

## **Summer in the Psalms-Week 4 – Five Day Devotional**

### **Day 1: The Beauty of Unity**

Reading: Psalm 133:1-3; John 17:20-23

Devotional: Unity is more than just proximity; it's a reflection of God's very nature. As we read Psalm 133, we're reminded that unity among believers is both good and pleasant. It's a powerful witness to the world of God's love and presence among us. Jesus Himself prayed for our unity in John 17, showing its critical importance in God's plan.

Today, reflect on your relationships within the body of Christ. Are there areas where disunity has crept in? Ask God to reveal any attitudes or actions that may be hindering unity in your church or family. Pray for a spirit of humility and love that fosters true, Christ-centered unity.

### **Day 2: Anointed for Purpose**

Reading: Exodus 30:22-33; 1 John 2:20-27

Devotional: The imagery of anointing oil in Psalm 133 points to our calling and consecration in Christ. Just as Aaron was set apart for holy service, we too have been anointed by the Holy Spirit. This anointing isn't just a one-time event, but a continual empowering for God's purposes.

Consider how you're using the gifts and calling God has given you. Are you allowing His anointing to flow through you to others? Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any areas where you might be resisting His leading. Commit to walking in step with His guidance today, allowing His anointing to touch every aspect of your life and ministry.

### **Day 3: The Refreshing Dew of God's Presence**

Reading: Hosea 14:4-7; James 4:7-10

Devotional: The dew of Hermon in Psalm 133 symbolizes God's refreshing presence among His people. Like dew, God's presence often comes quietly, almost imperceptibly, yet it brings life and growth. Our unity with God and each other creates an environment where His presence can flourish.

Take time today to "be still and know that He is God" (Psalm 46:10). In the quiet moments, allow God's presence to refresh your spirit like morning dew. Is there an area of your life feeling dry or barren? Submit it to God, asking for His renewing presence. As you draw near to Him, trust that He will draw near to you, bringing new life and fruitfulness.

#### Day 4: Taking Up Our Cross Daily

Reading: Luke 9:23-26; Galatians 2:20

Devotional: True unity with Christ and others requires daily surrender. Jesus calls us to "take up our cross daily," a reminder that following Him involves continual choices to die to self. This self-denial isn't about self-hatred, but about aligning our will with God's perfect will.

What might "taking up your cross" look like in your life today? Is there a relationship that needs mending, a habit that needs breaking, or a calling that needs embracing? Ask God for the courage to lay down your own agenda and fully embrace His. Remember, in losing our life for Christ's sake, we truly find it.

#### Day 5: Pressing On Toward Maturity

Reading: Philippians 3:12-14; Hebrews 6:1-3

Devotional: Unity and spiritual maturity go hand in hand. Like Paul, we're called to "press on" toward the goal of Christlikeness. This journey isn't about perfection, but about persistent growth and alignment with God's purposes.

Reflect on your spiritual journey. Where have you seen growth? Where do you still need to mature? Ask God to reveal areas where you might be stagnant or resisting growth. Commit to taking one practical step toward greater maturity today, whether it's deepening your prayer life, serving others, or addressing a character flaw. Remember, God is faithful to complete the good work He's begun in you (Philippians 1:6).