

5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Loved Enough to Be Corrected

Devotional

Nobody enjoys being corrected. It stings. It can feel like rejection, like someone is pointing out everything wrong with you. But what if correction was actually one of the clearest signs that someone deeply loves you?

That is exactly what God shows us in the book of Amos. He speaks directly to His people, not to shame them, but to stop them from walking toward destruction. A good parent does not watch their child run into traffic and say nothing. They act, because love compels them to.

God is the same way with you. When He disciplines, He is not pushing you away. He is pulling you close. He sees where the road you are on leads, and He loves you too much to stay silent.

This is an encouraging truth, even if it does not always feel that way in the moment. Discipline means you belong to Him. It means He has not given up on you. It means He is still in pursuit of your heart.

If life feels like it is pressing in on you right now, consider this: God may be using that pressure to get your attention. Not to punish you, but to redirect you. The best response is not to pull away from Him. It is to lean in.

Bible Verse

"For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom He receives." - Hebrews 12:6

Reflection Question

Is there an area of your life right now where God might be using difficulty to redirect you toward something better?

Quote

God's discipline is not evidence that he has abandoned us, but that He is pursuing us.

Prayer

Lord, help me to see Your correction as an act of love and not rejection. Give me the courage to lean into You when life feels hard. Amen.

Day 2: You Reap What You Sow

Devotional

There is a principle woven into the fabric of life that most of us already know, even if we do not always want to admit it. What you plant is what you harvest. You cannot sow seeds of selfishness, dishonesty, or distance from God and expect a harvest of peace and wholeness.

God told Israel the same thing. Their choices had consequences. The corruption, the injustice, the turning away from God, none of it went unnoticed. And Galatians 6 makes it plain: God cannot be mocked. A person reaps what they sow.

This is not meant to be a threat. It is meant to be a wake-up call wrapped in grace. Because if sowing toward sin leads to destruction, then sowing toward God leads to life. That is the other side of this truth, and it is a hopeful one.

Every small choice you make today is a seed. A moment of honesty, a choice to pray instead of worry, a decision to forgive rather than hold a grudge. These things matter. They add up. They shape the direction of your life.

You still have seeds in your hand. Choose wisely what you plant today.

Bible Verse

"Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will He also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life." - Galatians 6:7-8

Reflection Question

What seeds have you been planting lately, and are they moving you closer to God or further away?

Quote

Do not be deceived. God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.

Prayer

Father, open my eyes to the seeds I am sowing each day. Help me to make choices that draw me closer to You and reflect Your heart. Amen.

Day 3: More Than Going Through the Motions

Devotional

It is possible to look spiritually healthy on the outside while your heart is miles away from God. Israel had the sacrifices, the tithes, the offerings, all of it. The religious system was running smoothly. But God was not impressed, because the heart behind it all was pointed in the wrong direction.

This is a sobering reality. You can attend every service, check every box, and still miss the whole point. Religious activity can give you a sense of accomplishment, a feeling that you have done your spiritual duty. But if your heart is not genuinely turned toward God, the activity is just noise.

Jesus made this uncomfortably clear when He said that many would point to their spiritual accomplishments on the last day, only to hear the words: I never knew you.

God is not after a polished religious resume. He is after you. Your real thoughts, your honest struggles, your actual heart. He wants a relationship that is alive and growing, not a performance that looks good from a distance.

The good news is that He is not asking for perfection. He is asking for honesty. Come to Him as you are, with a heart that is genuinely seeking Him, and that is exactly what He is looking for.

Bible Verse

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'" - Matthew 7:21-23

Reflection Question

If you are honest with yourself, are you pursuing a genuine relationship with God or simply maintaining a religious routine?

Quote

You can go through the motions and still miss the heart of God completely.

Prayer

Jesus, I do not want to just go through the motions. Draw my heart close to Yours and make my faith real, not just routine. Amen.

Day 4: He Kept Calling, Did You Hear Him?

Devotional

One of the most heartbreaking phrases in all of Scripture appears again and again in Amos. After each hardship God allowed, famine, drought, crop failure, plague, the same words follow: yet you have not returned to Me.

God was not being cruel. He was being persistent. Every difficulty was a signal, a hand reaching out, a voice saying: come back. But Israel kept missing it. They chalked it up to bad luck, pushed through on their own, and kept walking in the same direction.

It is easy to do the same thing. When life gets hard, the temptation is to white-knuckle through it or look for any explanation other than the one that requires us to stop and examine our own hearts.

But difficulty can be an invitation. Not always, and not in a way that means every hard thing is punishment. But God is always speaking, and sometimes He uses the hard seasons to get our attention in ways the comfortable ones never could.

If you are in a difficult season right now, do not just push through it. Bring it to God with open hands. Ask Him what He might be saying. His patience is real, and His grace is ready. The time to respond is always now.

Bible Verse

"Seek me and live." - Amos 5:4

Reflection Question

Looking back at a difficult season in your life, can you identify a moment where God might have been calling you back to Himself?

Quote

When things are falling apart, the best thing you can do is come back and say, Lord, I don't know, but you do.

Prayer

Lord, help me not to miss what You are saying in the hard moments of my life. Give me ears to hear You and a heart willing to return. Amen.

Day 5: Run to Him, Not Away

Devotional

When we fail, when sin catches up with us, when life feels like it is unraveling, the instinct for many of us is to hide. We feel too ashamed to come to God, as if we need to clean ourselves up before we can approach Him. So we pull away, and the distance grows.

But that is exactly the wrong direction to run.

God's message through Amos was never meant to drive people into despair. It was meant to drive them home. He named the sin, He described the consequences, and then He held the door open. Confession and return were always the path forward. Own it, acknowledge it, bring it to Him, and find that His grace is ready to meet you there.

Idols, whether they are possessions, approval, comfort, or control, will never give you the life you are looking for. Only God can do that. And He is not waiting for you to have it all together before He welcomes you back.

No matter what you are carrying today, the best thing you can do is bring it to Jesus. Not tomorrow, not after you fix it yourself. Now. Come as you are, fall at His feet, and let His grace do what only His grace can do.

Bible Verse

"Keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. And have mercy on those who doubt; save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh." - Jude 1:22-23

Reflection Question

Is there something you have been hiding from God out of shame, and what would it look like to bring it to Him today?

Quote

Idols will never give me life. Only God can.

Prayer

Father, I bring You what I have been carrying. I am done hiding. Receive me as I am, and let Your grace do what I cannot do on my own. Amen.