



5-Day Devotional: God's Sovereign Plan of Mercy

Day 1: The Simplicity of God's Revealed Will

Read: Romans 9:14-18; Exodus 33:12-19

God's will is not hidden or mysterious—He has abundantly revealed it through creation and His Word. When Moses pleaded for God's presence after Israel's rebellion with the golden calf, God responded with mercy because Moses humbled himself. God declares, "I will show mercy to whom I will show mercy." This isn't arbitrary; it's directed toward those who humble themselves and align with His redemptive plan. Today, God's plan remains clear: salvation through Jesus Christ alone. Stop searching for secret knowledge or complicated formulas. God wants you to know Him and His plan. The question isn't whether God has revealed Himself clearly—it's whether you'll humble yourself to receive what He's offering. Will you stop doing things your way and surrender to His simple, powerful gospel today?

Day 2: The Danger of a Hardened Heart

Read: Romans 9:17-18; Exodus 7-12 (summary of the plagues)

Pharaoh received ten warnings—ten opportunities to humble himself and release God's people. Each plague was an invitation to repent, yet he hardened his heart repeatedly. Eventually, God hardened Pharaoh's heart in judgment. This pattern continues today. Romans 1 teaches that when people persistently reject God's revealed truth, He gives them over to their choices. The more you reject God's plan, the harder your heart becomes until you can no longer respond. This is why we rarely see elderly people come to Christ—decades of riding past churches and rejecting opportunities have calcified their hearts. If you're reading this and haven't surrendered to Christ, today is your opportunity. Don't be like Pharaoh. Don't wait for one more warning. Soften your heart now while you still can.

Day 3: From Dishonor to Honor Through Repentance

Read: Romans 9:19-24; Jeremiah 18:1-10

The potter has authority over the clay. God can fashion vessels for honorable or dishonorable use. But here's the beautiful truth from Jeremiah 18: if a nation destined for judgment repents, God relents. If a blessed nation rebels, judgment comes. You are not locked into your current state. If you're living for dishonorable purposes—enslaved to sin, pursuing your own way—you can be transformed into a vessel for honor. It requires one thing: repentance. Abraham pleaded for Sodom, asking if God would spare it for fifty righteous people, then ten, then five. God would have relented, but they couldn't be found. Today, God is still in the business of transformation. Your past doesn't define your future. Humble yourself, repent, and watch God remake you into something beautiful—a vessel prepared for honorable use in His kingdom.



Day 4: Faith, Not Works

Read: Romans 9:30-33; Ephesians 2:8-9

The tragedy of Israel was pursuing righteousness through works while Gentiles received it through faith. Many today make the same mistake—thinking good deeds, church attendance, or moral living will earn heaven. But Scripture is clear: you cannot work your way to God. You cannot earn salvation. You will never be good enough because "all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." The only path to righteousness is faith in Jesus Christ, the cornerstone. For some, Jesus becomes a stumbling stone because they refuse to abandon self-righteousness. Pride says, "I can do this myself." Faith says, "I need a Savior." Which voice are you listening to? Stop trying to earn what can only be received as a gift. Confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord, believe God raised Him from the dead, and you will be saved.

Day 5: No Excuse—Respond to the Gospel

Read: Romans 1:18-23; Romans 10:14-17

Some ask, "What about those who've never heard the gospel?" God's answer: Go and tell them. Faith comes by hearing. God's plan involves His people carrying the message to the ends of the earth. But here's the uncomfortable truth: the people in greatest danger aren't those in unreached places—they're those who hear the gospel repeatedly and reject it. If you live where churches stand on every corner, where Bibles are accessible, where the gospel is freely proclaimed, you are without excuse. You cannot claim ignorance. Every Sunday you drive past a church, every invitation you decline, every sermon you hear and ignore hardens your heart further. Today is your day of salvation. Don't wait for another opportunity that may never come. Humble yourself, repent, and receive God's mercy through Jesus Christ before it's eternally too late.