



Devotions for Sept. 27-Oct. 4, 2025

"LIVING THE LEGACY"

"Why Church?" Series, Week 3

Day 1 – The Legacy

Scripture—*“Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted.”* — Matthew 28:16-17

Reflection—Jesus’ disciples were a mix of worship and doubt, courage and fear. Even after witnessing the resurrection, some struggled to fully believe. This is where the Church begins—not with perfect people, but with followers willing to take the next step of faith.

The Church is not built on our strength or perfection. It is built on Jesus’ finished work and His presence with us. The legacy of the Church started with ordinary people encountering an extraordinary Savior. Just as Jesus met His disciples on the mountain, He meets us where we are today—bringing purpose and calling even in our uncertainty. Our role is to trust Him enough to take the next faithful step.

- **Where do you see yourself in the disciples—worshiping, doubting, or both?**
- **What legacy of faith have you received from others, and what legacy do you want to leave?**

Prayer—*Jesus, thank You for meeting me in both my worship and my doubts. Build Your Church in and through me, and help me trust You to shape the legacy I leave behind. Amen.*

Day 2 – The Commission

Scripture—*“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”* — Matthew 28:19-20

Reflection—Jesus didn’t simply tell His followers to gather; He sent them out. The Church is a movement, not just a meeting. Our purpose is to know Jesus deeply and help others do the same. The Great Commission gives us clarity and direction. Every follower of Jesus plays a role in His mission:

- **Go – Live sent, wherever you are.**
- **Make disciples – Invest in people, not just programs.**
- **Teach and baptize – Share the fullness of life in Christ.**

And through it all, we are not alone—Jesus’ presence goes with us. When the Church embraces this calling, it becomes a vibrant force for good, transforming communities and lives.

- **What does “go” look like in your everyday life—work, home, or neighborhood?**
- **Who might God be calling you to intentionally invest in as a disciple?**

Prayer—*Lord, help me see the mission field right where I am. Give me boldness to go, courage to speak, and a heart that longs to see others know You. Amen.*

Day 3 – You Will Receive Power

Scripture—*“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”* — Acts 1:8

Reflection—Jesus knew His followers couldn’t carry out His mission on their own. The Holy Spirit equips the Church with power to be witnesses—showing and telling the good news of Jesus through our lives. The Church is not fueled by human effort but by the Spirit of God. This power isn’t about control or status; it’s about transformation. The Spirit:

- **Empowers us to speak boldly.**

- Guides us with wisdom.
- Unites us as one body.
- Sends us to the world with love and courage.

When we rely on the Spirit, we step into a story far bigger than ourselves.

- **Where do you need the Spirit's power in your life right now?**
- **How could you open yourself to the Spirit's leading today?**

Prayer—*Holy Spirit, fill me with Your presence and power. Guide my steps, shape my words, and help me live as a faithful witness to Jesus. Amen.*

Day 4 – They Devoted Themselves

Scripture—*“And they devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles.”* — Acts 2:42-43

Reflection—The early Church was marked by devotion. They didn’t just attend a gathering once a week; they shared life together, growing in faith and caring for one another.

Church is more than a building or event. It’s a spiritual family formed around Jesus. The early believers were devoted to four key practices:

- **Teaching – Learning God’s Word together.**
- **Fellowship – Building authentic relationships.**
- **Breaking Bread – Sharing meals and remembering Christ’s sacrifice.**
- **Prayer – Seeking God’s presence and power.**

When we devote ourselves to these rhythms, we experience awe, transformation, and a deep sense of belonging.

- **Which of these four practices do you find most meaningful right now?**
- **How could you grow in devotion to your church family this season?**

Prayer—*Lord, help me be deeply devoted to Your Word, Your people, and Your mission. Shape me into a faithful member of Your body, bringing Your love to the world. Amen.*

Day 5 – Communion

Scripture—*“For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord’s death until he comes.”* — 1 Corinthians 11:26

Reflection—Communion is more than a ritual—it is a sacred moment where heaven touches earth, reminding us of Jesus’ sacrifice and our shared identity as His people. At the table, we come as equals—sinners saved by grace—united not by what we’ve done, but by what Christ has done for us. When we gather for communion, it’s not just a private act between us and God. It’s deeply communal. Together, we remember that:

- **Christ’s sacrifice – His body was broken and His blood shed to bring us life and reconciliation with God.**
- **Our unity – Though we are many, we form one body, joined together in love and humility. Communion tears down barriers of race, class, age, and background, reminding us that we belong to one another in Christ.**
- **Our mission – As one family, we are sent back into the world to live as witnesses of Jesus’ love and grace.**

Communion is also a meal of hope. We look back to the cross, experience God’s presence with us today, and look forward to the day when we will feast together with Jesus in His kingdom. It strengthens not only our relationship with God, but also our commitment to care for and serve one another as the Church.

- **What does communion mean to you personally, both individually and in the context of community?**
- **How does sharing the Lord’s Table shape the way you view others in the Church?**

Prayer—*Jesus, thank You for Your sacrifice and for inviting me to Your table. Help me see communion not only as a gift for me, but as a bond that unites Your people in love and service. Strengthen Your Church to live as one body, reflecting Your grace to the world until the day we feast with You face-to-face. Amen.*