

## **Five-Day Devotional: Saved by Grace, Sent with Purpose**

This five-day devotional flows from the sermon “The Risen Christ” based on Luke 24 and Acts 1, where the risen Christ secures salvation and then sends His disciples into the world. Before there was a mission, there was victory. Before there was a command to go, there was assurance of grace.

Over the next five days, you’ll reflect on Christ’s finished work, His authority, and your calling as one who is sent. The goal is simple: to rest in what Jesus has accomplished and to live confidently in the purpose He has given you.

### **Day 1: Secured Before Sent**

#### **Devotional**

Have you ever felt the pressure to prove yourself worthy of God's love? Many Christians carry an invisible weight, believing they must earn their place in God's kingdom through perfect behavior or tireless service. But this misses the beautiful foundation of our faith. Before Jesus ever commissioned His disciples to go into the world, He first secured their salvation. He didn't send them out to earn their approval with God - He sent them because their approval was already guaranteed through His sacrifice. This changes everything about how we approach our relationship with God and our calling in the world. When we understand that our salvation is secure, we can serve from a place of gratitude rather than guilt, love rather than obligation. We don't have to perform to be accepted; we're already accepted, so we can freely participate in God's work. This assurance becomes the bedrock of authentic Christian living - not striving to become worthy, but responding to the worthiness already given to us through Christ.

#### **Bible Verse**

'Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'" - Luke 24:45-48

#### **Reflection Question**

How would your daily relationship with God change if you truly believed your approval was already secured rather than something you need to earn?

#### **Quote**

We are not sent to earn God's approval. We are sent because Christ has already secured our approval before God.

#### **Prayer**

Lord, help me rest in the security of Your love and acceptance. Free me from the burden of trying to earn what You've already freely given through Christ.

## **Day 2: Victory Declared**

### **Devotional**

The cross wasn't Plan B. It wasn't God scrambling to fix a situation that got out of hand. From the outside, it looked like defeat - the Son of God hanging between two criminals, seemingly powerless. But appearances deceived. Jesus wasn't overpowered; He was purposefully giving Himself over. His words from the cross revealed control, not chaos. "It is finished" wasn't a cry of defeat but a declaration of completion. The resurrection didn't create a new plan - it confirmed the old one that had been in motion since before time began. When the angels asked the women at the tomb why they were looking for the living among the dead, they were pointing to a profound truth: the story was resolved, not unfinished. This victory changes how we view every challenge we face. We're not fighting for victory; we're fighting from victory. Christ has already won the ultimate battle against sin and death. This doesn't mean life will be easy, but it means the outcome is secure. We can face uncertainty with confidence because our God has already demonstrated His power over the greatest enemies we could ever face.

### **Bible Verse**

'In my former book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and to teach until the day he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles he had chosen.' - Acts 1:1-2

### **Reflection Question**

What current struggle in your life would look different if you truly believed that Christ's victory is already complete?

### **Quote**

The cross is not a tragedy, but it's a moment of triumph for us. It's the moment in which sin is dealt with, when guilt is answered and when grace is secured for us.

### **Prayer**

Father, remind me daily that You have already won the ultimate victory. Help me live with the confidence that comes from knowing the battle is already decided.

## **Day 3: Authority Established**

### **Devotional**

Authority matters. Before Jesus sent His disciples into the world, He established His authority by opening their minds to understand how all Scripture pointed to Him. He didn't send them out hoping they'd figure things out along the way - He equipped them with understanding and gave them a clear message to proclaim. This pattern still applies today. We don't move because we feel ready; we move because Christ is reigning with authority. Too often, we wait for the perfect moment, the right feelings, or complete understanding before we step into what God has called us to do. But the church moves not based on our ability but on Christ's authority. His power doesn't depend on our perfection or our confidence levels. When we understand that we operate under His authority rather than our own, it transforms our approach to every challenge. We're not representing ourselves; we're representing the One who has all authority in heaven and on earth. This means we can step boldly into situations that feel beyond our capabilities because we're backed by unlimited power and wisdom.

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### **Reflection Question**

In what area of your life do you need to stop waiting to feel ready and instead move forward under Christ's authority?

### **Quote**

The church does not move because it feels ready. It moves because Christ is reigning with authority.

### **Prayer**

Jesus, help me remember that I operate under Your authority, not my own ability. Give me courage to step forward in faith when You call.

## **Day 4: Confident Mission**

### **Devotional**

Anxiety and mission don't mix well. When we witness from a place of worry - worried about rejection, worried about not having the right words, worried about failure - we're operating from the wrong foundation. But when we understand that the victory is already secure, everything changes. We witness from assurance, not anxiety. We serve not to earn grace but because grace has already been won on our behalf. This confidence isn't arrogance; it's the natural result of understanding what Christ has already accomplished. The mission isn't fragile because the victory is secure. We're not trying to convince God to save people - He's already made that decision. We're not responsible for the outcome - we're simply called to be faithful participants in what God is already doing. This takes the pressure off and puts the focus where it belongs: on God's power and love rather than our performance. When we grasp this truth, we can approach conversations about faith with genuine care rather than desperate urgency, knowing that God is at work in ways we can't see.

### **Bible Verse**

'But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' - Acts 1:8

### **Reflection Question**

How might your conversations about faith change if you approached them from assurance rather than anxiety?

### **Quote**

We don't witness from anxiety. We witness from a place of assurance.

### **Prayer**

Holy Spirit, fill me with confidence that comes from knowing the victory is already won. Help me witness from a place of peace and assurance.

## **Day 5: Sent With Purpose**

### **Devotional**

Grace isn't the finish line - it's the starting line. Getting salvation isn't the final destination; it's the foundation for the work God has called us to do. Many Christians treat their relationship with God like a retirement plan - something that secures their future but doesn't affect their present. But grace, mercy, salvation, and repentance are all meant to be the launching pad for purposeful living. The question isn't whether we are sent - every follower of Christ is sent. The question is where. Where is God calling you to represent Him in your current context? It might be in your workplace, your neighborhood, your family, or your community. The location matters less than the recognition that you have been given a purpose that extends beyond yourself. This isn't about adding more activities to your schedule; it's about understanding that your entire life is meant to be a demonstration of God's love and grace. When we see ourselves as sent people, ordinary moments become opportunities for extraordinary impact. We're not just living our lives - we're participating in God's ongoing work in the world.

### **Bible Verse**

'Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.' - Matthew 28:19-20

### **Reflection Question**

Where is God specifically calling you to live out your 'sent' identity in your current circumstances?

### **Quote**

The only question not if we are sent, it's where.

### **Prayer**

Lord, help me see my entire life as a mission field. Show me where You're sending me today to be Your hands and feet in the world.