



# 5 Day Devotional

This five-day devotional will be taking a deeper dive into the sermon from this weekend. We will explore the themes of readiness, vigilance, and faithful living as we await the return of Jesus Christ. Through scripture, reflection, and prayer, let us prepare our hearts and minds for His imminent return.

## Day 1

## *Mark 13:32-33*

Not knowing the exact time of Jesus' return calls us to live a life of constant readiness and anticipation. Jesus emphasized the importance of staying alert and remaining vigilant because we do not know the day or hour. This uncertainty is a divine strategy to encourage us to live each day as if He could return at any moment.

As we begin this devotional series, reflect on the areas of your life where you have become spiritually lazy or complacent. Jesus calls us to be watchful, not idle. Our daily walk should reflect a readiness to meet Him at any moment, striving to cultivate a vibrant and active faith life.

- How do you feel about the uncertainty of Jesus' return?
- What areas of your spiritual life have you let become idle?
- In what practical ways can you stay more alert and vigilant in your faith?
  
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to awaken any areas of spiritual slumber in your life.
- Ask God to help you live each day with an awareness of Jesus' imminent return.

## **Day 2**

### *Mark 13:34-35*

Jesus used a parable of a man going on a journey, leaving his house, and assigning tasks to his servants. This parable illustrates the responsibilities we have been given as we await His return. Each of us has been entrusted with specific roles and duties within the Kingdom of God.

Being alert is not just about avoiding sin but actively engaging in the work God has set before us. Consider what tasks or callings God has placed in your life. Are you fulfilling them with diligence and faithfulness?

Jesus expects us to be productive and faithful servants, making the most of the time we have.

- What tasks or roles do you feel God has assigned to you?
- How can you ensure that you are fulfilling these roles diligently?
- What distractions prevent you from fully engaging in God's work?
- Pray for clarity and strength to carry out the roles God has given you.
- Ask God to help you identify and remove distractions from your spiritual tasks.

## Day 3

*Mark 13:36-37*

Jesus' return will be sudden and unexpected. Therefore, He repeatedly calls us to remain watchful. Living in constant readiness means we cannot afford to be spiritually asleep or complacent. The danger of falling into a state of spiritual slumber is real and significant.

Reflect on the urgency and importance of Christ's return. How does this impact your daily decisions and priorities? Being vigilant means keeping our spiritual eyes open and actively anticipating His return, ensuring that we are living in a way that honors Him.

- What does spiritual vigilance look like in your daily life?
- In what ways can you remind yourself of Jesus' imminent return?
- How does the thought of Jesus' return affect your daily priorities?
- Pray for a heart that remains vigilant and watchful for Jesus' return.
- Ask God to help you prioritize your life in a way that honors Him.

## Day 4

## *Acts 1:6-8*

As we wait for Jesus' return, He has given us a commission: to be His witnesses to the ends of the earth. Staying awake means actively participating in this mission, sharing the Good News and demonstrating His love through our actions.

Consider how you are fulfilling the Great Commission in your life. Are you boldly sharing the Gospel with those around you? Waiting on Jesus includes a commitment to furthering His Kingdom. Reflect on how you can be more effective in your witness for Christ.

- How can you be a more effective witness for Christ in your community?
- What steps can you take to share the Gospel more boldly?
- What role does prayer play in your witness for Christ?
  
- Pray for courage and opportunities to share the Gospel.
- Ask God to help you live a life that reflects His love and truth.

# Day 5

## *2 Peter 3:11-12*

In light of Christ's return, we are called to live holy and godly lives. This means making intentional choices that reflect our hope in Him. Our actions, thoughts, and decisions should all point towards our anticipation of His return.

Reflect on areas where your life may not align with the holiness and godliness Jesus desires. The anticipation of His return should provoke a transformation in us, leading us to live lives that are pleasing to Him and set apart from the world.

- In what areas of your life do you need to pursue greater holiness?

- How can you continuously remind yourself of Christ's imminent return?
- What changes can you make to align your life more closely with God's standards?
- Pray for strength and wisdom to live a holy and godly life.
- Ask God to help you make choices that honor Him and reflect your hope in Christ.