

# 5 Day Devotional

## Day 1: The Sweet Fragrance of Surrender

### Devotional

When was the last time you gave something valuable away? Not just spare change or old clothes, but something that truly cost you? True worship often requires sacrifice - giving up what we hold dear for something greater. Like the woman who brought expensive perfume to Jesus, authentic devotion means holding nothing back. Her offering wasn't just about the monetary value; it represented complete surrender. She poured out not just perfume, but her whole heart in worship. In our walk with God, He doesn't want our leftovers or half-hearted offerings. He desires our complete surrender, our best, our all.

### Bible Verse

"There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day." - Psalms 46:4-6

### Reflection Question

What area of your life are you still holding back from God, offering Him only partial surrender instead of complete devotion?

### Quote

"Don't dab Jesus a little time on Mother's Day, Christmas and Easter. Don't dab Jesus a little devotion. Don't dab Jesus Microwave prayers. Don't dab Jesus a little time but pour out your praises unto the Lord."

### Prayer

Lord, help me release my grip on the things I'm holding back from You. Give me the courage to surrender completely, knowing that Your plans for me are better than anything I could achieve on my own. Amen.

## Day 2: Breaking Free from the Past

### Devotional

Our past mistakes and failures can often feel like heavy chains that define us. But God's grace has the power to transform our identity. Just like the woman in the story, whose past didn't prevent her from approaching Jesus, we too can step forward in faith. Your history doesn't determine your destiny in Christ. When God looks at you, He sees not your past sins but your present potential and future purpose. Your 'dark notes' become part of your testimony - not a barrier to God's love, but a backdrop that makes His grace shine even brighter.

### Bible Verse

"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11-13

### Reflection Question

How has God's grace transformed your past struggles into stepping stones for ministry to others?

### Quote

"Everybody is an ex something. We all been some places we shouldn't have been and done some things we shouldn't have done. But our dark notes don't define us."

### Prayer

Father, thank You for Your transforming grace. Help me see myself as You see me - not defined by my past, but destined for Your purpose. Use my story to bring hope to others. Amen.

## Day 3: Authentic Worship

### Devotional

True worship isn't about maintaining appearances or following a script. It's about authentic expression of love for God that flows from a grateful heart. When we encounter God's presence, like the woman who washed Jesus' feet with her tears, our focus shifts from self-consciousness to God-consciousness. Real worship might make us look undignified in others' eyes, but it makes us beautiful in God's sight. It's in these moments of uninhibited praise that we experience the deepest connection with our Creator.

### 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

What holds you back from expressing authentic worship to God? How can you move past these barriers?

### Quote

"When you have real worship, you don't care about how you look. You don't care that your makeup is running. When you have real worship, you'll get down and dirty and worship the name of the Lord."

### Prayer

Holy Spirit, free me from the fear of what others think. Help me worship You with complete authenticity and abandon. Let my worship be pure and unrestrained. Amen.

## Day 4: The Impact of Sacrificial Love

### Devotional

Love that costs us something carries a special fragrance. When we choose to love sacrificially, following Christ's example, we leave a lasting impact on those around us. Like a beautiful perfume that lingers in a room, our acts of sacrificial love create an atmosphere that draws others to Jesus. Every time we choose to put others first, forgive when it's hard, or serve when we're tired, we're releasing this spiritual fragrance into the world.

### Bible Verse

"Her children arise and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her." - Proverbs 31:28

### Reflection Question

What opportunity do you have today to demonstrate sacrificial love to someone in your life?

### Quote

"Our sweet smelling perfume will intensify every time we demonstrate sacrificial love."

### Prayer

Jesus, thank You for modeling sacrificial love. Help me follow Your example by loving others selflessly, even when it costs me something. Let my life be a sweet fragrance that draws others to You. Amen.

## Day 5: Leaving a Legacy of Love

### Devotional

The woman who anointed Jesus left more than just the scent of perfume in that room - she left a legacy that we're still talking about today. Her act of devotion teaches us that our worship and sacrifice can impact generations. When we pour out our lives in service to God and others, we create ripples that extend far beyond our immediate circumstances. Every act of faith, every sacrifice of love, every moment of genuine worship becomes part of a greater story that God is writing through our lives.

**Bible Verse**

"A woman in that town who lived a sinful life learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, so she came there with an alabaster jar of perfume." - Luke 7:37

**Reflection Question**

What spiritual legacy are you creating through your daily choices and actions?

**Quote**

"Jesus doesn't want watered down worship. Jesus wants our sweet smelling fragrance. We ought to leave a trail of fragrance wherever we go."

**Prayer**

Lord, help me live in such a way that my life leaves a lasting fragrance of Your love. Use my story to inspire others to pursue You wholeheartedly. May the legacy I leave point others to Your grace. Amen.