

# Sharon Methodist Church

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## WEEKLY HOME DEVOTION For Sunday, June 14, 26

### Day 1: More Than a Label

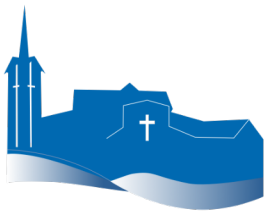
**Devotional** - It is easy to wear the word "Christian" like a name tag you put on Sunday morning and take off before Monday arrives. But that word carries far more weight than we often give it. Christian means "little Christ." It is not just a religious category. It is a declaration about who you are and whose you are. When Jesus looked out at the crowds in Matthew 9, He did not see a problem to avoid. He saw people who were harassed and helpless, and He was moved with compassion. That compassion led to action. It always does. If Jesus has genuinely touched your life, that change does not stay contained to one morning a week. It leaks out. It shows up in how you treat people, how you respond under pressure, and what you talk about when no one is asking you to perform. You are not just someone who attends church. You are someone who has been made new. That is worth living out loud, not to impress anyone, but because it is simply who you are now. Today is a great day to ask yourself what the people closest to you actually know about your faith. Not what you believe in theory, but what they have seen in your life. The answer might surprise you, and it might just be the nudge you need.

**Bible Verse** - "When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd." - Matthew 9:36

**Reflection Question** - If someone who knows you well were asked to describe what matters most to you, would your faith in Jesus be near the top of their list?

**Quote** - "Do you know that Christian means little Christ? So when you stand up and you say, oh, I'm a Christian, you're not just saying that you go to church on Sunday. You're saying that he's touched me, made me whole, and now I'm going to go be just like him in the world."

**Prayer** - Lord, thank You for making me new. Help me to live in a way that reflects who You are, not just on Sundays, but in every moment of every day. Amen.



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### Day 2: Undercover No More

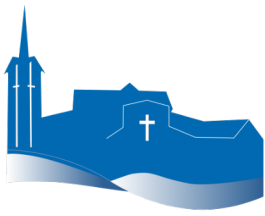
**Devotional** - Culture has a quiet way of training us to keep our faith to ourselves. Keep it in the building. Keep it off the clock. Keep it out of the conversation. And slowly, without even realizing it, many of us become undercover Christians, people who believe deeply but live in a way that gives almost no one a clue. Here is a simple and honest test. If your neighbors or coworkers know more about your favorite team, your garden, or your weekend plans than they know about the Jesus who changed your life, your faith may be hiding in plain sight. That is not a reason for guilt. It is an invitation to something better. One woman worked in a place where talking about religion was off limits. She never pushed. She never preached. But the peace she carried and the way she lived made such an impression that her own boss came to her privately and asked her to teach him how to pray. She did not announce her faith. She simply could not contain it. You do not have to be loud to be visible. You just have to be real. When Jesus lives in you, He has a way of showing up whether you plan for it or not. Let Him.

**Bible Verse** - "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me." - Revelation 3:20

**Reflection Question** - Is there an area of your daily life where you have been keeping your faith quiet, and what might it look like to simply let it show?

**Quote** - "Undercover Christians. That's what we generally have in our culture today. That's what our culture asked for. By the way, you can have your Christianity, but keep it to yourself. Keep it in your church on Sunday morning. Don't let it squeak out anywhere."

**Prayer** - Jesus, forgive me for the times I have hidden what You have done in my life. Give me the courage to let Your light shine through me naturally and boldly. Amen.



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### Day 3: The Harvest Is Now

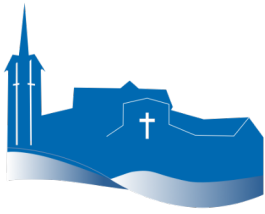
**Devotional** - Jesus looked at the crowds and felt something deep in His chest. Not frustration. Not indifference. Compassion. He saw real people carrying real burdens, wandering without direction, and His heart broke for them. Then He said something that should stop us in our tracks. The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. He was not describing a problem for someone else to solve. He was looking at His disciples and asking, will you go? That question has not expired. The people in your neighborhood, your office, your family, and your circle of friends are the harvest He is talking about. They are not projects. They are people He loves, people who are harassed and helpless, just like the crowds He saw then. You do not have to travel across the world to find the harvest. It is right outside your front door. It is sitting across from you at lunch. It is in the next cubicle. The good news is that you are not being sent out alone or unprepared. Jesus sent His disciples with a clear promise of His presence and power. That same promise is yours. The harvest is ready. The question is simply whether you are willing to show up.

