



## **5 DAY DEVOTIONAL- Wraparound Grace**

Day 1: God's Heart for the Vulnerable Reading: James 1:27, Psalm 82:3-4

Devotional: Today's passages reveal God's deep concern for the vulnerable, especially orphans and widows. James defines pure religion as caring for those in distress, while the Psalmist calls us to defend the weak and fatherless. Reflect on how these verses challenge our understanding of faith in action. How might God be calling you to step out of your comfort zone to care for those in need? Consider the ways you can be God's hands and feet in your community, showing His love to those who are often overlooked or forgotten.

Day 2: The Father to the Fatherless Reading: Psalm 68:5-6

Devotional: Today we see a beautiful picture of God's character - He is a father to the fatherless and sets the lonely in families. This reveals God's heart for restoration and belonging. Think about your own experience of God's fatherly love. How has He provided for you, protected you, or given you a

sense of belonging? Now consider how you might extend that same love to others who may be feeling lonely or abandoned. Pray for opportunities to reflect God's fatherly love to someone in need of family today.

#### Day 3: The Church as God's Plan A Reading: Matthew 25:34-40

Devotional: Jesus teaches that when we care for "the least of these," we are caring for Him. This passage reinforces the idea that the church - God's people - are His primary plan for meeting the needs of the vulnerable. Reflect on how your local church is currently serving "the least of these." Are there areas where you could get more involved? Ask God to open your eyes to the needs around you and to give you the courage to respond as His hands and feet in the world.

#### Day 4: Overcoming Obstacles to Serve Reading: 2 Corinthians 9:6-8

Devotional: Serving others, especially in challenging situations like foster care, can seem daunting. Today's passage reminds us that God is able to provide all that we need to do His work. Reflect on the obstacles that might be holding you back from serving more fully - fear, lack of time, feeling inadequate. Bring these before God in prayer. Ask Him to provide the resources, strength, and grace you need to serve generously and cheerfully, trusting in His abundant provision.

#### Day 5: Beyond Our Walls Reading: Acts 1:8

Devotional: Jesus calls us to be His witnesses, starting in our immediate surroundings and expanding outward. This echoes the theme of going "Beyond Our Walls" to impact our community and world. Consider the concentric circles of your influence - your home, neighborhood, workplace, city. How can you be a witness for Christ in each of these areas? Pray for boldness to share God's love through both words and actions, trusting that the Holy Spirit will empower you to make a difference beyond the walls of your comfort zone.