

FIRST things FIRST...

Daily Devotions April 27 – May 3, 2026

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

Monday, April 27th

Scripture: Hebrews 5:12-14 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

There's a moment in every believer's life when we realize we've been surviving on "little bits". Hebrews names it. But this passage isn't about making us feel bad, it is an invitation to something more. God wants us to grow because He knows wisdom and a faith doesn't break down when it seems like life is breaking down. Growing up in Christ isn't just about knowing more, it is about changing who we are so that we can be like Jesus. That happens one step at a time.

Prayer: Lord, give me a hunger for what helps me grow.

Tuesday: April 28th

Scripture: Ephesians 2:19-22 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

Paul reminds us that we're not just individual believers doing our best. We're part of so much more. Christ is the cornerstone, and we, as a group, are put together for a reason. You may feel like the piece that doesn't fit at times. You are unsure of how you can help, but God knows exactly where you belong. Your gifts and your experiences all fit into His design. You're not an extra piece. You're part of the house He's building.

Prayer: God, shape me and place me where You want me.

Wednesday: April 29th

Scripture: Colossians 1:12-14 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

Paul says God has "rescued us from the dominion of darkness." Not nudged. Not suggested. Rescued. There's nothing casual about salvation. God didn't just forgive you; He moved you into a new kingdom with a new identity and a new future. Darkness no longer gets the final word. Light does. And every day, God invites you to walk in the reality of that rescue.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for pulling me out of darkness.

Thursday: April 30th

Scripture: Deuteronomy 7:6-8 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

Israel wasn't chosen because they were impressive. God chose them because He loved them. That is the same truth to the church. God didn't choose you because you were strong, gifted, or spiritually perfect. He chose you because His love is and His grace is bigger than what you have been. It is about who you will be. You have a purpose. You're chosen to show the love of Jesus in a broken world.

Prayer: Father, thank You for choosing me in love.

Friday: May 1st

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

Holiness isn't about being strange or firm. It's about being set apart for God's purposes. Paul says transformation begins with the renewing of our minds. It is about letting God reshape who we are in our reactions and our desires. Holiness is less about avoiding the world and more about living differently within it. When your life reflects Christ, people notice. Who you are and what you believe shines through and you become a witness just by being you.

Prayer: Holy God, renew my mind and shape my life.

Saturday: May 2nd

Scripture: Hosea 2:19-23 & 1 Peter 2:2-10

Hosea's story is messy, painful, and full of grace. God takes people who were unfaithful, unwanted, and unnamed, and calls them "My people." God doesn't just forgive; He creates a space to belong. We are not someone on the outside of the group or life trying to do something so that we can be seen, heard, and accepted. You are God's. You belong, and you have been given God's grace and love.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for calling me Yours.

Sunday, May 3, 2026

Title: You Know the Way

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:2-10

Worship at 10:00am

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