

Devotional guide based on the July 20th Sermon: Reconciled to God

Day 1: Reconciled Through Christ's Love Reading: Romans 5:1-11 Devotional: Today's passage reminds us of the profound depth of God's love. We were once enemies of God, separated by our sin. Yet, through Christ's sacrifice, we have been reconciled to Him. Reflect on the magnitude of this reconciliation. How does knowing you are fully accepted by God change your perspective on life's challenges? Consider ways you can live out this reconciled relationship today, perhaps by extending forgiveness to someone or by spending time in grateful prayer.

Day 2: Freedom from Sin's Reign Reading: Romans 6:1-14 Devotional: Paul emphasizes that grace is not a license to sin, but a call to live in newness of life. We are no longer slaves to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Today, examine areas in your life where sin might still have a stronghold. How can you actively "count yourself dead to sin but alive to God"? Consider one specific way you can resist sin's influence today, relying on the power of the Holy Spirit rather than your own strength.

Day 3: The Struggle Within Reading: Romans 7:14-25 Devotional: Paul's honest confession of his inner struggle resonates with every believer. We desire to do good, yet often find ourselves doing what we hate. This internal battle is part of the Christian walk, but it's not the end of the story. Reflect on your own struggles with sin. How does acknowledging this struggle humble you and drive you closer to Christ? Remember, there is no condemnation for those in Christ. Take time to confess your failures to God and receive His forgiveness anew.

Day 4: Life in the Spirit Reading: Romans 8:1-11 Devotional: Today's passage proclaims the liberating truth that there is no condemnation for those in Christ Jesus. We are freed from the law of sin and death through the power of the Holy Spirit. How does this truth impact your daily life? Are you living according to the Spirit or still trying to please God through your own efforts? Ask God to help you become more aware of the Spirit's presence and guidance in your life today.

Day 5: Inseparable from God's Love Reading: Romans 8:31-39 Devotional: Paul concludes this section with a triumphant declaration of God's unfailing love. Nothing in all creation can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. Meditate on the list of potential separators Paul mentions. Which of these do you sometimes fear might come between you and God? How does this passage reassure you? Today, let this truth sink deep into your heart, and face your circumstances with the confidence that you are eternally and securely loved by God.