

## 12-14-25 5 Day Devotional

### 5-Day Devotional: Walking in the Light

#### Day 1: Born in Darkness, Bringing Light

Reading: John 1:1-14

Devotional: Jesus entered our world not in a palace but in a cave stable among sacrificial lambs. This wasn't accidental—He was the Lamb who would take away the world's sin. Like Mary and Joseph traveling those difficult 65 miles to Bethlehem, our journey with Christ isn't always comfortable. God steps into our chaos, our darkness, our mess, and says "Let there be light." The same God who spoke light into the formless void speaks hope into your circumstances today. Your life may feel dark, but Christ's presence changes everything. He didn't come to make life easy; He came to make it meaningful.

Reflection: What "dark cave" in your life needs Christ's light today?

#### Day 2: Blessed in the Darkness

Reading: Romans 8:28-39

Devotional: Mary heard she was "highly favored," yet faced an unplanned pregnancy, public shame, and a difficult journey. Being blessed doesn't mean everything goes your way—it means God is working all things for good. We struggle to call ourselves blessed when circumstances scream otherwise, but faith trusts God's word over our feelings. You are blessed with life, breath, and eternal hope. This vapor-like existence is temporary; eternal glory awaits. When dominoes fall against you, remember: blessing isn't about comfort but about God's presence and purpose. No matter what you face today, if you have Christ, you are blessed.

Reflection: Can you declare "I am blessed" regardless of your current circumstances?

## Day 3: The God Who Relates

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16

Devotional: Jesus experienced loss, rejection, homelessness, and suffering. He likely lost His earthly father Joseph, knowing the pain of losing a hero. He was tempted in every way yet remained sinless. Christianity differs from other religions because our God didn't stay distant—He lived among us, felt our pain, and understands our struggles. When you hurt, He hurts with you. When you're tempted, He knows the battle. When you feel alone, He's been there. This is why we can approach His throne of grace with confidence. You don't serve a disconnected deity but a Savior who walked your path and invites you to walk with Him.

Reflection: How does knowing Jesus experienced human suffering change your perspective on your current trials?

## Day 4: Passing the Light

Reading: Matthew 5:14-16

Devotional: One candle can light thousands without diminishing its own flame. When you receive Christ's light, you're called to share it. The gospel spreads person to person, life to life, act of kindness to act of kindness. But what happens when your light flickers or goes out? You need community. The church exists so when someone's light dims, others can reignite it. Don't wait for Christmas to share Christ's light—every day is an opportunity. Your act of kindness, your listening ear, your genuine care can illuminate someone's darkness. You're blessed to be a blessing. The light you've received isn't meant to be hidden.

Reflection: Who needs you to share Christ's light with them this week?

## Day 5: The Cross: Light from Darkness

Reading: Luke 23:44-49; 1 Corinthians 15:3-8

Devotional: Jesus' darkest moment—three hours of darkness on the cross—became humanity's brightest hope. Every sin, every failure, every darkness was piled upon Him, yet He endured it for you. The devil thought he'd won, but the cross was God's redemptive plan all along. Jesus didn't stay in the manger; He went to the cross, the grave, and rose again. This is why we have hope. Knowing Jesus isn't just accepting facts about Him—it's running the race He's marked out for you. It's living with purpose, serving others, and partnering with the Holy Spirit. You need a Savior, and you have one.

Reflection: Are you running the race Christ has marked out for you, or still standing at the starting blocks?

Closing Prayer: Lord Jesus, Light of the World, thank You for stepping into our darkness. Help us walk closely with You, share Your light generously, and run faithfully the race You've set before us. May we live as blessed people who bless others. Amen.