



5 day devotional

DAY 1 — GOD IS STILL BUILDING

Scripture: Romans 8:29

God has a purpose for your life, but His goal is bigger than simply making you successful, comfortable, or happy. God is shaping you to become more like Jesus. We often get caught up in the “here and now”—wanting attention, recognition, comfort, or control. But following Jesus means recognizing that we are not the center of the story. **Jesus is.** God is still building His Kingdom, and He is still building something in you. You are a work in progress—not because God has failed, but because He is faithfully forming you.

Ask Yourself: Where am I trying to make my life about me instead of Jesus?

Prayer: Jesus, remind me that my life belongs to You. Keep shaping me into Your likeness and help me trust what You are building in me. Amen.

Takeaway: *I am under construction, and Jesus is the One doing the building.*

DAY 2 — CHECK YOUR PLUMBLINE

Scripture: Isaiah 28

A plumbline reveals whether something is straight. In the same way, God’s Word and character reveal whether our lives are aligned with Him. The problem is that we often use our own standards. We decide what is right, what is fair, and what will make us happy—and then expect God to approve our plans. But following Jesus means allowing **His standard—not ours—to define our lives.** Jesus doesn’t call us to simply become better versions of ourselves. He calls us to follow Him. His life becomes the standard by which we measure our choices, attitudes, priorities, and relationships. Our plumbline and level is the Cross of Christ.

Ask Yourself: Am I measuring my life by what I want or by who Jesus is?

Prayer: Jesus, be my standard. Show me where my life has become crooked or misaligned and give me the humility to let You straighten it. Amen.

Takeaway: *Jesus is my plumbline and level.*

DAY 3 — REMAIN CONNECTED

Scripture: John 15:1–8

Construction requires connection. A branch cannot produce fruit if it is disconnected from the vine. Jesus uses this picture to describe our relationship with Him. We cannot become more like Jesus simply through trying harder. **We become more like Jesus by remaining connected to Jesus.** Prayer, Scripture, worship, obedience, and time with God are not ways to earn His love. They are ways we remain close to the One who gives us life. The goal isn’t to retreat from life forever. The goal is to be filled by Jesus so that when we reengage with the world, **we carry His presence with us.**

Ask Yourself: What is helping me stay connected to Jesus right now?

Prayer: Jesus, keep me close to You. Help me remain in You so that Your life, love, and character can increasingly be seen through mine. Amen.

Takeaway: *I cannot become like Jesus without staying connected to Jesus.*

DAY 4 — LET THE SPIRIT TRANSFORM YOU

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 3:17–18

Following Jesus is not about pretending to have everything together. It is about allowing the Holy Spirit transform us. Change takes time. Construction takes time. Spiritual growth takes time. God is continually working in us, transforming us into the likeness of Christ. Sometimes the progress feels slow. Sometimes God reveals things in us that need to change. But we can trust that He is not finished. The Holy Spirit doesn't simply help us behave better. He changes us from the inside out so that the character of Jesus becomes increasingly visible in our lives.

Ask Yourself: What area of my life do I need to surrender to the Holy Spirit?

Prayer: Holy Spirit, continue Your work in me. Change my heart, shape my character, and make me increasingly like Jesus. Help me trust You even when the process is uncomfortable. Amen.

Takeaway: *God isn't finished with me yet.*

DAY 5 — LIVE LIKE YOUR KING

Scripture: Philippians 2:5–8

Jesus knew His assignment. He did not live to promote Himself, demand attention, or pursue comfort. He humbled Himself, served others, and gave Himself completely to the Father's will. If Jesus is our King, then our lives should increasingly look like Him. The world doesn't need another person trying to prove how awesome they are. It needs people who faithfully represent Jesus. This is the calling of every follower of Christ: **to increasingly reflect the One we follow.** Our plumbline isn't our culture. It isn't our popularity. It isn't our success. **Our plumbline is the cross.** Jesus is still building His Kingdom. And He is still building us.

Ask Yourself: What would it look like for me to represent Jesus more clearly today?

Prayer: Jesus, You are my King. Teach me to live with Your humility, serve with Your heart, and represent You faithfully. Let my life increasingly point people toward You. Amen.

Takeaway: *The more I follow Jesus, the more my life should look like Jesus.*

FINAL THOUGHT

You are under construction. God is not finished with you. He is shaping you, correcting you, strengthening you, and transforming you. **Stay connect to Jesus. Look to Jesus. Become like Jesus.**