



## **Carrollton Christian Fellowship**

### **Matthew 3: 5-Day High School Devotions**

Day 1: The Starting Point - Repentance

Scripture: Matthew 3:1-6

Devotional:

Hey there! We're diving into the story of John the Baptist in Matthew 3, where he talks about repentance. Think of repentance as turning around when you're going the wrong way. It's not just feeling sorry for something wrong you've done; it's making a conscious choice to change your direction and start doing what's right.

Reflection:

Ever had that moment when you realized you needed to do better—whether it's in your studies, with your friends, or even in a game? Making that decision to change takes guts and action. Repentance is the same. It's recognizing when we mess up and making a U-turn to follow Jesus.

Prayer:

Dear God, help me to understand what repentance truly means. Show me the areas in my life where I need to change and guide me to make those changes with your strength. Amen.

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Day 2: Understanding Baptism

Scripture: Matthew 3:11

Devotional:

John the Baptist's baptism was a sign of repentance, preparing people for Jesus. But when Jesus came, He showed us a deeper meaning of baptism—it's about being cleansed and starting fresh. Baptism with the Holy Spirit means God's power helps us live out this new life.

Reflection:

Think about how you feel after a fresh start—like the first day of school or a new sports season. Baptism is like that but even more awesome! It's a chance to start over with God's power backing you up.

Prayer:

Jesus, thank You for the fresh start that baptism represents. Help me to understand its significance and to walk in the new life You give me. Guide me daily with Your Spirit. Amen.

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## Day 3: Showing Real Change

Scripture: Matthew 3:8

### Devotional:

John the Baptist calls us to "bear fruits worthy of repentance." This means that if we've truly repented, it should show in how we live. Our actions should reflect the change that has happened inside us.

### Reflection:

Think about the effort you put into improving your grades or becoming better at a hobby. It takes consistent effort and choices. Living for Jesus is the same—it shows in what we do and how we treat others.

### Prayer:

Lord, help me to show real change in my life. Let my actions reflect my commitment to You. Guide me to make choices that honor You and show the world that I am following You. Amen.

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## Day 4: Power of the Holy Spirit

Scripture: Acts 1:8

### Devotional:

Jesus told His disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit before starting their mission. The Holy Spirit isn't just about feeling good; it's about being equipped with God's power to live out His plans for us.

### Reflection:

Imagine getting a super boost in a video game—suddenly, you can do things you couldn't before. The Holy Spirit is like a super boost for our spiritual lives, helping us to say no to wrong choices and to live boldly for Jesus.

### Prayer:

Holy Spirit, I need Your power in my life. Help me to live boldly and do what's right, even when it's tough. Fill me with Your strength and guide me in all I do. Amen.

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## Day 5: Living by God's Standards

Scripture: Matthew 3:10

### Devotional:

Living in God's Kingdom means we follow His rules and principles. God's Word helps us to know what's right and challenges us to grow and change. It's like having a GPS for life that helps us navigate all the twists and turns.

### Reflection:

Think about how you follow the rules in a game to play it well. Living by God's standards is like that, but for life. It helps us stay on the right path and live in a way that pleases Him. What are some ways you can start living by God's principles at school, at home, or with friends?

Prayer:

God, help me to live by Your standards every day. Teach me through Your Word and help me to apply it in my life. Show me how to make the right choices and live in a way that honors You. Amen.

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Closing Thoughts:

As you journey through high school, remember that a relationship with Jesus gives you the foundation and direction you need. Embrace repentance as a change of direction, understand the fresh start that baptism represents, show real change in your actions, rely on the Holy Spirit for strength, and live by God's standards. Let your life reflect His love, grace, and power.