



5 Daily Devotionals

Day 1: Which Lens Are You Looking Through?

Key Verse:

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” —
Colossians 3:2

Reflection:

Every day, we interpret the world through a lens. For many, that lens has quietly become political—shaping how we see people, truth, and even right and wrong. But when that happens, something dangerous follows: we begin to lose the ability to hear God’s Word clearly.

The problem isn’t that we live in a political world. The problem is when politics becomes the filter through which we interpret everything—including Scripture. When that happens, we can start excusing sinful attitudes, dehumanizing others, and justifying behavior that doesn’t reflect Christ at all.

God calls us to a better way. He calls us to see life through His Word—to let Scripture define truth, not culture or party. When we look through the lens of Christ, we begin to see people not as opponents, but as souls. Not as enemies, but as neighbors.

And that changes everything.

Prayer:

Lord, guard my heart from seeing the world through anything but Your truth. Help me to love others as You do and to hold fast to Your Word above all else. Amen.

Day 2: The Sacredness of Life

Key Verse:

“Whoever sheds the blood of man, by man shall his blood be shed, for God made man in his own image.” — Genesis 9:6

Reflection:

After the flood, God established something new: human responsibility for justice. Why? Because human life is sacred. Every person bears the image of God, and that gives life immeasurable value.

We often forget how seriously God takes this. Scripture paints a powerful picture—when innocent blood is shed, it cries out to Him. He sees. He hears. He cares deeply.

This is why God established human government: to restrain evil and protect life. Justice is not about revenge—it’s about upholding the dignity God has given to every person.

For us, this truth reshapes how we see others. No one is “less than.” No one is disposable. Whether we agree with them or not, every person carries God’s image.

And that means how we speak, act, and respond matters more than we think.

Prayer:

Father, help me to see every person as You see them—valuable, created, and loved. Guard my heart from treating others with anything less than dignity. Amen.

Day 3: God and Government

Key Verse:

“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God.” — Romans 13:1

Reflection:

It's not easy to hear: God has established government—even imperfect ones. That includes leaders we agree with and those we don't.

When the apostle Paul wrote these words, he lived under a ruler who persecuted Christians. And yet, he still called believers to submit to governing authorities. Why? Because government serves a purpose—it restrains evil and promotes order.

This challenges our instincts. We're used to pushing back, criticizing, or even mocking authority. But Scripture calls us to something different: respect, obedience, and prayer.

There is one important exception—when we are forced to go against God's Word. In those rare moments, we must obey God rather than man. But even then, the response is not rebellion or violence—it is faithful, peaceful obedience to Christ, whatever the cost.

Our ultimate trust is not in government. It is in God, who remains sovereign over all things.

Prayer:

Lord, give me a heart that honors authority while remaining faithful to You. Help me trust that You are in control, even when I don't understand. Amen.

Day 4: Two Kingdoms, One Mission

Key Verse:

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations.” — Matthew 28:19

Reflection:

God has given two distinct roles in this world: the state and the church. The state uses authority to restrain evil and enforce justice. The church proclaims the gospel and leads people to eternal life.

When we confuse these roles, problems follow. We begin to expect the government to save us—or we expect the church to enforce laws. But that’s not God’s design.

The church’s mission is clear: bring people to Jesus.

That means we don’t write people off because of their politics. We don’t celebrate when someone walks away from faith. We don’t stop caring about souls.

Instead, we love. We speak truth. We call people to repentance. And we point them to Christ.

Because at the end of the day, eternity matters more than anything else.

Prayer:

Jesus, keep me focused on what matters most—bringing people to You. Help me love others deeply and care about their eternity. Amen.

Day 5: Hope Beyond This World

Key Verse:

“I have set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be a sign of the covenant.” — Genesis 9:13

Reflection:

After the flood, God gave a promise—and a sign. The rainbow was more than beauty in the sky; it was a reminder that God keeps His Word.

Even in a broken world, God remains faithful. He is patient. He is merciful. And He is still working out His plan.

It's easy to become overwhelmed by what we see around us—division, corruption, uncertainty. But our hope has never been in this world. Our hope is in God.

One day, He will bring justice. One day, He will make all things new. And one day, those who trust in Him will live in a place with no pain, no sorrow, and no sin.

Until then, we live by faith. We trust His promises. And we keep our eyes on eternity.

Prayer:

Faithful God, thank You for Your promises that never fail. Help me to trust You, even when the world feels uncertain, and to live with eternity in view. Amen.

Small Group Discussion Guide: God, Government, and Our Calling

Opening Icebreaker

Think of a time when a political issue caused tension in a relationship (family, church, or friendship).

What made it so difficult to navigate?

Key Scripture

- **Genesis 9:5–6** – God establishes the value of human life and the foundation for justice
 - **Romans 13:1–4** – Authorities are established by God
 - **Acts 5:29** – “We must obey God rather than men.”
 - **1 Timothy 2:1–2** – Pray for those in authority
 - **2 Chronicles 7:14** – God’s people are called to repentance
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Main Idea

God established government to restrain evil and protect life. Christians are called to respect authority, but their ultimate loyalty is to God. Our mission is not political victory—but eternal salvation through Christ.

Key Teaching Points

1. Human Life Is Sacred

- Every person is made in God’s image (Genesis 9:6)
 - Justice matters because life matters to God
 - Sin against others is ultimately sin against God
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2. Government Is God-Given

- Authorities exist by God's design (Romans 13:1)
 - Purpose: restrain evil and promote good
 - Government is not perfect—but still serves a role in God's order
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3. Christians Are Called to Obey... With Limits

- We obey governing authorities as a general rule
 - Exception: when we are **forced to disobey God** (Acts 5:29)
 - Response is not rebellion, but **faithful obedience to God—even at a cost**
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4. Two Kingdoms, Two Missions

- **Government:** enforces laws, restrains evil
 - **Church:** proclaims the gospel, leads people to salvation
 - Confusing these leads to:
 - Treating politics like salvation
 - Losing focus on eternity
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5. The Danger of Political Idolatry

- Viewing politics as ultimate truth or hope
- Dehumanizing those who disagree
- Letting political identity override biblical truth

Truth: Our hope is not in government—but in Jesus Christ.

6. What Christians Are Called to Do

- See the world through a **biblical lens**, not a political one
- Pray for leaders (1 Timothy 2:1–2)
- Speak truth with humility and love
- Call people (and nations) to repentance (2 Chronicles 7:14)
- Keep the focus on eternity, not just earthly outcomes

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think politics can so easily become an “idol” in people’s lives?
2. What does it look like to view current events through a biblical lens instead of a political one?
3. When is it difficult for you to respect or pray for leaders? Why?
4. How can Christians stand for truth without becoming harsh or divisive?
5. What’s one practical way you can keep your focus on Christ instead of politics this week?

Closing Prayer

Lord God,

You are the true King over all nations and authorities. Forgive us for the times we have trusted in human systems more than in You. Give us wisdom to see the world through Your Word and not through divided perspectives. Help us to honor authority where You call us to, and to stand firm in faith when we must obey You above all else. Teach us to love others—even those we disagree with—and to keep our focus on what truly matters: the salvation You give through Jesus Christ.

Strengthen our faith, guide our hearts, and use us to point others to You.

In Jesus’ name, Amen.