



5 Day Devotional

This five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into John 3, which Sunday's message was based on. We will focus on the transformative power of the Holy Spirit in our lives as we explore what it means to be born again and how we can embrace our new identity in Christ.

Day 1

"Truly I tell you, unless someone is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God."

– John 3:3

READ John 3:1-8

This first day of our devotional invites us to reflect on the concept of being born again. In John 3, we see Jesus having a profound conversation with Nicodemus, a religious leader who was struggling to grasp the truth of spiritual rebirth. Jesus emphasizes that to experience the kingdom of God, one must be born of the Spirit, highlighting the necessity of spiritual transformation that comes from above.

As we meditate on these verses, we are reminded that our relationship with God is not merely about external observances or rituals but about a deep, internal change that the Holy Spirit brings into our lives. Being born again signifies a new beginning—an opportunity to start fresh, leaving behind the constraints of our old lives for a vibrant relationship with God.

- What does it mean for you personally to be born again?
- How can you cultivate a deeper relationship with the Holy Spirit in your daily life?
- In what areas of your life do you need to experience transformation?

- Pray for clarity and understanding of what it means to be born again.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas in your life that need change.

Notes:

Day 2

“¹⁴Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,¹⁵ so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life.” – John 3:14-15

READ John 3:9-15

On the second day of our devotional, we continue to explore Nicodemus' encounter with Jesus. Nicodemus questions how one can be born again, revealing his misunderstanding of spiritual truths. Jesus points to the necessity of faith, saying that just as Moses lifted up the serpent (cf. Numbers 21), so must the Son of Man be lifted up to grant eternal life. This powerful imagery reinforces the idea that redemption comes through believing in Jesus and acknowledging His sacrificial work on the cross.

This day prompts us to consider how our faith is rooted in the finished work of Christ. Just as those in the wilderness looked to the serpent for healing, we must fix our eyes on Jesus for spiritual renewal. Reflecting on this truth draws us closer to understanding the depth of God's love and the grace offered to us through faith.

- How does Jesus being lifted up give you hope for your spiritual journey?
- In what ways can you demonstrate your faith in Jesus daily?
- What does it mean to you to have eternal life through Christ?
- Thank God for the gift of faith and the assurance of eternal life.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you grow in your understanding and practice of faith.

Notes:

Day 3

“¹⁶ For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.” – John 3:17

READ John 3:16-21

Day three centers around one of the most beloved verses in Scripture, John 3:16, where we are reminded of God's immense love for humanity. This love compelled Him to send His Son to bring salvation to a broken world. We learn that our response to this love is crucial; those who believe in Jesus will not perish but have eternal life. This day challenges us to reflect on how we respond to God's love and how it inspires us to love others.

As we contemplate these verses, we recognize that while light has come into the world, many choose darkness instead of light. This presents an opportunity for introspection: Are there areas in our lives where we are clinging to darkness? As we embrace the light of Christ, we are called to share that light and hope with those around us.

- How does understanding God's love for you change your perspective on your life?
- What steps can you take to live in the light rather than in darkness?
- How can you share God's love with others in your community?
- Pray for those struggling to see the light of Christ in their lives.
- Thank God for His unconditional love and grace in your life.

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Day 4

“John responded, “No one can receive anything unless it has been given to him from heaven.” – John 3:27

READ John 3:22-30

On day four, we witness the relationship between John the Baptist and Jesus. John acknowledges that he must decrease while Jesus must increase, demonstrating a heart of humility and dedication to God’s purpose. This passage teaches us about the importance of selflessness and prioritizing Christ in our lives, celebrating His growth within us while simultaneously surrendering our ambitions and desires.

We are challenged to consider what it means to make room for Jesus in our lives. As we enable Him to flourish, we also experience the beauty of His transformation within us. Reflecting on John’s example inspires us to embody humility and recognize the joy that comes from allowing Christ to reign supreme in our hearts.

- In what areas of your life might you need to decrease to allow Jesus to increase?
- How can you practice humility in your daily interactions?
- What does it look like for you to prioritize Christ above all else?
- Pray for a heart that longs for Jesus to increase in your life.
- Ask God to help you identify areas where you can exhibit humility and selflessness.

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Day 5

“The one who comes from above is above all. The one who is from the earth is earthly and speaks in earthly terms. The one who comes from heaven is above all.” – John 3:31

READ John 3:31-36

The final day of our devotional concludes with a powerful affirmation of Jesus's divinity and authority. John proclaims that Jesus comes from above and is above all, reinforcing that true life comes only from Him. This day encourages us to recognize Jesus as the source of our hope and to follow Him with confidence. The gift of the Holy Spirit empowers us to walk in this newness of life.

Reflecting on this passage prompts us to consider how we view Jesus in our daily lives. Do we see Him as the supreme authority? Do we trust in His guidance? As we embrace the truth of who Jesus is, we are called to live transformed lives, sharing the good news of His love and grace with others in our communities, finding strength in Him each step of the way.

- How do you view the authority of Jesus in your life?
- What steps can you take to trust His guidance more fully?
- How can you share the transformative power of Jesus with others?
- Thank God for the gift of the Holy Spirit in your life.
- Pray for opportunities to share your faith with others this week.

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