

# Devotional Guide

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## The Fix

***Jesus our redeemer restores us to life through his cross.***

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*The message explores how sin broke humanity's trust with God, allowing evil powers to possess and corrupt the world while enslaving people to sin, death, and darkness. This present evil age is ruled by Satan, with creation groaning under bondage. Yet Jesus, the Creator of all things, becomes the Recreator, reconciling everything through His sacrificial death on the cross. As Kinsman Redeemer, He pays the ransom, rescues believers from the dominion of darkness into His kingdom, and forgives sins. This truth challenges us to identify areas under darkness's control and turn to Jesus for restoration and eternal life.*

### **How to Use This Guide:**

Set aside 10-15 minutes daily. Read the Bible, reflect on the thought, answer questions, pray, and take the action step. Commit to this for growth—journal insights and share with a friend for accountability.

# Day 1: Breaking Trust and Evil's Possession

**Bible Reading:** Genesis 3:1-6, Romans 5:12

## **Devotional Thought:**

The sermon opened with a story of entrusted land lost to a cartel through broken trust—mirroring Genesis where Adam and Eve's sin handed creation to evil. God placed His world in human hands to steward, but rejecting Him led to possession by Satan, the prince of this world.

This shift corrupted everything with a cursed purpose, enslaving us to sin and death. Like the illustration, temptation promises independence but delivers bondage.

Yet God didn't abandon us; His love pursues restoration. Reflect on how small compromises invite darkness—perhaps in habits or relationships. The big idea reminds us Jesus redeems what was lost.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. What does Genesis 3 reveal about temptation's tactics?
2. Where have you experienced broken trust leading to loss?
3. How does Romans 5:12 connect sin's entry to widespread suffering?
4. What personal "forbidden field" tempts you today?
5. How does knowing evil's temporary possession encourage you?

## **Prayer Prompt:**

Lord, forgive where I've broken trust with You. Reveal areas under darkness's control. Thank You for Jesus' redemption. Help me resist temptation. Amen.

## **Action Step:**

Identify one temptation this week and replace it with a Bible truth (e.g., memorize 1 Corinthians 10:13).

# Day 2: This Age Ruled by an Evil god

**Bible Reading:** John 12:31; 14:30; 16:11

## **Devotional Thought:**

The Bible paints a stark picture: This age is ruled not by God's image-bearers but by Satan, the god of this age who blinds minds. The sermon highlighted titles like "ruler of the kingdom of the air," showing his pervasive influence in culture, struggles, and disobedience. We see it in division, addiction, and despair—echoing the cartel's control in the illustration. But this isn't the end; Jesus exposes and overcomes the evil one.

The big idea—Jesus restores life through His cross—shifts our allegiance from darkness to His kingdom. In daily life, recognize Satan's subtle blinds (e.g., materialism) and claim Jesus' authority.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. What do John's verses say about Satan's role?
2. How have you felt "blinded" by unbelief or doubt?
3. Describe a cultural example of this "evil age."
4. How does knowing Satan's rule is limited change your perspective?
5. What hope does the big idea offer here?

## **Prayer Prompt:**

Father, open my eyes to Satan's deceptions. Protect me from his influence. I declare allegiance to Jesus' kingdom. Strengthen me in truth. Amen.

## **Action Step:**

Share with a friend one way you've seen evil's rule and pray together for breakthrough.

# Day 3: Dark Forces and Slavery to Sin

**Bible Reading:** Ephesians 6:12, Acts 26:18; Ephesians 2:2

## **Devotional Thought:**

Dark forces dominate this evil age, as the sermon described—darkness reigns, powers at work in disobedience. We're slaves, minds blinded, spirits influenced. Like the story's destitution under cartel rule, sin leaves us groaning in hardship.

