

John Series

5 Day Devotional

Week 9

Day 1: Decreasing Self, Increasing Christ

Reading: John 3:22-30

Devotional: John the Baptist's words, "He must increase, but I must decrease," challenge us to examine our own lives. How often do we find ourselves seeking the spotlight or feeling jealous of others' success? Today, reflect on areas where you might be holding onto control or prominence. Ask God to help you decrease your ego and ambitions so that Christ can increase in your life. Consider practical ways you can shift focus from yourself to Jesus in your daily interactions and decisions.

Day 2: Finding True Joy in Christ

Reading: Philippians 4:4-7

Devotional: The sermon emphasized the difference between happiness based on circumstances and joy rooted in our position as children of God. Paul's exhortation to "Rejoice in the Lord always" reminds us that our joy is not dependent on external factors. Today, identify situations where you've been seeking happiness in temporal things. Ask God to help you find deep, abiding joy in your relationship with Him. Practice gratitude for your position in Christ, regardless of your current circumstances.

Day 3: Letting God's Word Cleanse Us

Reading: Psalm 119:9-16

Devotional: The illustration of the baby bottle reminds us that we can't cleanse ourselves of sin through our own efforts. Only by allowing God's Word and Spirit to flow through us can we be truly purified. As you read today's passage, reflect on how you've been trying to "scrub" yourself clean. Have you been relying on religious activities or good deeds rather than allowing God's truth to transform you from within? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you need cleansing and commit to spending more time in God's Word.

Day 4: Avoiding Spiritual Apathy

Reading: Revelation 3:14-22

Devotional: The sermon warned against treating God with apathy, highlighting that simply avoiding major sins isn't enough. The lukewarm church in Laodicea thought they were doing fine, but Jesus called them to repentance. Examine your own spiritual temperature today. Have you become complacent or lukewarm in your faith? Ask God to rekindle your passion for Him and to show you areas where you've grown apathetic. Consider one specific action you can take to actively pursue spiritual growth.

Day 5: Embracing God's Overflowing Presence

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Devotional: The challenge to desire "100% of Jesus" in our lives echoes Paul's prayer for the Ephesians to be filled with all the fullness of God. Today, meditate on what it would look like to have every area of your life overflowing with Christ's presence. Where have you been holding back or compartmentalizing your faith? Pray for God to expand your capacity to receive His love and power. Ask Him to fill you to overflowing so that His presence spills out into every aspect of your life and impacts those around you.