# THE cruciformed LIFE DAILY DEVOTIONAL

**Day 1: The Ultimate Sacrifice** 

Daily Reading: John 3:16-21

### **Devotional**

God's love for us is immeasurable, demonstrated through the ultimate sacrifice of His Son. As we reflect on John 3:16, let's consider the depth of this love. God didn't just say He loved us - He proved it through action. How does this sacrificial love change your perspective on your own life and relationships?

## **Application**

Today, meditate on how you can reflect God's sacrificial love in your interactions with others, even when it's challenging. What "comfortable" aspects of your life might God be calling you to sacrifice for His kingdom?

Day 2: A Life Shaped by the Cross

Daily Reading: Galatians 2:20-21

### Devotional

Paul speaks of being crucified with Christ, illustrating how our lives should be fundamentally transformed by the cross. This "cruciformed life" isn't about minor adjustments, but a complete reorientation of our priorities and identity.

## **Application**

Reflect on areas of your life that still need to be surrendered to Christ. Are there aspects of your old self that you're clinging to? Ask God to help you embrace your new identity in Him, allowing His life to shine through you in all you do.

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**Day 3: The Cost of Discipleship** 

Daily Reading: Luke 14:25-33

### **Devotional**

Jesus doesn't sugarcoat the cost of following Him. He calls us to prioritize our relationship with Him above all else - even family ties. This doesn't mean hating our loved ones, but loving Jesus so much that all other loves pale in comparison.

## **Application**

Consider what "counting the cost" looks like in your life. Are there areas where you've been unwilling to fully commit to Christ? Pray for the courage to follow Jesus wholeheartedly, trusting that His way, though often challenging, leads to true life.

Day 4: Love in Action

Daily Reading: 1 John 3:16-18

### **Devotional**

True love is active, not passive. Just as Christ laid down His life for us, we're called to sacrificially love others. This might mean standing with someone through their darkest moments, setting aside our own comfort to meet another's needs, or choosing forgiveness when it's difficult.

## **Application**

Reflect on relationships in your life where God might be calling you to demonstrate sacrificial love. How can you move beyond words to tangible acts of love today?

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Day 5: Perseverance in Faith

Daily Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

**Devotional** 

The Christian life is often compared to a race, requiring endurance and focus. We're encouraged to fix our eyes on Jesus, who endured the cross for the joy set before Him. In moments of weariness or discouragement, remember Christ's example. What "weights" or sins might be hindering your spiritual race?

## **Application**

Ask God for the strength to persevere, keeping your gaze firmly on Jesus. Consider how you can encourage fellow believers in their faith journey, creating a community of support and accountability.