

QFMC 5 Day Devotional

Week of September 28, 2025 by Ryan Massey

Day 1: Belonging to God's Family Reading: Romans 12:4-5, Ephesians 2:17-22

The sermon emphasized our deep need to belong - not just to Christ individually, but to His body, the church. As you read today's passages, reflect on what it means to be "carefully joined together" in Christ. How does seeing yourself as part of God's family change your perspective on church involvement? Consider ways you can deepen your sense of belonging and connection within your faith community this week. Remember, you don't have to earn your place or have it all figured out. Christ has already made a way for you to belong.

Day 2: Surrendering to Jesus' Voice Reading: John 10:1-18

Jesus describes Himself as the Good Shepherd whose sheep know His voice. In a world full of noise and distractions, how attuned are you to the Shepherd's call? Take time today to quiet your heart and listen for God's leading. What might He be saying to you about areas of your life that need surrendering? As you go through your day, practice being aware of His presence and guidance. Remember that belonging to Jesus means following His voice above all others.

Day 3: Abiding in Christ Reading: John 15:1-17

Today's passage uses the metaphor of a vine and branches to illustrate our need to stay connected to Christ. What does it practically look like for you to "abide" in Jesus? Consider areas where you may have drifted from close communion with Him. How might your life bear more fruit if you intentionally remained in His love? Make a commitment to spend regular time in prayer and Scripture this week, allowing His words to dwell in you richly.

Day 4: Hope in Suffering Reading: Romans 5:1-5, 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

The sermon touched on the hardships faced by believers in Haiti, yet emphasized their enduring hope in Christ. As you read today's passages, reflect on how suffering can produce perseverance, character, and hope. Where in your life do you need to embrace this perspective? How can you cultivate an eternal outlook that sees beyond present troubles? Take time to pray for Christians facing persecution and hardship around the world, asking God to strengthen their faith and witness.

Day 5: Fishing for People Reading: Luke 5:1-11

The bishop's call to "continue fishing" echoes Jesus' commission to His disciples. As you read about Peter's miraculous catch, consider your own call to participate in God's mission. Where is God asking you to "put out into deep water" in faith? Are there people in your life you've given up on reaching? Ask the Holy Spirit to renew your passion for sharing the hope of Christ with others. Commit to taking one step this week - whether through prayer, invitation, or act of service - to point someone towards Jesus.