

Day 3

2026 Holy Week Devotional



Vibrant  **Life**
BAPTIST CHURCH

A Journey of Grace, Reflection, and Faith

A Message from Vibrant Life Baptist Church

To our Vibrant Life family and friends,

Welcome to this sacred season of reflection. As we journey through Holy Week together, our hearts are fixed on the horizon, expectantly looking forward to the glorious celebration of **Resurrection Sunday**.

The purpose of this devotional is simple yet profound: **to strengthen our body in the discipline of prayer**. There is a unique, transformative power when a congregation unites with a common focus. By setting aside these moments, we are not just reading words on a page; we are joining our voices as one to seek the heart of God.

Our Focus: The Heart of Jesus as Evidenced by His Final Thoughts

This year, our devotions center on the final teachings of Jesus to His disciples—and to all of us who would follow in His footsteps. Even while facing imminent death, Jesus' primary concern remained the redemption and restoration of mankind, and to instill confidence and to strengthen the believer. This selfless love is most evident in the **Gospel of John, chapters 14 through 17**. Within these chapters, we find His promises of peace, the gift of the Holy Spirit, and His high priestly prayer for our unity.

How to Use This Devotional

To help us stay grounded in the Word throughout the day, each day is structured with:

- **Morning Scripture & Prayer Prompt:** To center your mind as you begin your day.
- **Evening Scripture & Prayer Prompt:** To reflect on His grace before you rest.

Our Shared Commitment

We invite you to be **consistent** in this practice. We encourage every member of our church family to participate daily, making the time each morning and evening to read and pray. As we align our spirits with the teachings of Jesus, may we find ourselves more deeply connected to Him and to one another.

Let us walk this path together, moving toward the empty tomb with renewed faith and a united heart.

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Morning Reading and Prayer Prompt:

John 15:4-7

⁴ *“Remain in me, and I in you. Just as a branch unable to produce fruit by itself unless it remains on the vine, neither can you unless you remain in Me. ⁵ I am the vine; you are the branches. The one who remains in Me and I in him produces much fruit, because you can do nothing without Me. ⁶ If anyone does not remain in Me, he is thrown aside like a branch and he withers. They gather them, throw them into the fire, and they are burned. ⁷ If you remain in Me and My words in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this: that you produce much fruit and prove to be my disciples.”*

Key Points:

- The believer, left to his own devices, cannot bear fruit in the absence of consistently remaining in the presence of Jesus.
- Abiding, or staying in contact with our Lord and Savior, and the Word of God are prerequisites to answered prayer.

Prayer Prompt:

- Be transparent in prayer regarding your time spent “abiding” with Jesus. No matter how much time we spend, it can never be enough. Ask to increase your desire to be with Him.
- Cry out for His presence and power in your life.

Evening Reading and Prayer Prompt:

John 15:12-13

¹² *This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this: to Lay down his life for his friends.”*

Key Points:

- Agape, the love Jesus was explaining in this passage, is a sacrificial love—a love where the concern for another is acted upon, and the desires, needs, and wants of the one exhibiting love, become secondary.
- Jesus provided us with the greatest example of agape love. He did not simply die on the cross; but, as an act of sacrificial love, his death paid the ultimate penalty for the sins of the entire world. Truly, there has been, “No greater love...”

Prayer Prompt:

- Give thanks for Jesus’ never-ending love, and what His love means to you on a personal level
- Confess to God that you are selfish by nature, and need His help and prompting to demonstrate agape love toward others.