

Devotional guide based on the June 29<sup>th</sup> sermon: Let's Talk Faith

Day 1: Embracing God's Unconditional Love Reading: John 3:16-21 Devotional: As we reflect on John 3:16, we're reminded of God's immeasurable love for us. This love isn't based on our worthiness or actions, but on His character. God loved us while we were still sinners, demonstrating a love that surpasses human understanding. Today, meditate on how this unconditional love has impacted your life. How can you extend this same love to others, even those who may seem undeserving? Remember, just as God's love for you doesn't diminish when you fall short, your love for others should reflect this same grace and constancy.

Day 2: Living Faith Through Daily Conversations Reading: Acts 17:16-34 Devotional: Paul's approach in Athens teaches us about living out our faith daily. He engaged in conversations, reasoned in the synagogue, and spoke in the marketplace. Our faith isn't meant to be confined to Sunday services, but lived out in our daily interactions. Today, challenge yourself to have a meaningful conversation about your faith with someone. It doesn't have to be a full gospel presentation – simply share how God has worked in your life recently. Remember, like Paul, our goal isn't to win arguments, but to build relationships and point people to Christ.

Day 3: The Power of God's Word in Transformation Reading: Acts 19:1-10 Devotional: Paul's time in Ephesus shows us the transformative power of consistently teaching God's Word. For two years, he taught daily, and it impacted not just Ephesus, but all of Asia Minor. How much time do you dedicate to studying and meditating on God's Word? Consider establishing a daily habit of Bible reading if you haven't already. As you read, ask God to transform your mind and heart through His Word. Remember, small, consistent steps in studying Scripture can lead to significant spiritual growth and impact those around you.

Day 4: Embracing God's Presence in Every Moment Reading: Acts 17:24-28 Devotional: Paul reminds the Athenians that in God "we live and move and have our being." This profound truth invites us to recognize God's presence in every aspect of our lives. Today, practice mindfulness of God's presence. As you go about your routine, pause periodically to acknowledge that you are living, moving, and existing within God's presence. How does this awareness change your perspective on your circumstances, decisions, and interactions with others? Let this truth deepen your reliance on God and your desire to live in a way that honors His constant presence.

Day 5: Trusting God in the Face of Opposition Reading: Acts 18:9-11 Devotional: God's words to Paul, "Do not be afraid; keep on speaking, do not be silent," remind us that following Christ often involves facing opposition. Yet, God promises His presence and protection. Reflect on areas in your life where fear might be holding you back from fully living out your faith. What would it look like to trust God's presence and continue speaking and living for Him, even in the face of potential ridicule or rejection? Today, take a step of faith in an area where you've been hesitant. Remember, God is with you, and He has people in your "city" who need to hear the message of hope you carry.