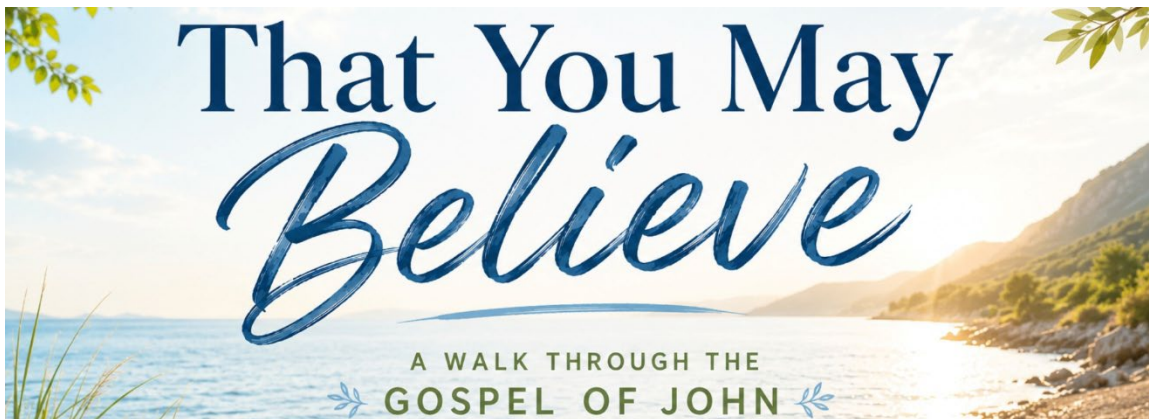




That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 11

(John 7:37-52)

Sunday, August 9, 2026

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Drawn from the Theme of Living Water and the Faithfulness of God

Day 1: The Invitation to the Thirsty

Reading: John 7:37-38

Devotional: Jesus chose the final day of the Feast of Tabernacles, the moment when no water was poured out on the altar, to make His most urgent invitation. The silence of the empty ritual became the backdrop for His loudest declaration. He did not wait for a perfect crowd or a willing audience. He stood and called out to anyone who was dry, wandering, and spiritually parched. That invitation has never been withdrawn. Whatever desert you are walking through today, the offer remains. Come. Drink. He is not a seasonal source. He is a river that never runs dry.

Reflection Question: In what area of your life are you still trying to find water from a dry well instead of coming to Jesus?

Practical Application: Identify one area where you have been seeking fulfillment apart from Christ. Write it down and intentionally bring it before Him in prayer today, surrendering it as an act of trust.

Day 2: The Spirit as Living Water

Reading: John 4:13-14; Isaiah 44:3

Devotional: When Jesus described the Holy Spirit as living water, He was not reaching for a random metaphor. Water gives life, revitalizes the weary, and sustains growth over time. The Spirit does all of these things and more. Isaiah records God's promise to pour out His Spirit on dry and thirsty ground, a promise that points forward to Pentecost and inward to every believer's heart. The Spirit is never

dormant. He is never asleep. If you have felt distant from His movement, the issue is not His absence. It is often our own numbness. Ask Him to make you aware again.

Reflection Question: When did you last notice the Holy Spirit actively moving in your daily life? What made you aware of it?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes today in complete silence. Ask the Holy Spirit to make His presence known to you. Do not fill the silence with requests. Simply listen and pay attention.

Day 3: A Faith That Moves You to Action

Reading: John 4:28-30; Ephesians 4:1

Devotional: The woman at the well did not sit down and quietly enjoy her encounter with Jesus. She left her water jar, went back into the town she had been avoiding, and began telling everyone she could find about the man who had seen her completely and loved her anyway. The living water Jesus poured into her immediately began to flow outward. This is the nature of genuine faith. It does not stay contained. It overflows into the lives of those around us. The memory verse from Ephesians reminds us that we have been called, and that calling is not passive. It moves us toward others.

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs to hear what Jesus has done for you? What is keeping you from telling them?

Practical Application: Think of one person in your life who does not know Jesus. Write their name down and commit to praying for them by name every day this week. Ask God to open a natural opportunity for you to share your story.

Day 4: Justice, Love, and the Cross

Reading: Romans 5:6-8; John 3:16-17

Devotional: The story of the king who wrapped himself around his daughter to absorb her punishment is a human picture of a divine reality. God's justice demanded that sin be answered. His love refused to let that answer fall on us alone. These two things, justice and love, are not in conflict in the character of God. They meet at the cross. Jesus did not come to condemn but to save. He absorbed what we deserved so that we could receive what He earned. Every time the weight of your failures feels too heavy, return to this truth. The cross was not an accident. It was the plan.

Reflection Question: Do you tend to view God more through the lens of His justice or His love? How does the cross bring those two things together for you personally?

Practical Application: Read Romans 5:8 slowly and substitute your own name into the verse. Let the personal weight of that truth settle into your heart before you move on with your day.

Day 5: Faithful Through the Valley

Reading: Psalm 23:4; 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Devotional: The Smith family's update is a living testimony to what it looks like to trust God in the middle of a long and painful road. Five of seven weekends in a hospital. Treatments that exhaust the body. And yet, the language they used was gratitude, not bitterness. They spoke of God's goodness and faithfulness even while the trial was not over. This is the fruit of a life rooted in living water. The river of the Spirit does not stop flowing when suffering arrives. It sustains us through it. God is present in the valley, not just on the mountain.

Reflection Question: Is there a current trial in your life where you have been waiting for God to show up, when He may already be present and sustaining you in ways you have not yet recognized?

Practical Application: Write down three specific ways God has been faithful to you during a difficult season, past or present. Share at least one of them with someone today as an act of witness and encouragement.