

# SAVED TO SHARE



## Saved To Share Devotional

### **Day 1:**

### **More Than Good Advice**

#### **Devotional**

We live in an age of endless advice. Social media feeds overflow with tips for success, happiness, and fulfillment. Bookstore shelves groan under the weight of self-help guides promising transformation. Yet despite all this guidance, something feels missing, doesn't it? Deep down, we're not just looking for another strategy or life hack. We're longing for something more substantial - something that doesn't depend on our ability to follow steps perfectly or maintain motivation. We need news that comes from outside ourselves, news that has the power to change everything regardless of our performance. This is where the gospel stands apart from every piece of advice you've ever received. It's not a manual for climbing your way up to God through better behavior or spiritual disciplines. Instead, it's the incredible announcement of what God has already done by coming down to us. The difference is profound. Advice says, "Here's what you need to do." The gospel says, "Here's what has been done for you." One puts the burden on your shoulders; the other lifts it off completely. Today, as you encounter various voices telling you how to live, remember that your deepest need isn't for more instruction - it's for the good news that God has already acted on your behalf. This news doesn't require your perfection; it offers you His.

#### **Bible Verse**

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

#### **Reflection Question**

In what areas of your life are you relying more on advice and self-improvement rather than trusting in what God has already done for you?

### **Prayer**

Lord, help me to recognize the difference between human advice and Your good news. When I'm tempted to rely on my own efforts to earn Your love, remind me that You've already provided everything I need through Jesus. Amen.

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## **Day 2:**

### **Loved Beyond Performance**

#### **Devotional**

Have you ever felt like you needed to earn someone's love? Maybe you worked extra hard to please a parent, stayed late to impress a boss, or changed yourself to fit in with friends. This performance-based approach to relationships can be exhausting, and unfortunately, many of us bring this same mindset to our relationship with God. But here's the revolutionary truth that changes everything: God's love for you isn't based on your performance. It's not because you're particularly good, talented, or deserving. God doesn't love you because you check all the right boxes or because you've managed to clean up your act. God loves you because love is who He is. It flows from His very nature and character. This means His love for you is as constant and unchanging as He is. When you mess up, His love doesn't decrease. When you succeed, His love doesn't increase. It remains perfectly steady because it's rooted in Him, not in you. This kind of love is foreign to our experience because human love often comes with conditions. But God's love is different. It's not a reward for good behavior; it's a gift that comes from His heart. Even in your shortcomings, even in your failures, even when you feel far from Him - you are loved. This truth should bring incredible relief to your soul. You can stop performing and start receiving.

#### **Bible Verse**

"God is love." - 1 John 4:8

## Reflection Question

How does knowing that God's love is based on His character rather than your performance change the way you approach Him today?

## Prayer

Father, thank You that Your love for me isn't dependent on my performance. Help me to rest in this truth and stop trying to earn what You've already freely given. Let this love transform how I see myself and others. Amen.

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## Day 3:

## Missing the Mark

### Devotional

Imagine an archer drawing back his bow, aiming for the bullseye, but watching the arrow fall short every time. This picture captures what the Bible means when it talks about sin - we've all missed the mark. We were created for something beautiful: a close, intimate relationship with our Creator. But somewhere along the way, we chose independence instead of dependence, our way instead of His way. This isn't just about breaking rules or making mistakes; it's about the fundamental direction of our hearts. Sin isn't primarily about being "bad" - it's about being separated. It's about choosing to live as if we don't need God, as if we can figure life out on our own. And the result isn't just guilt or shame; it's spiritual death. We become disconnected from the very source of life itself. This reality affects every single person. No one gets a pass. No one hits the bullseye perfectly. We've all chosen independence from God at some level, and this choice has consequences that we can't undo on our own. But here's why this matters: recognizing that we've missed the mark isn't meant to discourage us - it's meant to help us understand why we need good news. When we see the depth of our problem, we can better appreciate the magnitude of God's solution. You don't have to pretend you're perfect. God already knows you're not, and He loves you anyway.

## **Bible Verse**

"For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." - Romans 3:23

## **Reflection Question**

In what ways have you tried to live independently from God, and how has this affected your sense of purpose and peace?

## **Prayer**

God, I acknowledge that I've missed the mark and chosen my own way instead of Yours. Thank You for not leaving me in this separated state, but for providing a way back to You. Help me to see my need for You more clearly. Amen.

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## **Day 4:**

### **The Perfect Gift**

#### **Devotional**

The best gifts often come when we least expect them and from sources we could never repay. A friend covers your restaurant bill when money is tight. A neighbor shovels your driveway without being asked. A stranger pays for your coffee just because. These moments remind us that the most meaningful gifts aren't earned - they're given freely. God's gift to humanity surpasses every generous act you've ever witnessed. Seeing our separation from Him and our inability to bridge that gap ourselves, He sent Jesus - His own Son - to live the perfect life we couldn't live and die the death we deserved to die. Jesus wasn't just a good teacher or moral example. He was the spotless, sinless sacrifice who took on your sin and mine at the cross. In that moment, the perfect exchange took place: our sin became His, and His righteousness became ours. Three days later, His resurrection proved that death had been defeated and the gift was complete. This isn't a reward for trying your best or a prize for good behavior. Eternal life is a gift - a gift for the guilty, the imperfect, the ones who have missed the mark. You can't earn it, buy it, or work for it. You can only receive it. This is the best news in the history of the world because it means hope

isn't dependent on your performance. The gift has already been given; the question is whether you'll receive it.

### **Bible Verse**

"But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." - Romans 5:8

### **Reflection Question**

What makes it difficult for you to accept that salvation is truly a free gift rather than something you need to earn?

### **Prayer**

Jesus, thank You for living the perfect life I couldn't live and dying the death I deserved to die. Help me to fully grasp that salvation is Your gift to me, not something I can earn. I receive this gift with a grateful heart. Amen.

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## **Day 5:**

### **Your Response Matters**

#### **Devotional**

Knowing about a gift and receiving it are two completely different things. You might know everything about a birthday present sitting under the tree - its size, shape, even what's inside - but until you unwrap it and make it yours, it remains just knowledge. The same is true with the gospel. You can know all the facts about Jesus, understand the theology, and even appreciate the story, but there comes a moment when knowledge must become trust. It's the difference between knowing about a chair and actually sitting in it. Many people assume they're saved because of external factors - their parents' faith, church attendance, baptism, or good deeds. But salvation doesn't come through family heritage, religious ceremonies, or moral behavior. It comes through personally trusting in Jesus Christ. This is your moment to respond. Not just to understand the gospel intellectually, but to trust in it

personally. To move from knowing about Jesus to trusting in Jesus. To stop relying on your own efforts and start resting in His finished work. When you make this response, everything changes. Your sins are forgiven, your eternity is secure, and you become part of God's family. This good news isn't just information to file away - it's life-changing truth that demands a response and compels you to share it with others. The question isn't whether you know about Jesus. The question is: Do you trust in Him?

### **Bible Verse**

"If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved." - Romans 10:9

### **Reflection Question**

Is there a difference between what you know about Jesus and what you personally trust Him for in your life?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, I don't want to just know about You - I want to trust in You completely. I believe You died for my sins and rose again. I trust in You alone for my salvation and surrender my life to You as my Lord and Savior. Amen.

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