**Bible Verse** - "The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field." - Matthew 9:37-38

**Reflection Question** - Who is one specific person in your life right now who might be part of the harvest Jesus is calling you toward?

**Quote** - "The harvest is ready. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest. He's asking us, are you ready to go pick some people?"

**Prayer** - Lord of the harvest, open my eyes to the people around me who need You. Give me a heart of compassion and the willingness to show up for them. Amen.



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### Day 4: You Are Already Equipped

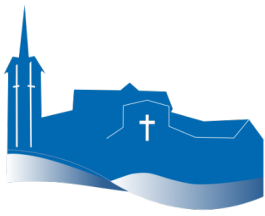
**Devotional** - One of the most common reasons people stay quiet about their faith is fear. Fear of saying the wrong thing. Fear of not having the right answer. Fear of making it awkward. It feels safer to stay silent than to stumble through a conversation you feel unprepared for. But here is what Jesus told His disciples before He sent them out. Do not worry about what you will say. When the moment comes, the words will be given to you. That promise was not just for the twelve. It belongs to every person who has the Holy Spirit living inside them. You do not need a polished presentation. You do not need a theology degree. You need to be available and willing, and God will take care of the rest. Think about that woman whose boss came to her asking how to pray. She did not have a plan. She just had a life that pointed to Jesus, and when the door opened, she walked through it. You are not going out empty-handed. You carry the same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead. That is not a small thing. That is the most powerful force in the universe living inside of you, ready to speak through you when you say yes.

**Bible Verse** - "When you are brought before synagogues, rulers and authorities, do not worry about how you will defend yourselves or what you will say, for the Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say." - Luke 12:11-12

**Reflection Question** - What is one fear or excuse that has kept you from sharing your faith, and how does the promise of the Holy Spirit speak directly to that?

**Quote** - "You've got the Holy Spirit in you. You're not an undercover Christian. You're an on fire Christian. Because the power of the Holy Spirit lives within you. And God will give you the words to say."

**Prayer** - Holy Spirit, I trust You to speak through me when I do not have the words. Help me to be willing and available, and remind me that I am never doing this alone. Amen.



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### Day 5: Live It Every Day

**Devotional** - Worship is not something that happens only inside a building on Sunday morning. It is a way of living. Every conversation, every act of kindness, every moment of patience under pressure, every time you choose grace over frustration, that is worship. It is you saying with your life that Jesus is Lord. Over these past few days, we have talked about what it means to carry the name Christian, about the harvest waiting right around you, about the compassion Jesus had for hurting people, and about the power you already carry through the Holy Spirit. Now it comes down to a daily choice. Will the people in your life know you belong to Jesus? Not because you handed them a tract or forced a conversation, but because they simply cannot explain you any other way? Will they see something in you that makes them want what you have? If you have been living as an undercover Christian, today is a fresh start. No condemnation, just an open door. Step through it. Let Jesus come out of you in the way you work, the way you love, and the way you live. The world around you is waiting. And you are exactly the person God wants to use.

**Bible Verse** - "Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness." - Matthew 9:35

**Reflection Question** - What is one practical, everyday change you can make this week that would make your faith more visible to the people around you?

**Quote** - "If you feel like maybe you've been being an undercover Christian, then let today be the day you say, no more, Lord. Will the people around you be with you in heaven? Because you just can't stop talking or singing or praising the name of Jesus."

**Prayer** - Father, let my life be an act of worship every single day. May the people around me see Jesus in me so clearly that they are drawn to You. Amen.