

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: What Are You Actually Chasing?

Devotional

Most of us have a mental list of what a blessed life looks like. A good job. A healthy family. Financial security. Comfort. And honestly, none of those things are bad. But here is the question worth sitting with: what happens to your faith when those things disappear?

Jesus had a habit of flipping expectations upside down. In Luke 6, He looked at people who had nothing and called them blessed. Not because poverty is noble, or because suffering earns points with God. But because He was exposing something deeper. He was asking His followers to examine what they were actually trusting in.

Covetousness is sneaky. It rarely announces itself. It just quietly convinces you that you need one more thing to finally feel okay. One more achievement. One more milestone. And before long, you have spent years asking God to give you things without ever stopping to realize that He is the treasure.

This week, we are going to spend five days looking at what it really means to be blessed. Not by the world's definition, but by Jesus' definition. And it starts here, with an honest look at what we are chasing and why.

You are not alone in this. Every person who has ever followed Jesus has had to wrestle with where their security actually lives. The good news is that Jesus does not shame you for the struggle. He invites you into something better.

Bible Verse

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God." - Luke 6:20

Reflection Question

If God never gave you another material blessing, would your faith in Him remain the same? Why or why not?

Quote

"You can spend your entire life asking God to give you stuff and never realize that He is the treasure."

Prayer

Lord, show me what I am truly chasing. Help me to see where I have placed my security in things rather than in You, and give me the courage to be honest about it. Amen.

Day 2: Your Need Is Not a Disqualifier

Devotional

There is a lie that creeps into the hearts of people who are struggling. It whispers that your emptiness means God has forgotten you. That your hunger, your grief, your lack somehow puts you on the outside of His blessing.

Jesus says the opposite.

In Luke 6, He calls the hungry blessed. He calls the weeping blessed. Not because hardship is the goal, but because people who know they are empty are far more likely to reach for the One who can actually fill them. Awareness of need is a gift, even when it does not feel like one.

Think about it this way. A person who is full rarely thinks about food. A person who is satisfied rarely searches for more. The same is true spiritually. When life is comfortable and self-sufficient, it is dangerously easy to stop reaching for God at all.

Your struggle is not a sign that God has abandoned you. It may actually be the very thing keeping you close to Him. That does not make the pain easy. But it does make it meaningful.

If you are in a hard season right now, take heart. Your need does not disqualify you from Jesus. If anything, it positions you to experience Him in ways that comfort alone never could. He meets people in their emptiness. He always has.

Bible Verse

"Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied." - Luke 6:21

Reflection Question

In what area of your life have you been tempted to see your need as a sign of God's absence rather than an invitation to draw closer to Him?

Quote

"Your need doesn't disqualify you from Jesus. In fact, the greatest danger comes when we're full and when we're comfortable, when we're so self sufficient that we no longer believe we need Him."

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that You do not turn away from my emptiness. Meet me in this place of need and remind me that You are enough. Amen.

Day 3: When Following Jesus Costs You Something

Devotional

Following Jesus is not always popular. At some point, living by His values will put you at odds with someone. A coworker. A friend. Maybe even family. And in those moments, the approval of the people around you can feel like everything.

Jesus knew this. In Luke 6, He spoke directly to those who would be excluded, insulted, and rejected because of their faith. And rather than offering sympathy, He said something surprising. He called them blessed. He told them to leap for joy.

That sounds strange until you understand what He was pointing to. The opinions of people are temporary. The approval of God is eternal. And when you start measuring your worth by what others think of you, it is only a matter of time before what God thinks of you starts to matter less.

This is not a call to be difficult or to seek conflict. It is a call to know where your identity is anchored. If your sense of worth rises and falls with how people respond to you, you are building on sand. But if your identity is rooted in Christ, rejection loses its power over you.

You were made for something greater than applause. There is no approval on earth that compares to hearing from the King of Heaven. That reward is real, and it is coming.

Bible Verse

"Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven." - Luke 6:22-23

Reflection Question

Is there an area of your life where the fear of someone's disapproval is quietly shaping your decisions more than your faith in God?

Quote

"If their approval matters most, it's just a matter of time before God's approval matters less."

Prayer

Father, anchor my identity in Your approval alone. Give me the courage to follow You even when it costs me something, and remind me that Your reward is greater than any applause this world can offer. Amen.

Day 4: The Nightmare of Getting Everything You Want

Devotional

Here is a question that might catch you off guard. What if the nightmare is getting everything you want?

In Luke 12, Jesus told a story about a man who had so much that He tore down His barns to build bigger ones. He looked at his abundance and said, "You have plenty. Eat, drink, and be merry." That very night, his life was required of him. And Jesus called Him a fool. Not because he was wealthy, but because he had confused accumulation with security.

The warning in Luke 6 follows the same logic. Jesus said woe to those who are rich, full, and well-liked. Not because those things are evil in themselves, but because they can quietly convince you that you have arrived. That you do not need anything else. Including God.

Covetousness is an unquenchable thirst. The more you feed it, the louder it gets. And if you spend your whole life chasing the life you want, you may reach the end and realize you traded the treasure for the packaging.

You came into this world with nothing. You will leave the same way. The only thing that goes with you is what you have in Christ. So the real question is not what you have. It is what has you.

Bible Verse

"But God said to Him, 'You fool! This very night your life will be demanded from you. Then who will get what you have prepared for yourself?'" - Luke 12:20

Reflection Question

Is there something in your life right now that you are holding so tightly that it has started to hold you?

Quote

"The problem isn't having things. The problem is when things have you."

Prayer

God, loosen my grip on the things of this world. Help me to hold them with open hands and to find my security in You alone. Amen.

Day 5: You Still Have Your Treasure

Devotional

Here is the truth that holds everything together. Under every changing circumstance stands an unchanging Christ. And if you have Jesus, you still have your treasure.

This is not a motivational phrase. It is the foundation of Christian hope. Jesus did not describe the blessed life from a distance. He lived it. He was homeless, hungry, rejected, and crucified. He entered into the full weight of human suffering, not to observe it, but to redeem it.

He became poor so that you could inherit a kingdom. He entered sorrow so that your tears would one day expire. He was rejected so that you could be welcomed. And three days after the grave, the tomb was empty. That changes everything.

Heaven is not glorious simply because pain ends. Take Christ out of heaven, and it is no longer heaven. The greatest gift God can give is God Himself. That means if you have Him now, in the middle of the struggle, in the middle of the loss, in the middle of the uncertainty, you have not lost your treasure.

If He gives, worship Him. If He takes, worship Him. If the answer is yes, worship Him. If the answer is no, worship Him. Because the good life is not the absence of pain. It is a life with Jesus. And that life is available to you right now, exactly where you are.

Bible Verse

"He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." - Revelation 21:4

Reflection Question

If Jesus is truly your greatest treasure, how would that change the way you respond to the hardest thing you are facing right now?

Quote

"Under every changing circumstance stands an unchanging Christ. And if you have Jesus, you still have your treasure."

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for entering into suffering so that I would never face it alone. Remind me today that because I have You, I still have everything that matters. Amen.