But Jesus confronts these forces head-on. Through His cross, He disarms them (Colossians 2:15), freeing us. The big idea invites us to live as rescued people, not slaves. In real life, this means battling anxiety or anger with prayer, recognizing spiritual warfare behind surface issues. Embrace vulnerability; grace abounds.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. What phrases in Ephesians 6:12 stand out?
2. Share a time you felt spiritual opposition.
3. How does Acts 26:18 describe turning from darkness?
4. In what area do you feel enslaved to sin?
5. How can Jesus' victory apply practically?

## **Prayer Prompt:**

Jesus, thank You for conquering dark forces. Free me from sin's grip. Equip me with Your armor. Fill me with light. Amen.

## **Action Step:**

Put on the "armor of God" (Ephesians 6:10-18) daily—pray through one piece today.

# Day 4: Creation's Suffering & Jesus as Creator

**Bible Reading:** Romans 8:19-22, Colossians 1:15-17

## **Devotional Thought:**

Creation suffers under evil's possession—frustrated, decaying, groaning like childbirth pains. The sermon tied this to our sin's consequences, corrupting God's good world.

Yet Colossians reveals Jesus as Creator: All things by, through, and for Him, holding together. This affirms God's rightful ownership despite evil's temporary hold.

The big idea—restoration through the cross—promises renewal for all creation. In daily life, environmental issues or personal pain reflect this groan; respond with stewardship and hope. Jesus' creative power sustains us now.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. What images in Romans 8 describe creation?
2. How have you seen suffering in nature or life?
3. What does Colossians 1:15-17 reveal about Jesus?
4. Where do you need Jesus to "hold together" your world?
5. How does this fuel hope for the future?

## **Prayer Prompt:**

Creator God, heal Your groaning creation. Sustain me in chaos. Thank You for Jesus' holding power. Renew my heart. Amen.

## **Action Step**

Care for creation—pick up litter or recycle mindfully, praying for global restoration.

## Day 5: Jesus as Recreator & Kinsman Redeemer

**Bible Reading:** Colossians 1:18-22, Mark 10:45

### **Devotional Thought:**

Jesus isn't just Creator—He's Recreator, reconciling all through His cross. The sermon portrayed Him as Kinsman Redeemer: Becoming human to pay our ransom, restoring possession from slavery. Sins forgiven, we're presented holy.

This counters the dominion of darkness, as God rescues us into His Son's kingdom (Colossians 1:13-14). In real life, apply by surrendering stuck areas—relationships, addictions.

The big idea transforms shame to freedom. Celebrate: While sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8).

### **Reflection Questions:**

1. How does Colossians 1:18-22 describe reconciliation?
2. What emotions arise thinking of Jesus' cross?
3. Explain Kinsman Redeemer—how does it fit Jesus?
4. What sin needs His forgiveness today?
5. How will this change your self-view?

### **Prayer Prompt:**

Redeemer Jesus, thank You for Your cross. Forgive my sins. Present me holy. Restore my life fully.

### **Action Step:**

Confess a specific sin to God (or a trusted friend) and receive forgiveness.

# Day 6: Living Redeemed in Jesus' Kingdom

**Bible Reading:** Colossians 1:12-14, John 3:16

## **Devotional Thought:**

Review the week: From broken trust to redemption. God qualifies us for light's inheritance, rescues from darkness, grants forgiveness.

The big idea—Jesus restores life through His cross—calls us to live freely, not enslaved. In relationships, work, dreams—reject evil's control, embrace Jesus' rule. Share this hope; invite others.

Ongoing challenge: Daily declare allegiance to His kingdom. God's love (John 3:16) motivates eternal life.

## **Reflection Questions:**

1. What does Colossians 1:12-14 promise?
2. How has this guide shifted your view of darkness?
3. Share a key insight from the week.
4. Where will you apply the big idea outward?
5. How can you celebrate redemption today?

## **Prayer Prompt:**

Loving Father, thank You for rescue and forgiveness. Help me live in Your kingdom. Use me to share this hope.

## **Action Step:**

Tell one person about Jesus' redemption—text, call, or in person. Review the guide weekly for momentum.



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