# Walking With God: A 5-Day Devotional

## Day 1: Created in God's Image

Scripture to Read: Genesis 5:1–3; Genesis 1:26-28

#### Devotional

Let's be honest: when most of us read the Bible, genealogies are the first sections we tend to skip. They feel like long lists of names we can't pronounce and don't connect with. But what Genesis 5 opens by reminding us of a profound truth: we are created in the image of God. Adam was made in God's likeness, and Seth was born in Adam's likeness. Despite the Fall, that image—though marred—was still present and passed down.

This teaches us two things. First, every person has inherent dignity. You were made to reflect God's character and rule over creation under His authority. That means your life has purpose. You are not an accident; you were created to know God, love Him, and represent Him.

Second, this reminds us that we also inherit a broken image. Adam's sin passed down a sinful nature, and with it, the consequence of death. But even in that brokenness, God's plan of redemption was already unfolding.

This is why Jesus came—to restore what was lost. Through Him, the image of God is renewed in us by the Spirit. As we walk with Christ, we become more like Him, reflecting God's glory once again.

What a powerful reminder that we were made for more. More than survival. More than achievement. We were made for communion with God, and through Christ, that relationship is restored.

# **Reflection Questions**

- How does knowing you're made in God's image shape your identity?
- Where do you see the effects of the broken image in yourself or the world?

## **Practical Application**

Take five minutes to thank God that He has restored and renewed you in Christ.

## **Prayer**

Lord, thank You for creating me in Your image. Even though sin has distorted that image, You have not given up on me. Help me to reflect Your character more clearly each day. In Jesus' name, Amen!

# Day 2: God's Faithful Remnant in a Fallen World

Scripture to Read: Genesis 5:9-20; Romans 11:5-6

#### Devotional

Continuing through Genesis 5, we see the godly line of Seth tracing from Adam toward Noah, names like Enosh and Kenan marking a lineage of faith amid a fallen world. Though surrounded by the godlessness descending from Cain's line (Genesis 4), God preserved a remnant who called on His name. As Romans 11:5-6 reminds us, God chooses a remnant by grace, not works—a truth echoed in the 1689 Confession of Faith that God works through His covenant to save His people (Chapter 7). This genealogy isn't random; it shows God's faithfulness to carry out His redemptive plan.

In our modern lives, it's easy to feel alone as believers. Whether at work, school, or even among family, standing for Christ can seem isolating. Yet, just as God cared for each name in this list—ordinary people in a corrupt age—He cares for us. You're not the only follower; you're part of God's remnant today. Think about the pressures you face: cultural trends, social media scorn, or personal doubts. Genesis 5 assures us that God sees and sustains His people, weaving our small stories into His big story of salvation.

This remnant points forward to Christ, the ultimate fulfillment of God's promise. Through Him, we're grafted into this family of faith, no longer outsiders but heirs. Let's take heart that God never abandons His own. Our call is to remain faithful, trusting He's building His kingdom through us, just as He did through Seth's descendants.

#### **Reflection Questions**

- Where do you feel most like a minority as a Christian, and how does knowing God preserves a remnant encourage you?
- How can you see God's faithfulness in your own family or community of faith?

# **Practical Application**

Take five minutes to write down the names of 2–3 people in your life you want to pass your faith on to. Pray for them by name this week.

# Prayer

Father, thank You for reminding me that every name matters to You. Help me to live with the long view in mind—to walk with You faithfully and invest in the next generation. I want to be part of Your redemptive story. In Jesus' name, Amen!

#### Day 3: Walking with God Like Enoch

Scripture to Read: Genesis 5:21-24; Hebrews 11:5-6

#### Devotional

Today, we focus on Enoch, a standout in Genesis 5. Unlike the pattern of "and he died," Scripture says Enoch "walked with God, and he was not, for God took him" (v. 24). Hebrews 11:5-6 elaborates that by faith, Enoch pleased God and was taken without seeing death. "Walking with God," a phrase unique to Enoch and later Noah, describes a life of intimate communion, ongoing obedience, and alignment with God's will.

Walking with God is the call of every believer. It doesn't mean you'll avoid every hardship. But it does mean you'll live with purpose and power. God invites us not just to believe in Him but to walk with Him.

Imagine walking with a close friend—sharing burdens, staying in step, heading the same direction. That's what Enoch's relationship with God was like, even in a pre-flood world steeped in sin. Today, we're often too distracted to walk with anyone, let alone God. Phones buzz, schedules crowd, and we settle for quick "hellos" instead of deep connection. Enoch shows us a better way: a lifestyle of faith that pleases God (Hebrews 11:6). He wasn't sinless—all have sinned (Romans 3:23)—but saved by grace, he dedicated his life to trusting and following God.

