



5 Day Devotional

This five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We will explore the theme of spiritual clarity and the invitation from the Holy Spirit to experience true satisfaction in God.

Day 1

Revelation 22:17

17 Both the Spirit and the bride say, "Come!" Let anyone who hears, say, "Come!" Let the one who is thirsty come. Let the one who desires take the water of life freely.

As we begin this devotional journey, it's essential to understand the invitation that echoes through the pages of Scripture. The Holy Spirit and the Bride say, "Come." This call invites us to turn to God and experience His refreshing presence, much like the promise found at the end of Revelation. When we reflect on our lives and the decisions we've made, we often see that our pursuits have been misaligned. This first day challenges us to recognize where we have sought satisfaction outside of God and invites us to return to our source of true fulfillment.

In this call to "come," we are reminded that true clarity comes when we align our lives with God's word. Just as the stories of the past guide us towards the future, our willingness to respond to this invitation has the power to transform our reality. Let this be a moment of reflection on where we seek our satisfaction and how we can choose to embrace the Spirit's call.

- What are some areas in your life where you've sought fulfillment outside of God?
- How can you better recognize the Spirit's call to "come" in your daily life?
- What does it mean to you to have 2020 vision in your faith journey?
- Pray for clarity and understanding as you seek God's guidance.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to show you areas where you need to come back to Him for refreshment.

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Day 2

John 7:37-39

³⁷ On the last and most important day of the festival, Jesus stood up and cried out, "If anyone is thirsty, let him come to me^[a] and drink. ³⁸ The one who believes in me, as the Scripture has said, will have streams of living water flow from deep within him." ³⁹ He said this about the Spirit. Those who believed in Jesus were going to receive the Spirit, for the Spirit^[a] had not yet been given^[a] because Jesus had not yet been glorified.

Understanding the significance of the invitation to come means recognizing our deepest thirsts and the assurance that Jesus is the solution. When Jesus stood and proclaimed that anyone who was thirsty should come to Him, He was offering the gift of the Holy Spirit—the living water that would satisfy our soul's longings. This day reminds us that our spiritual thirst does not have to go unquenched. We need to intentionally seek the living water that Jesus promises, realizing that all earthly pursuits will ultimately leave us wanting.

As we meditate on this invitation, it's critical to ask ourselves where we look to find satisfaction. The challenge is to identify the distractions that pull our attention away from Jesus. As we seek after the living water this week, may we experience the fullness of life that only comes through a deep connection with Him.

- In what ways do you experience spiritual thirst in your life?
- What distractions pull you away from seeking Jesus as your source of fulfillment?
- How can you actively pursue the living water today?
- Pray for a renewed sense of thirst for God and His presence in your life.
- Reflect on how the Holy Spirit is working in your life as you seek to be filled by Him.

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Day 3

Ezekiel 47:1-12

Then he brought me back to the entrance of the temple and there was water flowing from under the threshold of the temple toward the east, for the temple faced east. The water was coming down from under the south side of the threshold of the temple, south of the altar. 2 Next he brought me out by way of the north gate and led me around the outside to the outer gate that faced east; there the water was trickling from the south side. 3 As the man went out east with a measuring line in his hand, he measured

off a third of a mile[a] and led me through the water. It came up to my ankles. 4 Then he measured off a third of a mile and led me through the water. It came up to my knees. He measured off another third of a mile and led me through the water. It came up to my waist. 5 Again he measured off a third of a mile, and it was a river that I could not cross on foot. For the water had risen; it was deep enough to swim in, a river that could not be crossed on foot.

