

# FIRST things FIRST...

## *Daily Devotions* May 25-31, 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 25<sup>th</sup>

#### **Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10 & Philippians 2:12-18**

Paul tells the Philippians to “work out your salvation with fear and trembling,” not because salvation is earned, but because salvation is a part of who you are. Ephesians reminds us that we are saved by grace yet created for tasks that God prepared in advance. God works *in* us; we work *out* what He has already begun. This is discipleship. God initiates, empowers, and sustains, and we respond with obedience, humility, and intentionality. Working out our salvation means allowing God’s grace to shape our decisions, our habits, our relationships, and our character. It means cooperating with the Spirit’s work, not resisting it. Spiritual growth is not accidental. It is a daily partnership with God’s ongoing work in us.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me live out the salvation You have given me.

### Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>

#### **Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 & Philippians 2:12-18**

Paul assures the Philippians that “it is God who works in you to will and to act according to His good purpose.” Our spiritual progress is not powered by our strength. Paul has said that God’s power is made perfect in weakness. We often assume God works best when we feel strong, confident, or spiritually energized. But God does some of His best work when we feel inadequate or weak. He strengthens our actions when we feel like we just can’t anymore. He lifts us up to fight through even when we feel spiritually tired. Your weakness is not a barrier to God’s work. In fact, it is the very place where His grace shines brightest.

**Prayer:** God, work in my weakness.

### Wednesday, May 27<sup>th</sup>

#### **Scripture: Colossians 3:12-14 & Philippians 2:12-18**

Paul calls believers to “do everything without grumbling or arguing.” In a world where complaining is normal and negativity is contagious, this command feels just crazy. Colossians reminds us to clothe ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience. Grumbling flows from entitlement, impatience, or frustration. But gratitude and humility transform our stance in life. When we choose kindness over criticism and patience over irritation, we reflect Christ’s

character in a world desperate for grace. Our attitudes preach long before our words do. A spirit free from grumbling becomes a quiet but powerful witness to the transforming work of Christ.

**Prayer:** Lord, reshape my attitude.

### Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup>

#### **Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16 & Philippians 2:12-18**

Paul says believers “shine like stars in the universe” as they hold firmly to the word of life. Jesus uses that kind of idea. “You are the light of the world.” Light doesn’t argue with darkness. It shines through it. It reveals, guides, and brings hope. The world can feel dark. We witness division, fear, anger, and confusion. But God calls His people to shine, not by being perfect, but by being faithful. We shine through integrity, compassion, courage, and truth. We shine when we refuse to blend in with the darkness around us. We shine when we hold onto God’s word with conviction and joy. Your life may be the only light someone sees today. Let it shine with the hope of Christ.

**Prayer:** Jesus, make me a light in the places You’ve placed me.

### Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **Scripture: Psalm 119:105 & Philippians 2:12-18**

In a world of shifting values and competing voices, Scripture becomes our anchor. Psalm 119 declares God’s word a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Holding firmly means more than reading Scripture; it means letting Scripture lead us. It means allowing God’s word to shape our identity, correct our path, and help us live in hope. When we cling to the Word of life, we find clarity and strength. God’s word does not just inform us, it transforms us.

**Prayer:** Lord, help me hold firmly to Your word.

### Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **Scripture: Habakkuk 3:17-19 & Philippians 2:12-18**

Habakkuk echoes resilient joy; rejoicing even when the fields are empty and the future uncertain. Christian joy is not denial of hardship; it is confidence in God’s presence and purpose. Paul rejoices because he knows his life is being poured out for something eternal. He sees his suffering as participation in God’s work. He doesn’t ever see it as God might be missing. Joy becomes an act of defiance. We can declare that God is good even when God feels far away and life feels extra heavy.

**Prayer:** God, teach me to rejoice in You regardless of my circumstances.

### Trinity Sunday, May 31, 2026

**Title:** ReEngage

**Scripture:** Philippians 2:12-18

**Worship at 10:00am**

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