

# QFMC 5 Day Devotional

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## Day 1: Christ Lives in You—The Hope of Glory

The presence of Christ within you is not a distant or abstract idea, but a living reality that brings hope even in the darkest moments. This hope is not dependent on your circumstances improving or life becoming easier; rather, it is rooted in the assurance that Jesus himself dwells in you, offering strength, peace, and confidence no matter what you face. When you surrender to God, confess your need, and trust in the sacrifice of Jesus, you are united with him—not just accompanied by him, but indwelt by him. This is the mystery revealed: Christ in you, the hope of sharing in his glory, both now and forever.

*Colossians 1:26-27 (ESV)*

*"The mystery hidden for ages and generations but now revealed to his saints. To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory."*

**Reflection: In what area of your life do you most need to remember that Christ is truly present within you, offering hope and strength even if your circumstances don't change?**

## Day 2: Transformation Through Suffering—Christ's Power in Our Weakness

The presence of Christ in you does not guarantee a life free from pain, loss, or hardship, but it does mean you are never alone in your suffering. In fact, it is often in the midst of struggle that Christ's power is most at work, shaping you, strengthening you, and forming you into his likeness. Like Paul, you can find purpose and even joy in the midst of difficulty, knowing that your weakness is the very place where Christ's strength is revealed. The journey is not about simply enduring until heaven, but about being transformed by Jesus right now, even in the hardest seasons.

*2 Corinthians 12:9-10 (ESV)*

*"But he said to me, 'My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.' Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong."*

**Reflection: Where are you experiencing weakness or struggle today, and how might you invite Christ to work in and through that weakness rather than simply wishing it away?**

## Day 3: Depending on Christ's Power, Not Your Own

You are not called to live the Christian life in your own strength or to hold everything together by sheer willpower. True spiritual maturity is not about busyness or self-reliance, but about learning to depend on Christ's mighty power at work within you. Letting go of the need to control or strive in your own effort opens you to rest in Jesus's presence and trust that he is actively working in you, even when you cannot see the results. This is the real goal of discipleship: maturity rooted in Christ, not in your own ability.

*Colossians 1:28-29 (ESV)*

*"Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me."*

**Reflection: What is one area where you are striving in your own strength instead of depending on Christ's power, and what would it look like to let go and trust him today?**

## Day 4: Spiritual Maturity Grows in Community

The journey of transformation is not meant to be walked alone. Christian maturity is deeply relational, and you are called to belong to one another, sharing encouragement, wisdom, and support as you grow together in Christ. Isolation and self-sufficiency are barriers to growth, but when you let others into your unfinished story and walk together in love, you are protected from deception and strengthened in faith. Belonging to a community of believers is both a gift and a responsibility, as you help one another stay rooted in Christ and bear fruit that honors him.

*Colossians 2:1-3 (ESV)*

*"For I want you to know how great a struggle I have for you and for those at Laodicea and for all who have not seen me face to face, that their hearts may be encouraged, being knit together in love, to reach all the riches of full assurance of understanding and the knowledge of God's mystery, which is Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge."*

**Reflection: Who in your life can you invite into your journey of faith this week—either to encourage you or for you to encourage—so that you can grow together in Christ?**

## Day 5: Sharing Unfinished Stories—Belong, Believe, Bear Fruit

You are not meant to hide your struggles or wait until your story is “finished” before sharing it with others. God calls you to let others into your mess, to share your journey while you are still in the midst of it, so that you can experience true belonging and help one another bear fruit. When you lay down pride and the need to appear perfect, you create space for authentic community, mutual support, and the kind of growth that points others to Jesus. As you belong, believe, and bear fruit together, you reveal God’s glory to the world.

*James 5:16 (ESV)*

*"Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working."*

**Reflection: What unfinished part of your story could you share with a trusted fellow believer this week, and how might that step help both of you grow in faith and belonging?**