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Daily Devotionals

for August 25-31, 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 25

Confessing Christ

Read Scripture: Romans 10:8-10

Faith is not just a private thought. It is something that is lived inward and outward. Paul reminds us that salvation comes when we believe in our hearts and confess with our mouths. Belief is personal trust, but confession makes it public. To say “Jesus is Lord” in Paul’s world was radical; it meant declaring Jesus, not Caesar, as ultimate authority. That confession still has power today. It shapes the way we live, love, and stand firm when the world tempts us to place our trust elsewhere.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I confess You as my Savior and Lord. Help my life to bear witness to Your power and grace. Amen.

Tuesday, August 26

Christ the Foundation

Read Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-15

Every building needs a solid foundation, and so does every life. Paul reminds the church in Corinth that the only true foundation is Jesus Christ. People build on all kinds of things, some of them good and others not so much. When storms come, the foundations on those terrible foundations crack and crumble. Christ alone is the foundation that stands through it all. The church itself is not built on human wisdom, personalities, or programs but on Christ Himself. When we root our lives in Him, we are unshaken even when the world trembles.

Prayer: Lord, keep me from building my life on shifting sand. Help me to root everything in You, my solid foundation. Amen.

Wednesday, August 27

Revelation from God

Read Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:9-10

Peter did not figure out Jesus’ identity by his own wisdom. God must show him. Paul speaks the truth here: the Spirit of God reveals what we cannot discover on our own. Faith is not merely human reasoning; it is revelation. Spiritual truth is a gift from God. The Spirit opens our eyes to see Jesus for who He really is. Without the Spirit, we stumble in the dark; with the Spirit, we see clearly the love, power, and wisdom of God.

Prayer: Holy Spirit, open my eyes to see Jesus more clearly. Reveal the deep things of God to my heart today. Amen.

Thursday August 28

Authority to Forgive

Read Scripture: John 20:21-23

After His resurrection, Jesus entrusted His disciples with a responsibility that seemed so overwhelming sometimes. Jesus wanted them to carry the message of forgiveness. Forgiveness is at the heart of the gospel. When we forgive others, we are participating in God’s great work of reconciliation. This doesn’t mean forgiveness is easy, but Christ has already made the way through the cross. Our call is to extend the forgiveness we received. In doing so, we show the world a glimpse of God’s Kingdom.

Prayer: Lord, help me to extend forgiveness as freely as You have given it to me. Amen.

Friday, August 29

Victory Over Darkness

Read Scripture: Colossians 2:13-15

What looked like weakness on the cross was in fact the greatest victory in history. Jesus broke down the spiritual powers of evil, stripping them of their authority, and defying the darkness. His resurrection is the guarantee that death and darkness have no ultimate power. This is good news for the church, but also for you. Whatever battles you face, Christ has already won the decisive victory. Evil can still make a lot of noise, but it will never win.

Prayer: Jesus, thank You for triumphing over sin and death. Help me to walk in Your victory each day. Amen.

Saturday, August 30

Living Out the Confession

Read Scripture: Philippians 2:6-11

One day, every tongue will confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. But our privilege and calling is to live that confession now. Saying “Jesus is Lord” is not just a statement of belief—it is a way of life. It means submitting our priorities, our decisions, and our future to His will. To confess Christ as Lord is to live differently in the world. It means loving when it’s easier to hate, serving when it’s easier to ignore, and trusting when it’s easier to fear. Each act becomes a living confession that Jesus truly is the King.

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I confess You as Lord with my lips and my life. Help me to honor You in all I do. Amen.

Sunday, August 31

Built on the Rock

Worship at 10:00am

Matthew 16:13-20
by Pastor Clint Phillips