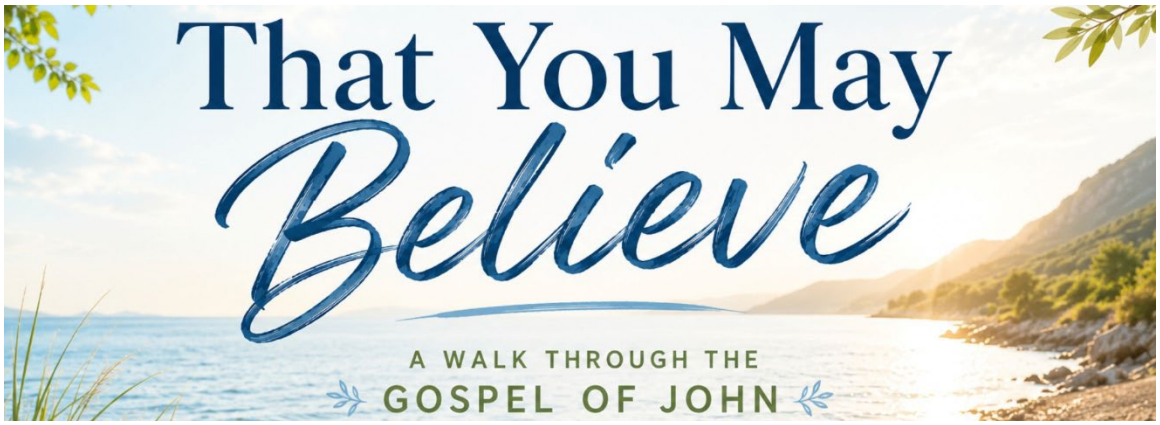

That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 24

(John 14:15-31)

Sunday, November 8, 2026

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Day 1: You Are Not Alone

Reading: John 14:15-18

Devotional: Jesus did not leave his disciples without comfort, and he has not left you without it either. His promise of the Holy Spirit was not a consolation prize — it was the continuation of his presence in a new and permanent form. The disciples feared abandonment, and so do we. We fear being left to navigate grief, confusion, and failure on our own. But Jesus looked his closest friends in the eye and said he would not orphan them. That same promise extends to you today. Whatever you are carrying, you are not carrying it alone.

Reflection: In what area of your life have you been behaving as though God has left you on your own?

Application: Spend five minutes in silence today, acknowledging the presence of the Holy Spirit before you speak a single word in prayer.

Day 2: The Advocate Who Knows the Unknown

Reading: John 14:25-26

Devotional: Jesus described the Holy Spirit as a teacher and a reminder — one who would bring back to memory everything he had said. This means the Holy Spirit is not passive. He is active, engaged, and working on your behalf in ways you cannot always perceive. Just as an older sibling might explain the unknown expectations of a parent to a younger one, the Holy Spirit navigates the depths of God on our behalf. He intercedes for us in the places where our words run out and our understanding falls short. He knows what you need before you can name it.

Reflection: Have you ever experienced a moment of unexpected peace or clarity that you could not explain? How might the Holy Spirit have been at work in that moment?

Application: Read Romans 8:26-27, which describes the Holy Spirit interceding for believers. Write down one situation in your life where you need him to intercede right now.

Day 3: Peace That the World Cannot Manufacture

Reading: John 14:27

Devotional: Jesus made a clear distinction between the peace he offers and the peace the world offers. The world offers distraction, medication, achievement, and noise — anything to keep us from sitting with our fear. Jesus offers something entirely different: a peace that does not depend on circumstances being resolved. He spoke these words to men who were about to watch him die. He was not promising them an easy road. He was promising them a settled soul in the middle of an unsettled road. That is the gift. Not the removal of trouble, but the presence of peace inside of it.

Reflection: What is the difference between avoiding anxiety and walking through it with God? Which pattern do you tend to default to?

Application: Identify one fear or source of anxiety you have been avoiding. Bring it directly to God in prayer today, asking the Holy Spirit to walk through it with you rather than around it.

Day 4: Reserved for Those Who Say Yes

Reading: Ephesians 1:13-14

Devotional: The Holy Spirit is not distributed randomly. He is a gift reserved for those who place their faith in Jesus Christ. Ephesians describes him as a seal — a mark of ownership and a deposit guaranteeing what is still to come. This is not exclusion for the sake of exclusion. It is the natural result of relationship. You cannot receive the full measure of something you have not committed to. The moment a person says yes to Jesus, the Holy Spirit takes up permanent residence. Not as a visitor. Not as a seasonal guest. As an indwelling, constant, never-departing presence. That yes changes everything.

Reflection: Have you said yes to Jesus? If so, how has your awareness of the Holy Spirit's presence in your life grown or diminished over time?

Application: If you have never surrendered your life to Jesus, today is the day to say yes. If you have, take time to thank God specifically for the gift of the Holy Spirit and ask him to make you more aware of his presence this week.

Day 5: The Story Is Not Over

Reading: John 14:28-31

Devotional: Jesus told his disciples they should have been rejoicing for him, not mourning. He was returning to the Father, to his full glory, to the completion of the mission. What looked like an ending was actually the hinge point of history. The cross, the tomb, the resurrection, the ascension, and the coming of the Holy Spirit were all part of one unbroken story of God refusing to abandon his people. That story has not ended. You are living inside of it right now. Whatever chapter you find yourself in today — whether it feels like a burial or a resurrection — God is still writing, and he does not leave his stories unfinished.

Reflection: Where in your life does it feel like God has gone silent or stepped away? How does the full arc of John 14 reframe that feeling?

Application: Write down one promise from this week's readings that you will choose to stand on this week, regardless of how your circumstances look. Return to it every day until it becomes something you believe not just intellectually, but in your bones.