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Daily Devotionals

for August 18-24, 2025

Devotions prepared for you to use in your Quiet Time with the Lord and are designed to prepare you for the sermon next Sunday.

Monday, August 18

Many Parts, One Body

Read Scripture: Romans 12:4-5

Paul's image of the Church as a body reminds us that no part is useless. Some are "hands" that serve, others "eyes" that see needs, others "mouths" that speak encouragement. Each role, and the person that fills those roles, matters. If one part tries to do the job of another, the body suffers. God has placed you exactly where He needs you to contribute to the health of His Church.

Prayer: Lord, show me how to use my role faithfully so Your Church can thrive. Amen.

Tuesday, August 19

Equipped for Every Good Work

Read Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:14-17

God doesn't send us into ministry without the talents that we need. In our reading of the Word and the acceptance of the Spirit, God equips us with wisdom, encouragement, and clarity for the work ahead. While this all can take time, it also gives us the chance to face the challenges and joys of serving. When you feel unprepared, remember that God's training you daily as you walk with Him.

Prayer: Make me ready for the good works You've planned for me. Amen.

Wednesday, August 20

United as One

Read Scripture: Ephesians 4:1-5

Unity doesn't happen by accident. We actually have to work for it a little bit. Sometimes a lot. We like our unity when it works, but sometimes we choose peace over solutions. We should work to find pathways that are honest, and grace filled. The Spirit has already made us one in Christ, and we have to understand that unity is not the absence of differences, but the presence of love that binds us together.

Prayer: Lord, help me work for unity. Make me a peacemaker among believers. Amen.

Thursday August 21

Growing Up in Christ

Read Scripture: 1 Peter 2:1-3

Spiritual growth starts with the basics—learning to feed on God's Word, to pray, and to obey Him. Over time, our palette changes and our relationship deepens. We learn to hear God and to handle challenges with God's guidance. This growth comes from consistent study and prayer. Each time we seek connection with our Creator, we can experience the connection to our Source in Life in Jesus.

Prayer: Lord, help me crave Your Word so I can grow strong in my faith and mature into Your likeness. Amen.

Friday, August 22

Standing Firm in Truth

Read Scripture: 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

False teachings and the social norms can push us off course in our relationship with God. Standing firm means that we hold onto our faith and stay grounded in scripture, even when the world tells us not to. Standing on the promises of God can be a challenge at times, but knowing the more we understand our God, the more we can trust in the path that has been laid out for us.

Prayer: Lord, help me stand firm in Your truth with courage and strength.

Saturday, August 23

Grace and Truth Together

Read Scripture: Colossians 4:2-6

Truth is like salt—it preserves and protects—but without grace, it can be harsh. Grace without truth, however, is like flavorless food; it doesn't nourish or guide. God calls us to season our words, so they are both truthful and gracious. When we speak in this way, our words become ways to healing and growth and stay away from harm.

Prayer: Lord, teach me to speak with grace and truth. Amen.

Sunday, August 24

Equipped for the Road Ahead

Worship at 10:00am

Ephesians 4:11-16
by Pastor Clint Phillips