We're invited to this same walk through Christ, who restores our access to God. It's not reserved for pastors or "super Christians" but for everyone in Him. Walking with God means daily prayer, meditating on Scripture, and surrendering our will to His. It's not a one-time decision but a continual choice, even when the world pulls us elsewhere. Enoch's example challenges us to prioritize intimacy with God over fleeting distractions, knowing He rewards those who seek Him.

## **Reflection Questions**

- What does "walking with God" look like in your life?
- Are there areas where you've been walking your own way instead of God's?

## **Practical Application**

Set aside 10 minutes today for uninterrupted time with God—read His Word, pray, and align your heart with His will. Practice His presence.

## Prayer

Father, I long to walk with You as Enoch did, in close fellowship and faith. Help me turn from distractions and prioritize time with You today. Strengthen my heart to trust and obey, knowing You reward those who seek You. In Jesus' name, Amen!

#### Day 4: Victory over Death through Faith

Scripture to Read: Genesis 5:21-24; 1 Thessalonians 4:17

#### Devotional

Enoch's story in Genesis 5 takes a remarkable turn: after walking with God for 365 years, "he was not, for God took him" (v. 24). Unlike the others in this genealogy, Enoch didn't experience death as we know it; God translated him directly into His presence. Hebrews 11:5 calls this a commendation of his faith. Enoch's departure foreshadows the ultimate victory over death for believers, as 1 Thessalonians 4:17 describes—those alive at Christ's return will be caught up to meet Him.

In our world, death looms as the great enemy—through illness, aging, or sudden loss. We fear it, avoid discussing it, and seek to delay it with health trends or technology. Yet Enoch's story pierces this fear with hope. His translation isn't just a historical oddity; it points to the resurrection life Christ won for us. Jesus declared, "I am the resurrection and the life" (John 11:25). Even now, we taste this victory through spiritual renewal, but one day, death will be fully defeated.

Enoch's faith-filled walk led to this incredible end. Likewise, our faith in Christ transforms how we face mortality. We can live boldly, not clinging to this life as the ultimate, but trusting God for the next. Whether we die or are taken at His return, we'll be with the Lord forever. This hope frees us from despair, letting us live for God's glory now, knowing our story doesn't end at the grave.

#### **Reflection Questions**

- How does Enoch's translation into God's presence change your perspective on death?
- Where do you need to trust God more fully with the reality of mortality?

# **Practical Application**

Write a short note or speak to a loved one today about the hope you have in Christ beyond death, encouraging them with this truth.

# Prayer

Lord, I'm thankful for the hope Enoch's story brings—that death isn't the end for those who walk with You. Help me trust in Christ's victory over the grave and live boldly for You. Let me share this hope with others today. In Jesus' name, Amen!

## Day 5: Leaving a Legacy That Lasts

Scripture to Read: Genesis 5:28–32; 1 Timothy 4:10; Philippians 3:12–14

#### Devotional

The chapter closes with another familiar name—Noah. Born into a corrupt world, he would carry the torch of faith through the judgment of the flood. His family line wasn't perfect, but through it, God preserved His promise.

Like Enoch, Noah "walked with God." And like the others in this list, his story was part of a legacy that led to Jesus—the promised seed of Genesis 3:15.

You and I may never make it into a list like Genesis 5, but our walk with God today shapes the legacy we leave tomorrow. Faith is rarely flashy. It's passed along through quiet obedience, steady prayer, and intentional discipleship.

You are someone's ancestor in the faith. What kind of trail are you leaving behind? Perseverance isn't passive; it's active faith—daily choosing God over the world's lure. It's teaching our children His ways, staying in community despite busyness, and speaking truth even when it's unpopular.

Like Enoch and Noah, our legacy matters. Will we be remembered as those who walked with God? Through Christ, we have the Holy Spirit to sustain us, and God's promise to never leave us. Let's toil and strive, as Paul wrote, we press on with hope set on Him. We strain forward. Not for perfection, but to take hold of the One who has taken hold of us. That's what it means to walk with God and leave a legacy that lasts.

## **Reflection Questions**

- What kind of spiritual legacy are you building right now?
- Who has modeled walking with God in your life? How can you thank or emulate them?

# **Practical Application**

Reach out to someone who's influenced your faith journey. Say thank you. Then ask God to help you do the same for someone else.

# Prayer

Father, I want my life to matter—not for fame, but for faithfulness. Help me to walk with You in such a way that others are encouraged to do the same. Use my life to leave a legacy that points to You. In Jesus' name, Amen!