

5 Day Devotional

This five day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. Each day's focus will help you reflect on and embrace your identity as a beloved child of God, as discussed in the sermon by Pastor Bryanna.

Day 1

Scripture: Matthew 4:1-11

The sermon this week discussed the core temptations we face regarding our identity: I am what I do, I am what people say about me, and I am what I have. Jesus faced these same temptations in the wilderness, yet He overcame them by firmly standing in His identity as God's beloved son.

Just as Jesus resisted the enemy's temptations, we too can rest assured in our belovedness. Knowing we are loved and chosen by God can give us the strength we need to combat lies and live out our true identity.

- How do you typically define your worth?
- Can you identify areas in your life where you feel "not enough"?
- What steps can you take to remind yourself daily of your belovedness in God?
- Pray for the awareness to see lies you are believing about your identity.
- Ask God to help you embrace and live from the truth of being His beloved child.

Day 2

Scripture: Matthew 3:13-17

Before Jesus faced His temptations, He was baptized and affirmed by God as His beloved Son. This divine affirmation was the foundation that helped Jesus stand strong against the enemy.

In the same way, God has declared you His beloved child. Embracing this truth can help you withstand life's challenges and temptations. Your identity is secure in Him, not in your achievements or possessions.

- When was the last time you felt affirmed by God in your identity?
- What does it mean to you to be God's beloved child?
- How can you hold onto this truth in difficult times?
- Thank God for His unconditional love and affirmation.
- Ask Him to help you feel and know His presence daily.

Day 3

Scripture: Psalm 139:13-14

Psalms tells us that we are fearfully and wonderfully made. This reminds us that from the beginning of time, God knew us and loved us intimately. Our belovedness is not something we earn; it's something we were born into.

Living out of the truth of being God's beloved means we don't need to strive for worthiness. We can rest in the assurance that we are seen, known, and infinitely valued by our Creator.

- What aspects of yourself do you struggle to see as "wonderfully made"?
- How does knowing you are fearfully and wonderfully made change the way you view yourself?
- How can this truth impact the way you live your daily life?
- Pray for a deeper understanding of how God sees you.
- Ask God to help you see yourself through His eyes.

Day 4

Scripture: John 15:12-13

Jesus commands us to love each other as He has loved us. This involves not only recognizing our own belovedness but also extending that love to others. We are blessed to be a blessing.

True joy and fulfillment come from giving ourselves to others. When we live from a place of belovedness, we can freely give and receive love, reflecting God's love to the world around us.

- How can you show love to someone who is difficult to love?
- What does it look like to love others as Jesus loves you?
- How can you be a blessing to those around you?

- Pray for opportunities to share God's love with others.
- Ask God to fill you with His love, so it overflows to those around you.

Day 5

Scripture: 1 John 4:9-10

God showed His love by sending His Son so that we might live through Him. This love is not something we initiated; it's a gift from God. As beloved children, our response should be gratitude and a life lived in reflection of this incredible love.

Thanking God for our belovedness helps us stay grounded in His love. This gratitude transforms our perspective and overflows into our actions, allowing us to live a life that honors Him.

- What can you thank God for today?
- How does recognizing God's love for you impact your gratitude?
- How can you live a life that reflects God's love to others?
- Thank God for His incredible love and the gift of His Son.
- Pray for a heart that continually recognizes and reflects God's love.