

QFMC 5 Day Devotional

Week of November 30, 2025 by Ryan Massey

Day 1: The Mountain of God's Presence

Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Devotional: Isaiah's vision reveals God's heart for all nations to stream to His mountain—not a geographical location, but the church, you and me, empowered by the Holy Spirit. Throughout Scripture, mountains represent divine encounters: Abraham's provision, Moses receiving the law, Elijah's fire, Jesus' sermon and sacrifice. These weren't just historical moments; they're invitations into ongoing transformation. Today, God calls you to ascend His mountain, to encounter His presence, to be taught His ways. But remember—the mountain is never a place to settle. We ascend to meet with God, then descend to carry His goodness to the world. Where is God inviting you to encounter Him today? What would change if you truly believed you are part of God's holy mountain, drawing others to His presence?

Day 2: Love as the Foundation

Reading: Matthew 22:34-40; Deuteronomy 6:4-9

Devotional: Jesus summarizes all of God's instruction in two commands: love God completely, love your neighbor as yourself. This isn't new theology—it's the thread connecting God's entire story. Every command God gives flows from love: care for the poor, protect the vulnerable, pursue justice, practice mercy, rest in holy rhythm. God's law was never meant to burden us but to illuminate a life of love that reflects His character. Before nations can beat swords into plowshares, disciples must address the swords in their own hearts—anger, pride, division, self-protection. Transformation begins personally before it spreads globally. Today, examine your heart: Where do you need God's love to soften hardened places? How can loving God wholeheartedly reshape how you love the difficult people in your life?

Day 3: From Weapons to Tools

Reading: Isaiah 2:4; Micah 4:1-5

Devotional: "They will hammer their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks." This isn't merely poetic imagery—it's God's vision for complete transformation. What once destroyed now cultivates life. War-trained hands become harvest-trained hands. Nations cooperating under God's reign experience true peace, not fragile treaties but genuine unity. This

transformation is global in scope but begins locally—with you. Before the world unlearns war, God's people must unlearn patterns of a world at war with itself. What "weapons" in your life need transforming? Perhaps sharp words, defensive attitudes, or competitive spirits? God specializes in redemptive transformation, taking what was meant for harm and repurposing it for flourishing. Invite Him to transform your destructive patterns into life-giving practices today.

Day 4: Empowered for Mission

Reading: Matthew 28:16-20; Acts 1:8

Devotional: Here's the revolutionary truth: God doesn't just show us the path and wish us luck. He empowers us for the journey. The same Spirit who hovered over creation, filled the prophets, raised Jesus from death, and fell at Pentecost—that Spirit dwells in you. You're not sent with good intentions and best efforts; you're sent with God's very presence. This is Plan A with no Plan B: imperfect people empowered to share perfect hope. Jesus promised, "I will be with you to the end of the age." You are never alone. The mission doesn't start "out there" in distant lands; it starts where your feet are planted—your home, workplace, neighborhood, community. God has equipped you with everything needed. Who has God placed in your path this week? What's one Spirit-prompted step of obedience you can take today?

Day 5: Hope for All Nations

Reading: Revelation 7:9-12; John 3:16-17

Devotional: Advent reminds us that Christmas was always global in intention. God's heart beats for the whole world—every nation, tribe, tongue. Isaiah's vision finds fulfillment in Revelation's picture: multitudes from all nations worshiping before God's throne. This is our joyous hope—God isn't finished with the world yet. Jesus came not to judge but to save, breaking into human history with light that overcomes darkness. As we anticipate celebrating His birth and await His glorious return, we're called to carry this hope to the ends of the earth. You are part of God's holy mountain, a beacon drawing others to transforming encounter with Jesus. The world desperately needs the life-giving hope only the gospel offers. This Advent, how will you shine Christ's light in your corner of the world? Who needs to hear that God's transforming love extends to them?

As you journey through these five days, remember: discipleship isn't a sermon series—it's a way of life. May you encounter God on His mountain, be transformed by His love, and carry His hope to everyone you meet.