be loud, strategic, and seemingly successful right now, but it's also temporary and ultimately self-defeating. Like a house built on sand, wickedness cannot sustain itself forever. The righteous may look small and powerless in comparison, but they possess something evil never can - God's promises and His future. When we feel overwhelmed by the darkness around us, we must remember that God sees the bigger picture. He's not surprised or overwhelmed by what's happening. He knows how this story ends. Today, instead of letting the evil around you steal your peace, choose to trust that God is still in control. The present moment, no matter how dark it seems, is not the final chapter.

Bible Verse

'The wicked plot against the righteous and gnash their teeth at them; but the Lord laughs at the wicked, for he knows their day is coming. The wicked draw the sword and bend the bow to bring down the poor and needy, to slay those whose ways are upright. But their swords will pierce their own hearts, and their bows will be broken. Better the little that the righteous have than the wealth of many wicked; for the power of the wicked will be broken, but the Lord upholds the righteous.' - Psalm 37:12-17

Reflection Question

What current situation in your life or the world around you is causing you to question whether good really triumphs over evil?

Prayer

Lord, when evil seems to be winning, help me remember that You see the end from the beginning. Give me peace in knowing that You are in control, even when circumstances suggest otherwise.

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Day 2: The Danger of Fretting

Devotional

There's a difference between being concerned about injustice and allowing that concern to consume you. The psalm warns us against fretting - not just normal worry, but becoming agitated and heated by circumstances beyond our control. This kind of response is exactly what our culture thrives on today. We're constantly bombarded with reasons to be outraged. Social media algorithms feed us content designed to keep us angry and reactive. News cycles profit from our emotional responses. But this constant state of agitation isn't just exhausting - it's spiritually dangerous. When we fret, we're essentially saying we don't trust God to handle the situation. We're taking on a burden that was never meant to be ours. Fretting doesn't change circumstances; it only changes us, and rarely for the better. Instead of fretting, we're called to trust. This doesn't mean we become passive or indifferent to injustice. Rather, it means we respond from a place of faith rather than fear, from trust rather than anxiety. We can care deeply about what's happening around us without letting it steal our peace or compromise our character.

Bible Verse

'Do not fret because of those who are evil or be envious of those who do wrong; for like the grass they will wither, for like green plants they will soon die away. Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.' - Psalm 37:1-3

Reflection Question

In what areas of your life have you been fretting instead of trusting, and how might this be affecting your relationship with God?

Prayer

Father, help me recognize when I'm fretting instead of trusting. Teach me to cast my anxieties on You and find peace in Your sovereignty.

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Day 3: Trusting the Long Game

Devotional

In our instant-gratification culture, we want to see results immediately. We want justice served quickly, problems solved overnight, and good rewarded without delay. But God operates on a different timeline than we do. He's playing the long game, and He invites us to trust His timing. The righteous don't always look like they're winning in the short term. They may face setbacks, persecution, or seeming defeat. But they are the ones who last. They are the ones who inherit God's promises. They are the ones who ultimately prevail because they're aligned with God's eternal purposes. When we focus only on short-term outcomes, we miss the bigger picture of what God is doing. We become discouraged when we should be hopeful. We give up when we should persevere. We trade God's future for us for a moment of immediate satisfaction or relief. Trusting the long game means believing that God's ways are higher than our ways, even when we can't see how things will work out. It means continuing to do good even when it seems unnoticed or unrewarded. It means holding onto hope when circumstances suggest we should despair.

Bible Verse

'The wicked lie in wait for the righteous, intent on putting them to death; but the Lord will not leave them in the power of the wicked or let them be condemned when brought to trial.' - Psalm 37:32-33

Reflection Question

What situation in your life requires you to trust God's long-term plan rather than demanding immediate results?

Prayer

Lord, help me trust Your timing and Your ways, even when I can't see the full picture. Give me patience to wait for Your perfect plan to unfold.

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Day 4: Faith Stretched Over Time

Devotional

Waiting is one of the hardest things we're asked to do. We live in a world of instant everything - instant communication, instant entertainment, instant answers. But some of life's most important lessons can only be learned in the waiting room of faith. Waiting on the Lord isn't passive resignation. It's not sitting back and doing nothing while hoping things get better. Biblical waiting is active faith - it's confidence in God's character and His promises, even when we can't see the outcome. It's faith stretched out over time. During seasons of waiting, our faith is refined and strengthened. We learn to depend on God rather than our own understanding. We discover that His presence is enough, even when His answers seem delayed. We develop the kind of deep, unshakeable trust that can only come through experience. The middle of the story is often the most difficult part. We know how it began, and we trust how it will end, but the middle can feel uncertain and uncomfortable. Yet it's in the middle where our character is formed and our faith is proven genuine. Don't despise the waiting seasons - they're preparing you for what's ahead.

Bible Verse

'Wait for the Lord and keep his way. He will exalt you to inherit the land; when the wicked are destroyed, you will see it.' - Psalm 37:34

Reflection Question

How has a season of waiting in your past ultimately strengthened your faith and prepared you for what came next?

Prayer

God, teach me to wait with hope and confidence in Your perfect timing. Help me see waiting not as delay, but as preparation for Your best.

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Day 5: The Cross: God's Ultimate Victory

Devotional

If you want to understand how God works, look at the cross. On that Friday afternoon, it appeared that evil had won completely. The Son of God hung dying, His followers scattered in fear, and darkness covered the land. If you had been there, you might have concluded that righteousness had lost and that God was silent. But Sunday was

coming. What looked like the ultimate defeat was actually the ultimate victory. Through what appeared to be His greatest weakness, God accomplished His greatest work. The cross wasn't Plan B - it was always God's plan for our salvation. This is how God operates. He takes what the enemy means for evil and transforms it into good. He uses apparent defeats to set up ultimate victories. He works through what looks like endings to create new beginnings. When you're facing your own Friday - when circumstances look hopeless and God seems silent - remember the cross. Remember that God always finishes what He starts. The present chapter you're living through, no matter how difficult, is not the final chapter. God is writing your story, and He knows how to bring beauty from ashes, hope from despair, and victory from apparent defeat.

Bible Verse

'I was young and now I am old, yet I have never seen the righteous forsaken or their children begging bread. They are always generous and lend freely; their children will be a blessing.' - Psalm 37:25-26

Reflection Question

Looking back on your life, can you identify a time when what seemed like a defeat or setback actually led to something better than you could have imagined?

Prayer

Thank You, Lord, that Your ways are higher than mine and that You can bring victory from apparent defeat. Help me trust Your plan, especially in the difficult seasons.

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