

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: The Greatest Thing Ever

Devotional

Imagine if you discovered the most incredible restaurant in town - amazing food, perfect atmosphere, life-changing experience. You'd tell everyone, right? You'd post about it, recommend it to friends, maybe even take people there yourself. Now here's something fascinating: research shows that 95% of Christians say meeting Jesus is the greatest thing that's ever happened to them. Yet many of us struggle to share this incredible discovery with others.

There's something beautiful about recognizing the magnitude of what God has done in our lives. When we truly grasp that our relationship with Jesus is the most significant, transformative experience we've ever had, it changes our perspective on everything else. This isn't just religious talk - it's the foundation of a life that's been completely reoriented around hope, purpose, and love.

But here's where it gets interesting. If this is truly the greatest thing that's ever happened to us, why do we sometimes hesitate to share it? The answer often lies not in our lack of appreciation for what God has done, but in our fear of not having all the right answers when people ask questions.

Today, let's start by simply acknowledging the incredible gift we've received. Before we worry about sharing it perfectly, let's marvel at the reality that the Creator of the universe has chosen to make His home in our hearts. That's worth celebrating, and it's the foundation for everything else we'll explore this week.

Bible Verse

'As Jesus went along, he saw a man blind from birth.' - John 9:1

Reflection Question

When you think about your relationship with Jesus, what specific ways has it been 'the greatest thing' in your life, and how might recognizing this more deeply change how you view sharing your faith?

Quote

How many of you would say that the greatest thing that has ever happened in your life is meeting Jesus, is being saved by Jesus. Now, Barna Research Group did a study and they found that 95% of people who call themselves a Christian would say, yeah, that's true of my life.

Prayer

Lord, help me to truly grasp the magnitude of what You've done in my life. Open my eyes to see clearly how meeting You has been the greatest gift I've ever received. Give me a heart of gratitude that overflows naturally to others. Amen.

Day 2: The Unexplainable vs. The Undeniable

Devotional

Have you ever avoided talking about something amazing because you couldn't explain exactly how it worked? Maybe you've experienced a beautiful sunset but couldn't describe the science behind the colors, or felt deeply moved by a piece of music without understanding music theory. Sometimes we let what we can't explain keep us from sharing what we know is real.

This happens in our faith journey too. We know Jesus has changed our lives - that's undeniable. We've experienced His peace, His forgiveness, His guidance. We've seen Him work in ways that have transformed our hearts, our relationships, our entire outlook on life. But when we think about sharing this with others, we get caught up in all the questions we can't answer: Why does God allow suffering? How can we be sure the Bible is accurate? What about other religions?

Here's a liberating truth: you don't need to have all the answers to share what you know is real. The impact Jesus has had on your life is undeniable evidence of His reality and love. Your transformation isn't something you need to defend or explain away - it's something you can simply share.

Think about it this way: if someone asked you to explain exactly how electricity works, you might struggle with the technical details. But that doesn't stop you from turning on the lights. You know electricity works because you've experienced its effects. The same is true with your faith - you may not understand everything about God, but you've experienced His transforming power.

Bible Verse

'He replied, "Whether he is a sinner or not, I don't know. One thing I do know. I was blind but now I see!"'
- John 9:25

Reflection Question

What aspects of your faith feel 'unexplainable' to you, and how might focusing on the 'undeniable' changes in your life help you feel more confident about sharing your story?

Quote

We don't let things we can't explain keep us from what is undeniable.

Prayer

Father, help me not to let what I can't explain keep me from sharing what I know is true. Give me confidence in the undeniable ways You've changed my life, and help me trust that my story is enough. Amen.

Day 3: Witness, Not Attorney

Devotional

Picture a courtroom scene. The attorney stands before the jury, armed with legal expertise, precedents, and compelling arguments. They must know the law inside and out, anticipate every objection, and have answers for every question. It's an intimidating role that requires years of training and preparation.

Now picture the witness. They simply tell what they saw, what they experienced, what they know to be true from their own life. They don't need law degrees or perfect knowledge of every legal detail. They just need to be honest about their experience.

When it comes to sharing our faith, God calls us to be witnesses, not attorneys. We don't need to defend every aspect of theology or have answers to every philosophical question. We simply need to share what we've seen God do in our lives.

The blind man in John 9 understood this perfectly. When the religious leaders peppered him with complex questions about Jesus, trying to trap him in theological debates, he kept it simple: 'I was blind, now I see.' He didn't try to explain the mechanics of the miracle or defend Jesus' methods. He just shared his undeniable experience.

