



5-Day Devo

for Individuals and Groups

based on

**Church in the City, Chapter 5 |
Sin in the Church**

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Day 1 | Understanding Jesus' Sacrifice

Devotional Struggling with feelings of judgment and guilt? Jesus' sacrifice on the cross provides a powerful message of hope and redemption. He took our judgment upon himself, bearing all our guilt, sin, and shame. When he declared, "It is finished," he signified the completion of his work of salvation, meaning our sins are paid in full. This gift of salvation is given out of his boundless love and is not conditional on our actions. By accepting this gift, we can live free from guilt and shame, assured of his unconditional love.

Bible Verse "For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." –John 3:16

Reflection Question How does understanding Jesus' sacrifice change the way you view your own feelings of guilt and judgment?

Point to Ponder Jesus has taken our judgment so we don't have to be judged.

Prayer "Lord, thank you for the incredible sacrifice of your Son, Jesus. Help me to fully grasp the depth of your love and to live free from guilt and shame today. Amen."

Day 2 | Living Free from Guilt

Devotional Many of us carry the weight of guilt and shame, but Jesus' sacrifice means we no longer have to. He bore all our sins on the cross, and by doing so, he freed us from the burden of guilt. This freedom is a gift, not something we earn. Embrace this truth, and let it transform your life. You are not defined by your past mistakes but by the love and grace of Jesus.

Bible Verse "Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus."
—Romans 8:1

Reflection Question What steps can you take today to let go of guilt and embrace the freedom Jesus offers?

Point to Ponder On the cross, Jesus took all of our guilt, sin, and shame upon himself.

Prayer "Heavenly Father, thank you for the freedom from guilt that Jesus' sacrifice provides. Help me to let go of my past and live in the freedom of your grace. Amen."

Day 3 | Embracing Unconditional Love

Devotional Jesus' love for us is unconditional. His sacrifice on the cross was the ultimate act of love, given freely without any conditions. This means that no matter what we have done, we are loved and accepted by him. Reflect on this incredible truth and let it fill your heart with hope and joy. You are loved beyond measure, and nothing can change that.

Bible Verse "But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us." –Romans 5:8

Reflection Question How can you remind yourself daily of Jesus' unconditional love for you?

Point to Ponder Grace has been given to us as a gift.

Prayer "Lord Jesus, thank you for your unconditional love. Help me to remember that I am loved and accepted by you, no matter what. Amen."

Day 4 | Sharing the Hope

Devotional The hope we have in Jesus is not just for us to keep but to share with others. Many people around us are struggling with feelings of guilt and shame. By sharing the message of Jesus' sacrifice and the freedom it brings, we can offer them the same hope and redemption we have received. Be a light in someone's life today and share the good news of Jesus' love.

Bible Verse "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation." –Mark 16:15

Reflection Question Who in your life needs to hear about the hope and freedom found in Jesus?

Point to Ponder When you're clinging to hope in Jesus, you tell others about hope in Jesus.

Prayer "Father, give me the courage and wisdom to share the hope of Jesus with those around me. Help me to be a light in their lives. Amen."

Day 5 | Living in Assurance

Devotional Living in the assurance of Jesus' finished work on the cross means we can face each day with confidence and peace. His declaration, "It is finished," means that our salvation is secure, and that we are forever his. Let this assurance guide your actions and decisions, knowing that you are loved, forgiven, and redeemed. Live boldly in the truth of his finished work.

Bible Verse "Being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." –Philippians 1:6

Reflection Question How can you live more confidently in the assurance of Jesus' finished work?

Point to Ponder He lifted himself up and he said, it is finished.

Prayer "Lord, thank you for the assurance of my salvation through Jesus' finished work. Help me to live each day with confidence and peace, knowing that I am yours. Amen."