



MON 5-2

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Revelation 3:20
- ✓ THOUGHT "Look! I stand at the door and knock. If you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in, and we will share a meal together as friends." [NLT] Jesus reminds us that he is always there, inviting us to be with him. What a comfort to know that our Savior waits for us and is always ready to receive us as friends. We are sometimes the ones who do not open the door! Spend some time listening today.
- ✓ PRAYER Precious Jesus, you are my comfort and peace. Thank you for your consistent presence in my life. I am sorry for the times I neglect talking with you and listening for your guidance. Amen.

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TUES 5-3

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Luke 6:47-48
- ✓ THOUGHT "I will show you what it's like when someone comes to me, listens to my teaching, and then follows it. It is like a person building a house who digs deep and lays the foundation on solid rock. When the floodwaters rise and break against that house, it stands firm because it is well built." [NLT] Building our lives around the teachings of Christ protects us from being derailed by life's circumstances.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, thank you for the wisdom and truth that you have revealed to me in the life of Christ. Help me to make the right choices so that my life is filled with the things that matter to you. Focus my efforts today, help me to prioritize loving others. Amen.

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WED 5-4

- ✓ SCRIPTURE 1 Peter 1:13
- ✓ THOUGHT "Therefore, once you have your minds ready for action and you are thinking clearly, place your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed." [CEB] Jesus is our hope! What great love that we would experience a saving grace so complete. Bring to mind a struggle or part of your life that needs a redo. Jesus' love is powerful enough to bring new life to any situation.
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, you know the parts of my life that I consistently wrestle with. I want to let your grace and love restore my mind so I can be changed. Thank you for the power of Jesus at work in my life. Amen.

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THURS 5-5

- ✓ SCRIPTURE 1 Thessalonians 1:3
- ✓ THOUGHT “We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.” [NIV] Paul is connecting intentions and actions in this verse. Our faith, love, and hope should prompt certain behaviors in our lives. Ask God for inspiration today about specific things you can do so your faith, love, and hope is evident.
- ✓ PRAYER Mighty God, I want these qualities to be observable in my life. Revive and refresh me with your spirit. Place in me the desire to live a life full of action that accompanies my faith. Amen.

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FRI 5-6

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:18-19a
- ✓ THOUGHT “I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God’s call, what is the richness of God’s glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God’s power that is working among us believers.” [CEB] Even when our plans fall apart, God’s plans do not. We can have confident hope that God’s power is at work in the world through us even if we can’t yet see the solution.
- ✓ PRAYER God, shed light on this difficult circumstance. Help me sense your wisdom and act with confidence in your greatness. Amen.

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SAT 5-7

- ✓ SCRIPTURE Psalm 71:14-15
- ✓ THOUGHT “But me? I will hope. Always. I will add to all your praise. My mouth will repeat your righteous acts and your saving deeds all day long. I don’t even know how many of those there are!” [CEB] How can you add to all God’s praise? Recalling and writing down the ways God has come through for you in the past can help your perspective to shift to one of gratitude and can instigate praise!
- ✓ PRAYER Loving God, you are my light, my strength, and my lasting hope. There are so many ways you have taken care of me, and I don’t say thank you enough. I give you praise and honor because of your loving nature and abundant mercy. Amen.

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DIGGING DEEPER

✓ **Intro** Jesus was irresistible. People from all different backgrounds were drawn to him. But as the early church was forming, there was a tendency to go back to their familiar religious traditions rather than live by Jesus' new covenant. Sometimes we do the same.

✓ **Reflect**

- Share an example of a time when something you had been taught, or something you firmly believed, ended up drastically changing.
- Describe your views about the Bible when you were younger, whether you went to church or not.
- It's understandable that people, especially those who grew up in the church, mix and match Old Testament and New Testament values. Which is easier for you to relate to? Why?
- Read Acts 10:9-18, 27-28, & 34-35. In verses 9-18, we read about a vision that Peter had, and in the following verses, what he understands the vision to mean. Peter was used to following Jewish law, so this revelation was life-changing. Discuss why this might have been difficult for the Jewish people to accept.
- Why do you think it was important that the Jewish rules not be forced upon the Gentiles?
- In today's American culture, our understanding of Old Testament and New Testament values looks different than it did for Peter and Jewish Christians, but we still mix them up. How do we untangle the old and new values in our hearts and minds?

✓ **Consider** "What does the Bible say about that?" Sometimes, the Old Testament says one thing while the New Testament says something different. Fortunately, we live under a new covenant that Jesus established for us. In other words, maybe it's clearer to ask, "What does Jesus say about that?"



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✓ What did I learn? _____

✓ How might it apply in my life? _____

✓ What is a next step I can take? _____

