



# GROWING DEEPER

## 5 DAY DEVOTIONAL

*Day 1: The Humble Love of Christ*

**Reading: John 13:1-17**

Jesus, the King of Kings, humbled Himself to wash His disciples' feet. This act of servitude demonstrates the depth of Christ's love for us. As you read this passage, reflect on how Jesus' humility challenges your own pride. Where in your life do you struggle to serve others? Remember that true love is displayed through humble actions, not grand gestures. Today, look for an opportunity to serve someone in a way that stretches your comfort zone. As you do, meditate on Christ's sacrificial love for you.

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*Day 2: Accepting Christ's Cleansing*

**Reading: 1 John 1:5-10**

Just as Peter initially resisted Jesus washing his feet, we too can struggle to accept Christ's cleansing in our lives. Today's reading reminds us that we all need ongoing purification from sin. Spend time in honest self-reflection. Are there areas of your life where you're resisting God's cleansing touch? Remember, it's only through Christ's work that we can be made clean. Confess any hidden sins and accept God's forgiveness. Let His light penetrate the darkest corners of your heart, knowing that His grace is sufficient for all our shortcomings.

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*Day 3: Called to Serve*

**Reading: Philippians 2:1-11**

Christ's example of humility sets the standard for how we should treat one another. Paul urges us to have the same mindset as Christ Jesus, who didn't cling to His divine rights but took on the nature of a servant. Consider your relationships - at home, work, church, or in your community. How can you embody Christ-like humility in these contexts? Choose one specific way to serve someone today, putting their needs before your own. As you do, remember that in lowering yourself, you're following in the footsteps of your Savior.

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*Day 4: The Blessing of Obedience*

**Reading: James 1:22-25**

Jesus said, "If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them" (John 13:17). Knowledge alone isn't enough; we must put our faith into action. James echoes this sentiment, urging us to be doers of the word, not just hearers. Reflect on the spiritual truths you know. How are you applying them in your daily life? Choose one area where you can move from knowledge to action. It might be forgiving someone, being more generous, or sharing your faith. Ask God for the strength to follow through, trusting that obedience brings blessing.

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*Day 5: Love that Transforms*

**Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7**

Our journey from foolishness to faith is not just about the present - it points us toward a glorious future. Paul reminds us that our current struggles pale in comparison to the glory that awaits us. John's vision in Revelation gives us a glimpse of that future, where God will dwell with His people and wipe away every tear. How does this eternal perspective change how you view your current circumstances? Let this hope inspire you to persevere in faith, knowing that God is working all things for good for those who love Him.



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