



## 5 Day Devotional

This five-day devotional invites you to lean into Pentecost as more than a date on the calendar—an appointed moment where eternity meets everyday life. As you reflect, you'll explore what it means to live "the beyond life" now, to move from ordinary clock-time into Spirit-appointed moments. Each day will help you notice where God is present, respond to His invitation, and practice communion with Him in a way that reshapes how you see yourself and your world.

### Day 1

John 17:3

On the night before the cross, Jesus prayed that His followers would have eternal life—not merely someday, but as a present reality. Eternal life is not only unending duration; it is knowing God in a living relationship that begins now. The sermon framed this as the "beyond life," where the rule of God is uncontested and His presence defines what is real.

When eternity collides with the ordinary, the goal is not escape from daily responsibilities but transformation within them. Jesus invites you to experience heaven's quality of life in the middle of your schedule, your relationships, and your limits. Today, begin by treating eternal life as communion with God available in this moment, not a reward postponed until later.

- Where have you been treating eternal life as only "after death" rather than a present relationship with God?

- What would change today if you assumed God is inviting you into deeper knowing of Him right now?
- Set aside 10 quiet minutes to speak to God honestly and then sit in silence—what do you notice in your heart?
- Name one area of life where you feel far from “beyond life” (fear, hurry, shame, resentment). Offer it to Jesus in prayer.
- Write a one-sentence definition of eternal life from John 17:3 in your own words, and revisit it throughout the day.

## Day 2

### Acts 1:7-8

After the resurrection, the disciples asked Jesus a timing question: they were still thinking in measurable, predictable terms. Jesus did not shame their question, but He redirected them from managing outcomes to receiving power. The point was not to master the timeline but to be filled with the Spirit and become witnesses.

The sermon contrasted chronos time (the ticking clock) with kairos moments (God-appointed convergences). Pentecost was not just the next page on a calendar—it was a promised, unchangeable moment where God acted. Today, consider that God may be less interested in giving you control over “when” and more interested in forming you for faithfulness in the moment He has appointed.

- What is one “Is now the time?” question you keep asking God (about results, recognition, change, or relief)?
- How might Jesus be redirecting you from controlling the timeline to receiving the Spirit’s power?
- Identify one place you are waiting to obey until you feel certain about timing—what step of faith can you take now?
- Pray: “Holy Spirit, make me a witness where I am,” and then list three specific people or places in your current week.
- Choose one small act of witness today (encouragement, generosity, prayer, truth spoken in love) and do it intentionally.

## Day 3

### Genesis 3:8

In Eden, humanity's normal life included unhidden communion with God—walking with Him in the cool of the day. The sermon described this as “spirit time,” not merely a mood or atmosphere but a reality of God's presence shaping the moment. This was the only life Adam and Eve knew: open, present, and relational.

Sin did more than break rules; it fractured fellowship and introduced hiding, fear, and separation. Exile from communion turned life into anxious self-management, where the “appointment” with God was broken. Today's invitation is not to pretend the Fall never happened, but to notice where you are hiding and to let God meet you there with restoring presence.

- Where are you most tempted to hide from God—through distraction, performance, or withdrawal?
- What emotions surface when you imagine being fully known by God and still loved?
- Take a short walk (even indoors) and pray slowly, “God, help me walk with You now”—what shifts in your awareness?
- Confess one specific fear or shame to God; then thank Him that His presence is stronger than your hiding.
- What “daily encounter” rhythm could you rebuild this week (morning prayer, Scripture at lunch, silence before bed)?

## Day 4

### 2 Corinthians 3:18

The sermon offered a striking picture: sin is self-awareness without a glory filter. When you look at yourself in the mirror of your own assessment—apart from God’s presence—you will either inflate yourself with pride or collapse into shame. But Scripture says transformation happens as we behold the Lord, not as we obsess over ourselves.

God’s intention is that His image would be revealed in you “from glory to glory.” This is not denial of weakness; it is a new way of seeing where His Spirit is actively reshaping you. Today, practice shifting your focus from constant self-evaluation to intentional beholding—letting God’s glory interpret your life rather than your life interpreting God.

- What is one recurring self-judgment you live with (not good enough, too much, behind, unseen)?
- How might that judgment change if filtered through God’s glory and love rather than your performance?
- Spend five minutes reading 2 Corinthians 3:18 slowly; what word or phrase feels most personal today?
- Replace one self-critical thought with a spoken truth: “God is transforming me as I behold Him.” When will you practice this?
- Who could you encourage today by reflecting God’s glory back to them (a sincere, specific affirmation)?

## Day 5

### Acts 2:1-4

Pentecost reveals a God who keeps promises through appointed moments. The Spirit's coming was not random inspiration; it was the eternal pressing into the temporal, creating a new reality for ordinary people gathered in an ordinary room. When the Spirit filled them, their lives moved from waiting and wondering into empowered witness.

This "cosmic collision" is not meant to stay in history—it becomes a pattern for the church and for you. The Spirit still meets people in kairos moments that cannot be manufactured, yet can be received with readiness. Today, hold your schedule with open hands, ask for fresh filling, and watch for the Spirit's invitation to speak, serve, repent, or rejoice as heaven touches earth.

- Where do you need the Holy Spirit's filling most right now—courage, purity, compassion, endurance, or clarity?
- What would readiness look like for you today (less rushing, more listening, quicker obedience)?
- Pray specifically: "Holy Spirit, fill me again," and then sit quietly for two minutes—what comes to mind to do or change?
- Name one area where God's rule feels contested in you (habits, anger, anxiety). Surrender it in a simple sentence prayer.
- Look back over the last week: where might a kairos moment have been present, and how could you respond differently next time?