

# DAY FIVE

## WE SACRIFICE

Did today's title catch you off guard? Maybe you were curious, wondering if we were going to talk about baseball and how to hit a sacrifice bunt? Or did it make you want to skip today's reading because you immediately went to the cost of sacrificing? To what's being given up or what's being asked of you.

To sacrifice is to surrender or give up for the sake of something else. Too often we see sacrifice as only the cost, rather than the purpose. A sacrifice is a giving up for the sake of something more. We see this perfectly exemplified in Jesus: He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness; by His wounding you have been healed. (1 Peter 2:24) His sacrifice was the way to our salvation. What perfect grace and mercy!

As followers of Jesus, we too make sacrifices, for the building up of His people and for the spread of the gospel, all to the glory of His great name.

"Therefore, through Him let us continually offer up to God a sacrifice of praise, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Don't neglect to do what is good and to share, for God is pleased with such sacrifices." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

When we talk about sacrifice, consider these areas:

- Time
- Preference
- Money
- Praise
- Commitment
- Self-control
- Comfort

What areas do you sacrifice? Write a few down below. If you're not sacrificing, write down some areas you would like to grow in.

## REFLECTION

Take a moment to reflect on this Instagram caption from Louie Giglio:

*Church: birthed long before you were born -  
and will endure long after your life is over.  
Her Head is eternal and unrivaled, Jesus Christ!  
Don't count on her to fold.  
Hell will not prevail against Christ's Church.  
Use your gift.  
Take your place.  
Play your part.*

## **EPHESIANS 4:25-32**

Grab your Bible and open to today's reading. Use the PRAY and HEAR tools as you spend time in the Word.

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Take a moment and use the PRAY tool to respond in prayer.