

ROMANS 10:5-13

EVERYONE WHO CALLS

A 5-DAY DEVOTIONAL

*"For everyone
who calls on the name
of the Lord will be saved."*

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GOD CAME
TO US



RECEIVE
BY FAITH



CONFESS
JESUS AS LORD



EVERYONE
IS INVITED

YOUR ONE

*Continue praying
for the one God
has placed on
your heart.*

PRAY • LOVE • INVITE

I AM PRAYING FOR:

YOU DON'T HAVE TO CLIMB TO REACH GOD.
HE CAME TO YOU.

A 5-Day Devotional on Romans 10:5-13 • Pastor John Forthman

Day 1 - You Don't Need A Taller Ladder

Scripture: Romans 10:6 - "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'"

Reflection

Our natural instinct is to ask, "What do I have to do to reach God?" Try harder. Become better. Climb higher.

But the gospel begins with something completely different. God came to us. You do not have to climb into heaven to find Christ. He already came down. You do not have to accomplish something extraordinary to make yourself worthy of Him.

God acted first. He sent His Son. Jesus lived among us. He went to the cross for us. He entered the grave for us. And God raised Him from the dead.

Salvation is not something waiting at the top of a ladder. Christ has already come near. The question is no longer, "How can I reach God?" The question is, "Will I receive what God has already done for me?"

Questions for Reflection

- Where am I still trying to earn God's acceptance?
- Do I think I need to make myself worthy before coming to Christ?
- How would my life change if I truly rested in what Jesus has already done?

Prayer: Father, thank You for coming to me when I could never reach You. Help me stop trying to earn Your grace and receive what Christ has already accomplished for me. Amen.

Day 2 - The Word Is Near

Scripture: Romans 10:8 - *"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart."*

Reflection

Sometimes we make following Jesus more complicated than it needs to be. We think we need to understand everything first. Know more Scripture. Have all our questions answered. Get our lives straightened out.

But Paul says something wonderfully simple: The word is near you.

God has not hidden salvation from us. It is not reserved for scholars, pastors, or especially religious people. God has brought the good news near in Jesus Christ.

That also means you do not have to have everything figured out before taking your next step of faith. Maybe there are things about God you still do not understand. That is okay. Faith does not mean having every answer. Faith means trusting the One who has come near. Today, instead of worrying about everything you do not know, respond faithfully to what God has already shown you.

Questions for Reflection

- What have I made more complicated than God intended?
- Am I waiting until I "know enough" before taking a step of faith?
- What is one step of obedience God is asking me to take today?

Prayer: Lord, thank You that You are not far away. Help me trust what You have revealed and faithfully take the next step You place before me. Amen.

Day 3 - Put Your Weight On Jesus

Scripture: Romans 10:9 - *"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved."*

Reflection

There is a difference between believing a chair can hold you and actually sitting in it. You can examine the chair. Study how it was built. Tell others how strong it is. But eventually belief means putting your weight on it.

The same is true with Jesus. Saving faith is more than knowing facts about Christ. It is more than knowing Bible stories or agreeing that Jesus existed. It is trust.

To believe in your heart is to place the weight of your life upon the risen Christ.

Your past. Your future. Your eternity. All of it.

Jesus is not asking you simply to know more about Him. He is inviting you to entrust yourself to Him. You do not have to hold yourself up anymore. Jesus can bear the weight.

Questions for Reflection

- Do I merely know about Jesus, or am I trusting Jesus?
- What part of my life am I still trying to carry myself?
- What would it look like to put that weight on Christ today?

Prayer: Jesus, I trust You. Help me place the full weight of my life in Your hands. Teach me to depend upon You rather than myself. Amen.

Day 4 - Jesus Is Lord

Scripture: Romans 10:9 - *"If you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord..."*

Reflection

"Jesus is Lord" is more than a religious phrase. It is a declaration of allegiance. Jesus is not merely someone we admire. He is not simply someone we call when life becomes difficult. He is not one part of a life that otherwise belongs to us.

He is Lord. That means Jesus has a claim on everything. Our relationships. Our money. Our time. Our plans. Our priorities. Our future.

Following Jesus means saying, "My life belongs to You." This does not mean we earn salvation by surrendering enough areas of our lives. Grace is still a gift.

But surrender is what genuine faith begins to look like. If Jesus truly is Lord, there should eventually be no part of our lives marked, "Keep Out."

Today, ask Him to reveal anything you are still holding back.

Questions for Reflection

- What does calling Jesus "Lord" mean in my everyday life?
- Is there an area of my life I have been reluctant to surrender?
- What would obedience to Jesus look like in that area today?

Prayer: Jesus, You are Lord. My life belongs to You. Show me anything I am holding back, and give me grace to surrender every part of myself to You. Amen.

Day 5 - Everyone Means Everyone

Scripture: Romans 10:13 - "For everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

Reflection

Whoever. All. Everyone. Paul keeps widening the circle.

The gospel is not only for people who grew up in church. It is not only for people who have lived respectable lives. It is not only for people who seem close to God. The invitation is for everyone.

That includes the person you have been praying for. Maybe your "one" seems uninterested. Maybe they have been away from church for years. Maybe they have made mistakes. Maybe you have begun assuming they would never respond.

Do not make that decision for them. No one is beyond the reach of God's grace. So bring your one before God again today. Pray for them. Love them. And perhaps now it is time to take another step.

Invite them. You do not have to pressure them or have the perfect words. Simply ask: "Would you come to church with me Sunday?" Then trust God with their answer.

Questions for Reflection

- Have I begun assuming that my "one" will never respond?
- Do I really believe the gospel is for them?
- What is keeping me from inviting them?

Prayer: Lord, thank You that Your invitation is for everyone. Continue working in the heart of the person I have been praying for. Give me courage to invite them, and help me trust You with what happens next. Amen.