

Foundations

Week One: Family

5-Day Devotional - 9.21.25

Day 1

The Foundation of Family

Reading: Genesis 2:18–25

Devotional:

God's design for family is foundational to society and our faith. As we read about the first marriage, reflect on how your relationships mirror God's intent. How can you strengthen the bonds within your family to better reflect Christ's love for the church? Consider ways to intentionally nurture your family relationships today, perhaps by praying together or sharing a meal around the table.

Prayer Prompt:

God, thank You for the gift of family. Help me to see my home the way You see it—a place of love, grace, and purpose. Show me how to better love and serve the people closest to me. Give me the humility to ask for forgiveness where I've failed and the courage to build stronger relationships rooted in Your truth. Amen.

Day 2

Restoring What Was Lost

Reading: Romans 5:12–21

Devotional:

Sin fractured our perfect communion with God, but Jesus came to restore what was lost. As you read about how Christ's obedience overcomes Adam's disobedience, contemplate areas in your life where you need restoration. How can you open your heart to receive the forgiveness and new life Jesus offers? Take time to confess any areas of brokenness and invite God's healing presence into your life.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, thank You for restoring what I could never fix on my own. I bring You the places in my heart that are still hurting—areas where sin, shame, or regret have taken hold. I surrender them to You. Heal me, forgive me, and renew me. Help me walk in the freedom You purchased for me on the cross. Amen.

Day 3

Choosing to Serve the Lord

Reading: Joshua 24:14–15

Devotional:

Joshua's declaration, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord," echoes through generations. In a world full of distractions, how can you make a similar commitment? Reflect on the choices you make daily—do they align with serving God? Consider establishing a new family tradition that reinforces your commitment to faith, such as regular devotional times or acts of service together.

Prayer Prompt:

Lord, I choose You today. In my home, in my heart, in my habits—I want everything to reflect that You are first. Help me lead my family with integrity and consistency. When I'm tempted to chase other things, remind me that serving You is the only path that leads to life. Give us a renewed passion to walk in Your ways together. Amen.

Day 4

The Transformative Power of Christ

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17–21

Devotional:

In Christ, we are new creations. This passage speaks to the transformative power of salvation. How has your life changed since coming to faith? Are there areas where you're still clinging to old ways? Meditate on what it means to be an ambassador for Christ in your family, workplace, and community. Pray for God to reveal opportunities to share His reconciling love with others today.

Prayer Prompt:

Father, thank You for making me new. Even when I still wrestle with old habits and mindsets, I know You're at work in me. Transform my thinking, my actions, and my relationships so that I reflect Your grace and truth. Use me today as Your ambassador—to bring healing, hope, and restoration to the people around me. Amen.

Day 5

Leading with Love

Reading: Ephesians 5:25–33

Devotional:

This passage compares Christ's sacrificial love for the church to the love between spouses. Whether married or single, we're all called to exemplify this selfless love. How can you better reflect Christ's love in your relationships? For those in leadership roles—as parents, mentors, or in other capacities—consider how you can lead with greater humility and service. Pray for God's wisdom in loving others as Christ loves us.

Prayer Prompt:

Jesus, teach me how to love like You do—with humility, patience, and sacrifice. I confess that sometimes I lead with pride or control instead of love and grace. Fill me with Your Spirit so I can lead well—whether in my home, workplace, or church. May those I influence feel Your love through my words and actions. Amen.