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Daily Devotions May 11-17, 2026

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

Monday, May 11th

Scripture: Isaiah 43:1 & John 17:1-11

In John 17, Jesus talks to the Father about the people who “belong” to Him. That’s not a distant idea, it’s personal. Isaiah reminds us that God calls us by name. He doesn’t deal with us in bulk. He doesn’t love us in general. He knows us individually. You are not lost in the crowd. You are not one more face in a long line of believers. God knows your story, your fears, your hopes, and your heart. When Jesus prays for His followers, He prays for people He knows, and that includes you.

Prayer: Lord, thank You for knowing me by name.

Tuesday, May 12th

Scripture: Philippians 1:6 & John 17:1-11

Jesus says He finished the work the Father gave Him. That same God is at work in you. You may not feel “finished.” You may feel like you’re still in the middle of the mess. But God doesn’t abandon His projects. He completes them. You don’t have to force spiritual growth. You don’t have to pretend you’re further along than you are. God is shaping you, steadying you, and growing you and He’s not done.

Prayer: Father, keep working in me.

Wednesday, May 13th

Scripture: Psalm 121:7-8 & John 17:1-11

Jesus doesn’t pray that His followers would be taken out of the world. He prays they would be protected in it. Psalm 121 echoes that promise. God watches over our steps, not by pulling us away from life, but by walking with us through it. God’s protection isn’t about avoiding every hard thing. It’s about never facing anything alone. His presence is your steady place.

Prayer: God, watch over my steps today.

Thursday, May 14th

Scripture: Matthew 5:14 & John 17:1-11

Jesus tells the Father that His followers are the ones who will carry His mission forward. Matthew reminds us that we are the light of the world. Not because we shine on our own, but because His light shines through us. Your life has purpose. Your presence matters. You don’t have to be perfect to be used by God. You just have to be willing. Light doesn’t argue, impress, or perform. It simply shines.

Prayer: Jesus, help me shine Your light today in simple, faithful ways.

Friday, May 15th

Scripture: Romans 8:38-39 & John 17:1-11

Jesus prays that His followers would be kept in the Father’s embrace. Paul reminds us that nothing can separate us from God’s love. Not pressure. Not fear. Not failure. Not uncertainty. You don’t hold yourself together. God holds you. His love is the anchor that keeps you steady when everything else shifts.

Prayer: Lord, hold me in Your love today

Saturday, May 16th

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 4:6 & John 17:1-11

Jesus prays that His life would glorify the Father and that His followers would do the same. Paul says God’s light shines in our hearts so others can see Him through us. You don’t need a platform to glorify God. You don’t need a title. You don’t need to be impressive. A faithful life that is honest, compassionate, and steady points people to God more than anything else. Your everyday faithfulness matters.

Prayer: God, let Your light shine through my life today.

Sunday, May 17, 2026

Worship at 10:00am

Title: So That They May be One

Pastor Clint Phillips

Scripture: John 17:1-11