

5-Day Devotional: Building on the Foundation of Christ

Day 1: Beyond the Starting Blocks

****Reading:**** 1 Corinthians 2:9-16

****Devotional:****

Salvation is not a finish line—it's the starting gun. Paul reminds us that God has prepared things beyond our imagination for those who love Him. Yet many believers stand at the starting blocks, content with being "on the team" but never running the race. The Spirit has given us the mind of Christ to comprehend and experience the fullness of salvation, not just its initial moment. Today, ask yourself: Am I standing still, or am I pursuing all God has for me? The Christian life isn't about arriving; it's about continually moving forward, discovering new depths of grace, and allowing God to activate what He's placed within you. Don't settle for salvation alone—pursue transformation.

Day 2: The Living and Active Word

****Reading:**** Hebrews 4:12-13; Romans 10:8-17

****Devotional:****

God's Word isn't a history book to be studied—it's a living seed to be planted. Like yeast activating dough, Scripture comes alive when we approach it expectantly, asking God to speak directly to us. Faith comes from hearing, and hearing comes through the Word of Christ. But this isn't about one-time hearing; it's about continual listening. When we read Scripture four or more times weekly, it transforms our lives. The Word near you—in your mouth and heart—wants to grow, multiply, and produce fruit. Today, don't just read the Bible; listen for God's voice within it. Let Jesus speak directly to your circumstances. What is He activating in you today?

Day 3: Proclaiming and Becoming

****Reading:**** Romans 10:9-13

****Devotional:****

Notice the present tense: we ARE confessing, ARE believing, ARE being

saved. Salvation isn't merely a past event but an ongoing experience. When we continually confess Jesus as Lord and believe in our hearts, we experience the fullness of salvation—not just fire insurance for eternity, but abundant life now. The word "will" in "you will be saved" points to a process, not just a moment. Like Peter, who followed Jesus for three years yet needed to return after denial, we're all in process. God isn't done with you. Your one-time confession was beautiful, but He's calling you to ongoing proclamation. Who you declare Jesus to be today matters. Keep confessing, keep believing, keep experiencing salvation's transforming power.

Day 4: The Spirit's Empowerment

****Reading:**** Acts 1:4-8; Acts 2:1-4

****Devotional:****

Jesus told His followers to wait—not because salvation was incomplete, but because they needed power to live it out. The Holy Spirit didn't come to make them comfortable; He came to make them unstoppable. When the Spirit filled them, the first thing that happened was speech—bold proclamation of God's works. The Spirit gives us courage to speak when fear would silence us, wisdom when confusion surrounds us, and endurance when circumstances overwhelm us. If you find yourself unable to speak about Christ, ask God if you've truly received the Spirit's empowerment. The same Spirit who activated those first believers wants to activate you. Are you waiting on God, or is He waiting on your willingness?

Day 5: Building Higher

****Reading:**** 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

****Devotional:****

You cannot build a stable structure on shag carpet—you need a solid foundation. Christ is that foundation, but we're called to keep building upon Him. Each truth we learn, each obedience we practice, each sacrifice we make for His kingdom becomes another block in the tower of our faith. Some believers stop building after salvation, content with a foundation alone. But God has called us to rise higher, becoming strong towers where others find refuge. Don't fear the change God brings; every transformation

makes you more like Christ. Today, what is God asking you to add to your spiritual structure? What teaching have you been resisting? Remember: with all the manure life throws at you, there's a pony in there somewhere. Keep digging. Keep building. Keep pursuing Him.