

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: Created on Purpose

### Devotional

Have you ever looked in the mirror and wished something about yourself was different? Maybe you've questioned why God made you the way you are, wondering if He made a mistake. The truth is, you weren't an accident or the result of some cosmic lottery. Every detail about you - your personality, your struggles, even your weaknesses - was intentionally designed by a loving Creator.

God chose and put you together exactly how you are on purpose. None of it is a mistake. You were made to bring great glory to God. Sometimes we think we know better than God about how we should be designed, but His perspective is eternal while ours is limited. He sees the masterpiece He's creating in you, even when you only see the rough edges.

The very thing you wish was different about yourself might be the instrument God intends to use most powerfully in your life and in the lives of others. Your perceived flaws could become your greatest strengths when surrendered to His purposes. Instead of fighting against how God made you, embrace His design and trust His plan.

### Bible Verse

'For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us for adoption to sonship through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will' - Ephesians 1:4-5

### Reflection Question

What aspect of yourself have you been fighting against that God might want to use for His glory?

### Quote

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### Prayer

Father, help me see myself through Your eyes and trust that You created me exactly as You intended.  
Give me the courage to embrace Your design for my life.

## Day 2: The Seed's Promise

### Devotional

When a farmer plants a seed, it looks like death. The seed disappears into the dark soil, seemingly lost forever. But what appears to be an ending is actually a beginning. That tiny acorn doesn't just get patched up and improved - it becomes a mighty oak tree, completely transformed into something far more glorious than what went into the ground.

This is exactly what happens with our bodies at death and resurrection. We don't just get our current bodies back with a few upgrades. God isn't going to stitch together our current weaknesses and make them better. He's going to raise us into something far greater - imperishable, powerful, and glorious.

Your future resurrected body isn't just some kind of afterthought. It's part of God's eternal plan. When believers die, we don't bury them in despair - we sow them in hope because we know what's coming. The grave isn't the end of the story; it's a planting field where God will grow something beautiful beyond our imagination.

### Bible Verse

'Very truly I tell you, unless a kernel of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains only a single seed. But if it dies, it produces many seeds.' - John 12:24

### Reflection Question

How does viewing death as planting rather than ending change your perspective on loss and grief?

### Quote

If the body is a seed, then your resting place isn't a grave. It's a planting field. We don't bury believers in despair. We sow them in hope because we know what's coming.

### Prayer

Lord, when I face loss or my own mortality, remind me that You are the God of resurrection who brings life from death. Help me trust in Your promise of transformation.

# Day 3: The Great Reversal

## Devotional

When sin entered the world through Adam's rebellion, it wasn't just a personal failure - it was a cosmic catastrophe. Every corner of creation was fractured as a result. Death, pain, weakness, and brokenness became the norm. What God created as good became corrupted, and what was meant to be eternal became temporary.

But the resurrection is God's great reversal of what sin broke. It's not just an upgrade to a broken system; it's the inauguration of a restored one. We go down marked by the sin of Adam, but we come up marked by the righteousness of Christ. Our perishable bodies become imperishable, our weakness becomes strength, and our dishonor becomes glory.

This transformation is necessary because our current broken condition is fundamentally incompatible with God's eternal kingdom. The perishable cannot inherit the imperishable. But through Christ's victory over death, we're promised bodies that can fully enjoy God's presence forever. Every struggle, every pain, every infirmity will be decisively defeated by God's power.

## Bible Verse

'So will it be with the resurrection of the dead. The body that is sown is perishable, it is raised imperishable; it is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory; it is sown in weakness, it is raised in power; it is sown a natural body, it is raised a spiritual body.' - 1 Corinthians 15:42-44

## Reflection Question

What broken area of your life are you most looking forward to seeing God reverse and restore?

## Quote

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## Prayer

God, thank You that You're not done with this broken world or with me. I trust that You will reverse every effect of sin and make all things new.

# Day 4: In the Twinkling of an Eye

## Devotional

Not every believer will die before Christ returns, but every believer will be changed. This isn't gradual evolution - it's instantaneous transformation. In the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will all be changed. It's a divine snap of reality that will happen faster than you can blink.

When that moment comes, death itself - the last enemy - will be swallowed up in victory. Every grave will be emptied, every tear will be wiped away, and every struggle will be over. The victory that Jesus won on the cross will be fully realized for all His people. The grave couldn't hold Him, sin couldn't condemn Him, and death couldn't defeat Him. Because He lives, we share that victory not as some abstract promise, but as a reality we will enjoy for eternity.

This truth should change how we live today. When you know the story ends with Christ on the throne and you raised in glory, there's nothing that justifies spiritual compromise. You don't panic in the middle chapters when you know how the story ends.

## Bible Verse

'Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed— in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed.' - 1 Corinthians 15:51-52

## Reflection Question

How should knowing that your ultimate victory is certain affect the way you handle today's challenges?

## Quote

Victory through Jesus. The grave couldn't hold him. Sin couldn't condemn him, Death couldn't defeat him. And because he lives, we share that victory not as some abstract promise, but as a reality we will enjoy for eternity.

## Prayer

Jesus, help me live with the confidence that comes from knowing You've already won the victory. Give me courage to face today's struggles with eternal perspective.

## Day 5: Labor That Lasts

### Devotional

Knowing how your story ends changes everything about how you live today. When you're confident that Christ will return and you'll be raised in glory, every act of obedience, every moment of faithfulness, and every sacrifice for the kingdom takes on eternal significance. Your pain isn't pointless, your obedience isn't wasted, and your faithfulness never goes unseen.

The resurrection means your labor isn't in vain. Every prayer you pray, every person you serve, every dollar you give, every moment you choose righteousness over compromise - it all echoes into eternity because the tomb is empty. This isn't just information to admire; it's fuel for transformation in how you live right now.

So be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord. Don't let cultural pressure move you from your foundation. Don't let temporary setbacks discourage you from eternal purposes. Live your life like you know how the story ends - with you standing before Jesus, transformed and glorified, hearing Him say, "Well done, good and faithful servant." Because that's exactly how it will end.

### Bible Verse

'Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.' - 1 Corinthians 15:58

### Reflection Question

What specific area of service or obedience do you need to approach with greater confidence, knowing it has eternal value?

### Quote

The resurrection means your labor isn't in vain. Your obedience echoes into eternity because the tomb is empty.

### Prayer

Father, help me live each day with the assurance that my faithfulness matters for eternity. Strengthen me to stand firm and abound in Your work.