6 He asked me, "Do you see this, son of man?" Then he led me back to the bank of the river. 7 When I had returned, I saw a very large number of trees along both sides of the riverbank. 8 He said to me, "This water flows out to the eastern region and goes down to the Arabah. When it enters the sea, the sea of foul water,[b][c] the water of the sea becomes fresh. 9 Every kind of living creature that swarms will live wherever the river flows,[d] and there will be a huge number of fish because this water goes there. Since the water will become fresh, there will be life everywhere the river goes. 10 Fishermen will stand beside it from En-gedi to En-eglaim.[e] These will become places where nets are spread out to dry. Their fish will consist of many different kinds, like the fish of the Mediterranean Sea. 11 Yet its swamps and marshes will not be healed; they will be left for salt. 12 All kinds of trees providing food will grow along both banks of the river. Their leaves will not wither, and their fruit will not fail. Each month they will bear fresh fruit because the water comes from the sanctuary. Their fruit will be used for eating and their leaves for healing."

The prophetic vision of a life-giving river brings to light the abundance of God's promises for us. Just as the river in Ezekiel's vision nourished the land and provided healing, we are reminded of the refreshing life available to us through the Holy Spirit. This day's devotion encourages us to visualize the river of life as the source of all that we need. Are we allowing God's presence to flow into our lives, shaping our actions, and nourishing our spirits?

In recognizing the healing power of the Holy Spirit, we must ask ourselves whether we are willing to wade into the river and let God's grace overwhelm us. Today, reflect on what it means to let the Spirit guide you, to heal you, and to fill you with life as you navigate the complexities of everyday life.

- How do you perceive the Holy Spirit working in your life?
- What barriers prevent you from fully entering the river of life?
- In what areas of your life do you need healing from God?
- Pray for opportunities to experience the refreshing flow of the Spirit in your life.
- Reflect on what it might look like to fully immerse yourself in God's presence.

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Day 4

Genesis 2:8-10

8 The Lord God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he placed the man he had formed. 9 The Lord God caused to grow out of the ground every tree pleasing in appearance and good for food, including the tree of life in the middle of the garden, as well as the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

10 A river went[a] out from Eden to water the garden. From there it divided and became the source of four rivers.

In the very beginning, we see God's heart for humanity demonstrated in the garden of Eden—a place designed for nourishment and intimacy with Him. This day prompts us to remember that God's original plan included a perfect fellowship with humankind. The rivers flowing through the garden symbolize the provision and abundance that flow from our Creator. As we reflect on this truth, we are reminded of how our lives can mirror that fellowship with God.

Understanding our beginnings provides perspective on where we find ourselves today. Just as the first humans walked with God in the garden, we too are invited back into that relationship. This day prompts us to contemplate how we can cultivate a deeper connection with God, recognizing that He is the source of all satisfaction. With that knowledge, we can move forward in faith.

- What does it mean to you to have fellowship with God like Adam and Eve did?
- How can you cultivate a deeper relationship with God in your daily life?
- What prevents you from experiencing the fullness of life that God offers?
- Pray for a deeper understanding of God's desire for intimacy with you.
- Ask God to reveal ways you can return to the "garden" of fellowship with Him.

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Day 5

Revelation 22:1-5

Then he showed me the river[a] of the water of life, clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the city's main street. The tree of life was on each side of the river, bearing twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit every month. The leaves of the tree are for healing the nations, 3 and there will no longer be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will worship him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 Night will be

no more; people will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, because the Lord God will give them light, and they will reign forever and ever.

As we come to the conclusion of this devotional, we encounter the final scene in Revelation. The renewed creation reflects the promise of eternal life, where God will dwell with His people forever. This last day of the devotional invites us to envision the hope of what is to come and how that hope can shape our current reality. Knowing that God's Spirit is with us now, we can live in the assurance of our future with Him.

We are reminded that today is a glimpse of eternity. The living water is not just a future hope but a present reality we can experience daily. As we end this journey, let us commit to continuing to seek God's presence now, so we may fully enjoy the depths of His love and the billows of His grace in our lives while we await the fulfillment of His promises.

- How does the promise of eternal life impact your current life choices?
- What does it mean for you to live with the awareness of God's presence today?
- In what ways can you reflect the hope of the Gospel to those around you?
- Pray for a firm grasp of the eternal hope you have in Christ.
- Reflect on how you can share the message of living water with others.

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