

QFMC 5 Day Devotional

Week of October 12, 2025 by Ryan Massey

Day 1: Abiding in Christ

Reading: John 15:1-11

Devotional: Jesus uses the powerful metaphor of a vine and branches to illustrate our relationship with Him. Just as branches cannot bear fruit unless they remain connected to the vine, we cannot produce spiritual fruit apart from Christ. Today, reflect on what it means to truly abide in Jesus. Are you merely agreeing with His teachings, or are you deeply rooted in His presence? Consider how you can intentionally cultivate a closer connection with Christ through prayer, meditation on Scripture, and obedience to His commands. Remember, abiding is not a one-time decision, but a continual process of staying connected to the life-giving source of Jesus.

Day 2: The Power of God's Word

Reading: Psalm 1:1-3, Colossians 3:16

Devotional: The Psalmist paints a beautiful picture of a person who delights in God's Word - like a tree planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in season. As we learned from the sermon, truly abiding in Christ involves more than just reading Scripture; it requires us to let God's Word dwell richly within us. Today, challenge yourself to go beyond surface-level reading. As you engage with the Bible, ask the Holy Spirit to illuminate its truths and apply them to your life. How can you create space in your daily routine to truly meditate on God's Word? Consider starting a Scripture journal or practicing lectio divina to deepen your engagement with the Bible.

Day 3: Bearing Spiritual Fruit

Reading: Galatians 5:22-23, John 15:16

Devotional: Jesus promises that those who abide in Him will bear much fruit. This fruit is not of our own striving, but a natural outflow of our connection to Christ. The fruit of the Spirit - love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control - are evidence of Christ's life being formed in us. Today, take an honest inventory of your life. Which fruits do you see growing? Which areas need more cultivation? Remember, spiritual growth is often slow and unseen at first, like roots growing deep into the soil. Trust that as you remain connected to Christ, He will produce His character in you over time.

Day 4: Community and Spiritual Growth

Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25, Colossians 3:16

Devotional: The sermon emphasized that we don't follow Jesus in isolation, but in community with other believers. Just as branches are connected not only to the vine but to each other, we grow best when we're connected to fellow Christians. Today, consider how you can deepen your involvement in Christian community. This might mean joining a small group, participating in a Bible study, or simply reaching out to encourage a fellow believer. How can you both give and receive support in your spiritual journey? Remember, as we share our struggles, insights, and victories with one another, we help each other grow more deeply rooted in Christ.

Day 5: Transformation Through Abiding

Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:18, Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: True discipleship is not about trying harder or becoming a slightly better version of ourselves. It's about being transformed into the image of Christ. As we abide in Jesus and let His Word shape us, the Holy Spirit works to conform us to Christ's likeness. This transformation often happens slowly, almost imperceptibly at times, but it is real and powerful. Today, reflect on how you've changed since beginning your journey with Christ. Where do you see evidence of His work in your life? Where do you long for further transformation? Surrender those areas to God, trusting that as you remain connected to the Vine, He will continue His good work in you, shaping you more and more into the likeness of Jesus.