



Devotion Info
In The Beginning

DAY 1 Read John 1:1-5, 10-11

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John 1:1-5, 10-11 NLT

- What does John 1:1 mean to you?
- Why does it matter?

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- When reading John 1:5, can you think of tangible ways in which Jesus was a light in darkness?
- How should those ways impact our story today?

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DAY 3 Read Ephesians 5:8, 11-12 & Colossians 1:13

[8] For once you were full of darkness, but now you have light from the Lord. So live as people of light!

[11] Take no part in the worthless deeds of evil and darkness; instead, expose them. [12] It is shameful even to talk about the things that ungodly people do in secret.

Ephesians 5:8, 11-12 NLT

[13] For he has rescued us from the kingdom of darkness and transferred us into the Kingdom of his dear Son,

Colossians 1:13 NLT

- What areas of your life are you living in darkness that don't feel so dark anymore?
- In Acts 26:18, how does the forgiveness of sins correlate with those who are sanctified by faith in Jesus?

DAY 4 Read Acts 26:17-18

[17] And I will rescue you from both your own people and the Gentiles. Yes, I am sending you to the Gentiles [18] to open their eyes, so they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God. Then they will receive forgiveness for their sins and be given a place among God's people, who are set apart by faith in me.'

Acts 26:17-18 NLT

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DAY 5 Read Philippians 2:6-8

[6] Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. [7] Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, [8] he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross.

Philippians 2:6-8 NLT

- What did Paul mean in verse 6 when he said, "though (Jesus) was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to"?
- Why do we struggle with the tension of this verse?

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