

5 Day Devotional

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Day 1: The God Who Speaks

Reading: Micah 2:1-5

Devotional: God doesn't speak to condemn but to restore. When Micah delivered hard words to Israel, it wasn't because God had given up—it was because He hadn't. God's warnings are always invitations to turn back. Like a loving parent who corrects a wandering child, God speaks truth even when it's difficult to hear. The Israelites were planning evil at night, but God was planning their redemption. Today, ask yourself: Are there areas where God has been speaking, but I've been avoiding His voice? His word may confront, but it always leads toward life. Listening to God's correction is not punishment—it's grace offering you a way home.

Day 2: The Danger of Selective Hearing

Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-5

Devotional: We live in an age of personalized truth, where algorithms feed us only what we want to hear. Paul warned Timothy that people would gather teachers to suit their desires, avoiding sound doctrine that challenges them. Israel fell into this same trap, preferring prophets who promised wine and comfort over those calling for repentance. Examine your spiritual diet today: Are you only consuming content that affirms your current beliefs? True spiritual growth requires vulnerability to correction. God's word does good to the upright—not the perfect, but the teachable. Seek out voices that challenge you toward Christlikeness, not just those that make you comfortable. Transformation requires truth, even when it stings.

Day 3: Upright Means Teachable

Reading: Psalm 25:4-10

Devotional: "Do not my words do good to the one whose ways are upright?" Micah asked. Upright doesn't mean sinless perfection; it means a posture of teachability before God. The psalmist prays, "Show me your ways, teach me your paths." This is the heart God honors—one that acknowledges need and welcomes instruction. Pride keeps us from hearing God's voice, insisting we already know the way. Humility opens our ears to divine wisdom. Today, practice the prayer of teachability: "Lord,

what do You want to show me that I've been unwilling to see?" God's greatest blessings often come wrapped in words we'd rather not hear. Trust that His correction is His kindness leading you toward abundant life.

Day 4: Reassurance Without Surrender

Reading: James 1:22-25

Devotional: Israel wanted God's blessing without obedience, protection without transformation. They claimed their identity as God's people while ignoring His commands. James warns against hearing the word but not doing it—deceiving ourselves. We can attend church, read Scripture, and claim faith while refusing to surrender the areas God is addressing. Authentic faith requires more than religious activity; it demands responsive obedience. The mirror of God's word reveals who we truly are, but only those who look intently and act on what they see experience freedom. What truth has God shown you that you've acknowledged but not obeyed? Reassurance without surrender is empty religion. Today, move from hearing to doing, trusting that obedience is the pathway to blessing.

Day 5: The Cross: God's Ultimate Word

Reading: Hebrews 1:1-4; John 3:16-17

Devotional: God has always been speaking—through prophets, through Scripture, through creation. But His final and fullest word is Jesus Christ. The cross declares that even when God's people rejected Him, He loved them to the end. Jesus didn't come to condemn but to save. When we hear difficult truth from God's word, we can trust the heart behind it because we've seen His heart on the cross. He who died for you while you were still a sinner can be trusted with every hard word He speaks to you now. His correction flows from crucified love. Remember: the One whose word confronts is the One whose body was broken for you. Listen to Him. Trust Him. His words lead to life.