

# 5 Day Devotional

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COMMUNITY CHURCH

## Day 1: Created to Reflect God

Reading: Genesis 1:26-27; Ephesians 4:22-24

Devotional: Before sin entered the world, humanity bore God's image perfectly—reflecting His holiness, wisdom, and character into all creation. When we say "I'm only human," we often excuse our failures, but that's not what being human truly means. To be human is to be God's royal representative on earth, created in righteousness and holiness. Through Christ, God is restoring us to this original design. Today, you're not defined by your weaknesses or past mistakes. You are being recreated to reflect God's character. This transformation begins not when you feel different, but when you believe what God says about you. Your new identity precedes your experience of it. Trust that in Christ, you are being restored to true humanity.

## Day 2: Liberation from Captivity

Reading: Romans 6:1-14; Romans 8:1-2

Devotional: Sin and death once reigned over us like a tyrannical king, holding us captive and powerless. But Christ has fought the battle and won our freedom. Just as American colonists gained independence from England's rule, we've been liberated from sin's dominion. However, freedom means nothing if we continue living as though we're still enslaved. The key is faith—believing you are free before you fully experience that freedom. You are no longer a victim of your past, your shame, or your failures. These things have lost their power to dominate you. Christ has seated you with Him in authority. The chains are broken. Will you walk out of the prison cell even though the door stands open? Your liberation is complete; now live like the free person you are.

## Day 3: Ruling and Reigning in Christ

Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10; Romans 5:17

Devotional: God's original design was for humanity to rule over creation on His behalf, bringing blessing and life to every corner of the earth. Sin distorted this calling, making us slaves to the very things we were meant to govern. But in Christ, the script is flipped. We are now seated with Him in heavenly realms—not someday in the distant future, but right now. This isn't about political power or

worldly domination; it's about participating in Christ's reign of servant-leadership. You are no longer weak or powerless. The things that once controlled you—fear, addiction, shame, destructive patterns—no longer have authority over you. You have been given authority over them. Believe this truth today, and you'll begin to experience it.

#### **Day 4: The Servant-King Model**

Reading: Matthew 20:20-28; Philippians 2:5-11

Devotional: Our culture equates ruling with power, privilege, and control over others. But Jesus redefined leadership completely. True authority in God's kingdom looks like servanthood. Jesus, the King of Kings, washed feet, touched lepers, and ultimately gave His life as a ransom. This is what it means to rule and reign with Christ. As you participate in His authority, you're called to bring life, healing, and restoration to a broken world—not through coercion or force, but through sacrificial love. Your influence grows through humility. Your power is displayed in weakness. Your authority is exercised through service. Today, look for opportunities to reflect Christ's servant-leadership. Where can you bring blessing instead of demanding your rights? This is what true humans do.

#### **Day 5: Creation Waits for You**

Reading: Romans 8:18-25; Colossians 1:15-20

Devotional: All creation groans, waiting for God's children to be revealed in their true identity. The earth itself is affected by how humans rule over it. When broken people gain authority, dysfunction follows. But when restored humans begin to reflect God's character, creation experiences healing. This is why your transformation matters beyond just you. As you become more fully human—more like Christ—you bring order where there's chaos, beauty where there's ugliness, and life where there's death. The world desperately needs people who reflect God's wisdom and care. At the communion table, we remember we're joined with Christ, connected to His mission of restoration. You're not just forgiven; you're commissioned. You're not just saved from something; you're saved for something. Live today as God's royal representative, bringing His kingdom to earth.