This is incredibly freeing! You don't need a seminary degree to share your faith. You don't need to memorize apologetics arguments or become an expert in comparative religion. You just need to be willing to share how Jesus has changed your life. Your personal experience with God is something no one can argue with or explain away.

Bible Verse

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' - Acts 1:8

Reflection Question

In what ways have you been trying to be an 'attorney' for God instead of simply being His witness, and how might shifting to a witness mindset change your approach to sharing faith?

Quote

Jesus asks us to be his witness, not a. His attorney.

Prayer

Lord, thank You for calling me to be Your witness, not Your attorney. Help me trust that my story is powerful enough and that You will provide what's needed in every conversation. Give me boldness to simply share what You've done in my life. Amen.

Day 4: Your Three-Part Story

Devotional

Every great story has a beginning, a turning point, and a resolution. Your faith story follows this same powerful structure, and it's simpler to share than you might think. You don't need dramatic details or a perfect testimony - you just need to be honest about your journey.

Part one is 'I was' - your life before Jesus. This doesn't have to be a story of dramatic sin or rock bottom moments. Maybe you were successful but empty, religious but distant from God, or simply searching for meaning and purpose. Perhaps you were raised in church but hadn't made faith your own, or you were skeptical about God altogether. Whatever your 'before' looked like, it's valid and important.

Part two is 'Then God' - the moment or season when God interrupted your life. This might have been a sudden encounter, a gradual awakening, or a specific moment of surrender. Maybe it was through a crisis, a conversation, a church service, or simply reading Scripture. God meets each of us differently, and your story of how He reached you is unique and powerful.

Part three is 'And now' - the ongoing impact Jesus has had on your life. This isn't about perfection but transformation. How has knowing Jesus changed your perspective, your relationships, your priorities? What peace, hope, or purpose have you found that wasn't there before?

Your story matters because it's real, it's yours, and it demonstrates God's love in a way that no theological argument can. Someone needs to hear exactly how God has worked in your life.

Bible Verse

'Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.' - 2 Corinthians 3:17

Reflection Question

As you think about your own three-part story (I was, Then God, And now), which part feels most challenging to share, and what makes that particular aspect of your story powerful despite any discomfort?

Quote

Three parts. Part one is simply this. I call it just the I was phase. This is your life before Jesus. Part two, then God. Where did God interrupt your life? And then the last part, part three is just the. And now this is the impact that Jesus has had on you.

Prayer

God, thank You for the unique story You've written in my life. Help me see the beauty and power in my journey with You, even in the ordinary moments. Give me courage to share how You've transformed me, knowing that my story can bring hope to others. Amen.

Day 5: The Decision Is Already Made

Devotional

A baseball player doesn't wait until the pitch is thrown to decide whether they want to swing. By the time a 90-mile-per-hour fastball crosses the plate, it's too late to make that decision. The choice to swing happens before they even step into the batter's box. They've already decided: 'Yes, I'm here to hit.' Then they simply watch for the right pitch.

Sharing your faith works the same way. The decision to be open about your relationship with Jesus shouldn't be made in the moment when an opportunity arises. By then, fear, uncertainty, or overthinking can easily take over. Instead, the decision should already be made: 'Yes, I'm willing to share my story when God opens the door.'

This doesn't mean being pushy or forcing conversations. It means having a heart that's ready and willing when natural opportunities arise. Maybe it's when a coworker is going through a difficult time, when a friend asks about your peace during stress, or when someone notices something different about how you handle challenges.

When your heart is already settled on being willing to share, you're free to simply listen for God's prompting about timing. You're not wrestling with whether you should speak up - you're just watching for the right moment, the right conversation, the right opening.

Remember, God has chosen you to be His witness. He's placed you in your specific relationships, workplace, and community for a reason. Your story isn't just about your past - it's a tool God wants to use to shape someone else's future. The decision to be available for that purpose can be made right now, today.

Bible Verse

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Reflection Question

Have you already made the decision to be willing to share your faith when opportunities arise, or do you find yourself making that choice in the moment, and how might pre-deciding change your readiness to be God's witness?

Quote

The decision to share your faith should already be made. It's yes.

Prayer

Lord, I make the decision today to be willing to share my story when You open doors. Help me trust that You will give me the right words at the right time. Fill me with Your Spirit and use my life to point others toward You. Amen.