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Daily Devotionals

November 10-16, 2025

Devotions are prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday, Nov. 10 **A New Heaven and a New Earth**

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17 and Isaiah 65:17-25

When God speaks of creating a new heaven and a new earth, it's not just about a distant future; it's about transformation that begins now. In Christ, the old is already passing away. Our hearts can face sin in a way that weighs on us each day. But as we face those moments, we can be renewed by grace. God's creative power isn't finished; He's still remaking us, restoring hope where despair filled our lives. What "former things" do you need to let go of so God can bring something new to life in you?

Prayer: Lord, make me part of Your new creation today.

Tuesday, Nov. 11 **Joy That Lasts**

Scripture: John 16:22 and Isaiah 65:17-25

The joy God promises isn't fickle. It's not dependent on circumstances, emotions, or success. It's rooted in His presence. The people of God will be His delight, and He will be theirs. That means your joy isn't something you have to try to find. It's something you receive when your heart is aligned with His. What kind of joy are you seeking—temporary happiness or the deep joy of God's presence?

Prayer: Lord, fill me with the kind of joy that no circumstance can take away.

Wednesday, Nov. 12 **The God Who Listens**

Scripture: Psalm 34:17 and Isaiah 65:17-25

This verse reminds us that God is not distant. He hears before we even form the words. That's how intimately He knows and loves us. Prayer isn't about getting God's attention—it's about recognizing He's already near. Before

our cries reach heaven, His mercy is already moving toward us. When have you seen God's answer come even before you asked?

Prayer: Thank You, Lord, for hearing me before I speak.

Thursday Nov. 13 **Work That Matters**

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 15:58 and Isaiah 65:17-25

God's vision for His people includes purpose and fulfillment. Our efforts, when rooted in God's teachings will carry eternal value. Even when our work feels small or unnoticed, God sees. The promise of Isaiah is that one day all faithful labor will bear fruit. Nothing done in love for Him is wasted. How can you offer your daily work—big or small—as service to God?

Prayer: Lord, take my work and make it count for Your kingdom.

Friday, Nov. 14 **Peace in the World Around Us**

Scripture: Romans 12:18 and Isaiah 65:17-25

Isaiah's vision of peace is radical—natural enemies living side by side. God's kingdom transforms conflict into harmony, fear into fellowship. Until that day comes fully, we are called to live as peacemakers, bringing a glimpse of that future into the present. Peace begins in our homes, our churches, our hearts. Where can you help bring God's peace today?

Prayer: Prince of Peace, teach me to sow peace where there's conflict and to trust Your power to make all things whole.

Saturday, Nov. 15 **Hope for What's Coming**

Scripture: Revelation 21:4 and Isaiah 65:17-25

The story of Scripture ends where Isaiah's prophecy points: in a world where sorrow is no more. Every tear, every injustice, every ache of the human heart will be healed by the hand of God. This is the hope that carries us through life's valleys—God is leading us toward a world made new. What hope do you hold onto in seasons of loss or struggle?

Prayer: Lord, thank You for the promise of a world without tears.

Sunday, Nov. 16 **Public Faith**

Worship at 10:00am

Isaiah 65:17-25
by Pastor Clint Phillips