

5 Day Devotional

GRACE
COMMUNITY CHURCH

Day 1: Love That Counts the Cost

Reading: Isaiah 53:1-6

Devotional: Isaiah's prophecy reveals a stunning truth: God's love for us was never impulsive or accidental. Seven hundred years before Jesus arrived, every detail of His sacrifice was already known and planned. The suffering, rejection, and wounds were all foreseen. Yet God chose to proceed anyway. This wasn't reckless abandon but deliberate devotion. Unlike our human love that often wavers when costs become clear, God's love remained steadfast despite knowing the full price. Today, reflect on this: God looked at your entire life—every failure, every struggle, every moment—and still chose to love you completely. His love isn't based on your performance but on His unchanging character.

Reflection Question: How does knowing God's love was deliberate rather than impulsive change how you view your relationship with Him?

Day 2: The Willing Sacrifice

Reading: John 10:11-18

Devotional: Jesus makes a powerful declaration: "No one takes my life from me, but I lay it down of my own accord." This wasn't a tragic accident or unfortunate circumstance. Jesus walked willingly toward the cross with full knowledge of what awaited Him. He possessed the authority to lay down His life and the power to take it up again. This voluntary nature of His sacrifice magnifies the depth of His love. Many have died for causes they believed in, but Jesus died knowing He could

prevent it, yet choosing not to. His death was an act of supreme will, not weakness. The Good Shepherd laid down His life for His sheep—for you—because He wanted to, not because He had to.

Reflection Question: What does it mean to you personally that Jesus chose to die for you rather than being forced to?

Day 3: Peace Through His Wounds

Reading: Isaiah 53:4-5; Colossians 1:19-22

Devotional: "The punishment that brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we are healed." This is the beautiful exchange of the gospel. Jesus took what we deserved so we could receive what He deserved. Our pain became His pain. Our punishment became His punishment. And through this substitution, we receive peace with God. We were once alienated, enemies in our minds through evil behavior, but Christ's physical body and blood reconciled us. This peace isn't merely the absence of conflict but the presence of complete wholeness and right relationship with our Creator. The wounds that pierced His body created the pathway to our healing and reconciliation.

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life do you need to experience the peace that Jesus purchased through His suffering?

Day 4: Becoming Conduits of Love

Reading: 1 John 4:7-12, 19-21

Devotional: When we truly grasp God's deliberate, costly love for us, transformation becomes inevitable. We don't just receive this love; we become channels through which it flows to others. John reminds us that we love because He first loved us. Those who have experienced God's unconditional love find themselves empowered to love others with open eyes—knowing their flaws, counting the cost, yet choosing to love anyway. This is how God's invisible love becomes visible in our world. Through marriages that endure, friendships that persevere, service that sacrifices, and grace that extends to the difficult people in our lives, we demonstrate the reality of God's transforming love.

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs you to love them deliberately and costly, with eyes wide open?

Day 5: Living as the Loved

Reading: Ephesians 3:14-21

Devotional: Paul's prayer captures the essence of the Christian life: being rooted and established in love, grasping how wide, long, high, and deep is Christ's love, and being filled with the fullness of God. This isn't about achieving more but receiving more of what's already been given. God's love for you isn't based on your performance yesterday or your potential tomorrow. He loved you at your worst, knowing everything about you. You cannot make Him love you more through your successes, nor can your failures diminish His love. Rest in this security. You are fully known and fully loved. Let this truth sink deep into your identity, transforming how you see yourself and empowering how you love others.

Reflection Question: How would your daily life change if you truly believed you are completely loved by God, regardless of your performance?