

5-day Devotional Guide based on the June 15th sermon, "Changed"

Day 1: Encountering God's Transforming Light Reading: Acts 9:1-9 Devotional: Just as Saul was struck by a blinding light on the road to Damascus, God often intervenes in our lives in unexpected ways. This encounter completely changed Saul's trajectory, transforming him from a persecutor to a passionate follower of Christ. Reflect on moments in your life where God's presence has surprised or challenged you. How have these experiences shaped your faith journey? Consider areas in your life where you might be resistant to God's leading. Pray for openness to His transforming light, even if it means letting go of long-held beliefs or practices.

Day 2: From Self-Righteousness to Christ-Centeredness Reading: Philippians 3:4-11 Devotional: Paul's testimony reveals a profound shift from confidence in his own righteousness to finding his identity solely in Christ. He considered his previous achievements as "loss" compared to knowing Jesus. In our own lives, we may sometimes rely on our good deeds, religious knowledge, or social status as a measure of our spiritual worth. Today, examine your heart. Are there areas where you're placing confidence in yourself rather than in Christ? Ask God to help you see yourself through His eyes and to find your true value in your relationship with Him.

Day 3: Embracing God's Grace for the Undeserving Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 Devotional: Paul describes himself as the "worst of sinners," yet he received God's mercy and grace. This reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of God's love. Reflect on times when you've felt unworthy of God's love or struggled to forgive yourself. Remember that God's grace is not earned but freely given. How might this truth change the way you view yourself and others? Consider someone in your life who seems "far from God" and commit to praying for their encounter with His transforming grace.

Day 4: Suffering for Christ Reading: 2 Corinthians 11:23-30 Devotional: Paul's life after conversion was marked by significant suffering for the sake of Christ. Yet, he viewed this suffering as a means of participating in Christ's work. In what ways have you experienced challenges or opposition because of your faith? How can you reframe these difficulties as opportunities for spiritual growth and witness? Pray for strength and perseverance in the face of trials, and for the ability to see God's presence even in moments of hardship.

Day 5: Living as Christ's Ambassadors Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 Devotional: Paul's transformation led him to become an "ambassador for Christ," carrying the message of reconciliation to others. As followers of Jesus, we too are called to this ministry. Consider the environments you inhabit daily - your workplace, neighborhood, or social circles. How can you be an ambassador for Christ in these spaces? Reflect on ways you can embody God's love and grace to those around you, even to those who may seem hostile to the faith. Pray for opportunities to share the hope you have in Christ, both through your words and actions.