

5-Day Devotional: Dead Men Rescued by Grace

Day 1: The Diagnosis of Death

****Reading:**** Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 3:23

****Devotional:****

Before we can appreciate the miracle of grace, we must understand our condition without it. Paul doesn't sugarcoat our spiritual state—we were dead, not merely sick or struggling. This death wasn't physical but spiritual, a complete separation from the life of God. We followed the patterns of this world, enslaved to passions we couldn't control, facing the wrath we deserved. This diagnosis isn't meant to discourage but to awaken us to reality. Only when we recognize our absolute helplessness can we truly grasp the magnitude of God's rescue. Today, reflect honestly on your life before Christ. Acknowledge that salvation began not with your effort but with your need.

****Reflection Question:**** What areas of your life still reflect old patterns of spiritual death rather than new life in Christ?

Day 2: But God—The Turning Point

****Reading:**** Ephesians 2:4-5; Romans 5:8

****Devotional:****

Two words change everything: "But God." In the middle of our hopeless condition, God intervened. His mercy isn't a passive feeling of pity; it's an active, passionate rescue mission. While we were still dead in our sins, God made us alive together with Christ. Notice that God didn't wait for us to improve, clean up, or prove ourselves worthy. He loved us at our worst. His grace reached down into our grave and breathed resurrection life into our spiritual corpses. This is the heart of the Gospel—not that we found God, but that God found us. Today, meditate on the phrase "But God" in your own story. What was your condition when mercy found you?

****Reflection Question:**** How does understanding God's initiative in your salvation change the way you view yourself and others?

Day 3: Raised and Seated with Christ

****Reading:**** Ephesians 2:6-7; Colossians 3:1-3

****Devotional:****

God didn't just rescue us from death; He elevated us to royalty. We have been raised with Christ and seated with Him in the heavenly realms. This isn't future hope—it's present reality. Right now, your spiritual position is secure in Christ, far above the powers of darkness that once enslaved you. God did this so that for all eternity, He could display the incredible wealth of His grace through us. You are a living trophy of divine mercy, an eternal exhibit of God's kindness. When you feel defeated or insignificant, remember where you're seated—next to Jesus in the throne room of heaven. Live today from that position of victory, not striving to achieve it.

****Reflection Question:**** How would your daily decisions change if you lived consciously aware of your position in Christ?

Day 4: Grace Alone, Faith Alone

****Reading:**** Ephesians 2:8-9; Titus 3:4-7

****Devotional:****

Salvation is a gift, not a wage. You cannot earn it, achieve it, or deserve it. God saved you by grace through faith—and even that faith is His gift to you. This truth demolishes human pride and levels the playing field. The most moral person and the most broken sinner both stand before God empty-handed, needing the same grace. There's no room for spiritual comparison or religious boasting. This frees us from the exhausting treadmill of performance-based religion. You don't have to prove yourself to God; Christ already proved Himself for you. Rest in this finished work today. Stop striving to earn what has already been freely given.

****Reflection Question:**** In what ways are you still trying to earn God's approval rather than resting in His grace?

Day 5: Created for Good Works

****Reading:**** Ephesians 2:10; James 2:14-18

****Devotional:****

You are God's masterpiece, His poiema—His poem, His work of art. He didn't save you merely to keep you out of hell; He recreated you for a purpose. Good works don't save you, but they are the evidence that you've been saved. God prepared these works in advance for you to walk in. Every act of love, service, and obedience is part of God's predetermined design for your life. You're not trying to become something; you're living out what God has already made you. Today, recognize that when you serve others, encourage the hurting, or speak

truth in love, you're fulfilling your divine design. You're not working for salvation—you're working from salvation.

****Reflection Question:**** What good works has God prepared for you today, and how will you step into them with intentionality?

****Closing Prayer:****

Father, thank You for rescuing me from spiritual death and making me alive in Christ. Help me to live each day aware of Your amazing grace, seated in victory with Jesus, and walking in the good works You've prepared for me. May my life be a testimony to Your mercy for all eternity. In Jesus' name, Amen.