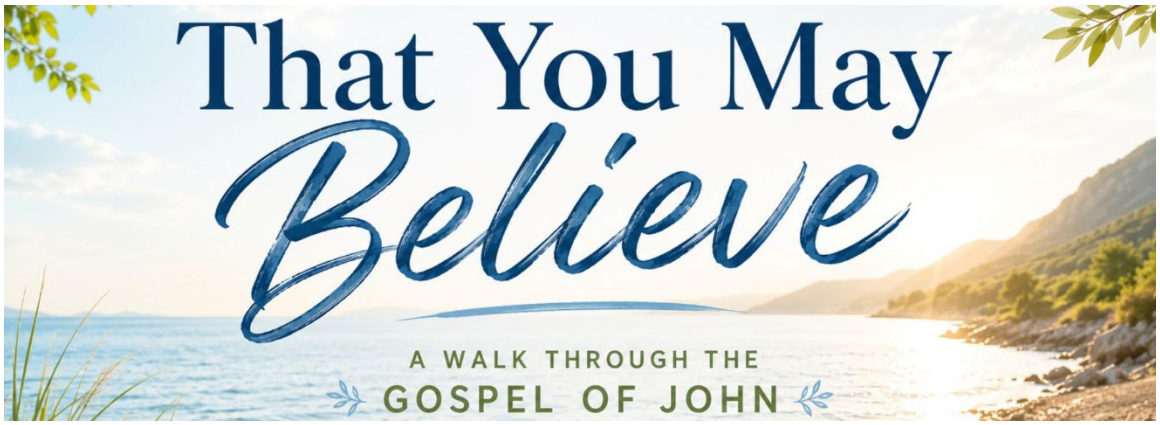

That You May Believe: A Walk Through the Gospel of John - Wk 25

(John 16)

Sunday, November 15, 2026

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Theme: Anchored in the Spirit — Trusting God Through Every Season

Day 1: The One Thing Worth Seeking

Reading: Psalm 27:1-8

Devotional: The psalmist did not ask for comfort, success, or the removal of enemies. He asked for one thing: to dwell in the presence of God continually. This is not a request for a physical location but a posture of the soul — a life oriented entirely toward God regardless of circumstance. When daily pressures crowd out that singular focus, the soul drifts. But when dwelling in God's presence becomes the organizing desire of your life, everything else finds its proper place. Today, examine what you are seeking most. Is it solutions to problems, or is it God Himself? Pursue His presence first.

Reflection Question: What competing desires are currently crowding out your pursuit of God's presence in your daily life?

Practical Application: Set aside ten uninterrupted minutes today with no agenda other than to be still before God. No requests, no lists. Simply acknowledge who He is.

Day 2: Praise as a Weapon

Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:1-22

Devotional: King Jehoshaphat faced an army he could not defeat by human strength. His response was not strategy — it was worship. He sent singers ahead of the soldiers, and as praise rose, God moved. This is not a formula for manipulating God; it is a declaration of trust that precedes visible deliverance. Praise in the valley is not denial of difficulty. It is the bold assertion that God reigns over what you cannot

control. When you are outnumbered and surrounded, praise shifts your focus from the size of the problem to the sovereignty of the One who holds all things together.

Reflection Question: Is there a situation in your life right now where you have been waiting for deliverance before you begin to praise?

Practical Application: Write down one specific difficulty you are facing. Beneath it, write three specific truths about God's character that are true regardless of the outcome of that situation. Speak those truths aloud as an act of praise.

Day 3: He Has Not Left You Alone

Reading: John 16:1-15

Devotional: Jesus told His disciples plainly that hardship was coming. He did not soften the reality of opposition, but He refused to leave them without provision for it. His answer to their coming suffering was the gift of the Holy Spirit — not a consolation prize for His absence, but something He described as genuinely advantageous. The Helper convicts, guides, and consistently points every believer back to Christ. Whatever trial you are navigating today, you are not navigating it alone. The same Spirit who raised Christ from the dead dwells in you. His presence is not a distant comfort; it is an active, sustaining, personalizing power at work in your specific circumstances right now.

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life are you relying on your own strength rather than consciously depending on the Holy Spirit?

Practical Application: Before making any significant decision or entering any difficult conversation today, pause and pray specifically for the Holy Spirit's guidance. Practice making this a repeated habit throughout the day rather than a one-time request.

Day 4: The Blood That Holds

Reading: Romans 5:6-11

Devotional: Paul makes a staggering argument in this passage. He reasons from the greater to the lesser: if God demonstrated His love for us while we were still enemies by sending His Son to die, how much more will He care for us now that we are His children? The blood of Christ is not only the means of your justification; it is the ongoing guarantee of God's commitment to you. When doubt whispers that God has forgotten you or that your failures have exhausted His patience, return to the cross. What was accomplished there was not conditional on your performance. It was a declaration of love written in permanent terms.

Reflection Question: Are you currently living as though the cross was sufficient, or are you unconsciously trying to supplement it with your own effort or worthiness?

Practical Application: Read Romans 5:8 slowly three times today. Each time, replace the word "us" with your own name. Let the personal weight of that truth settle into your thinking before you move on with your day.

Day 5: Built on What Cannot Shake

Reading: Matthew 7:24-27; Psalm 46:1-11

Devotional: Jesus did not promise that the storms would not come to the person who builds on Him. He promised that when the storms came, the house would stand. The rain fell on both houses in His parable. The difference was not the severity of the storm but the foundation beneath each builder's feet. Psalm 46 echoes this with stunning imagery — mountains falling into the sea, nations in uproar — and yet the refrain is stillness and confidence in God. The storms of life are not evidence of God's absence or disapproval. They are the very conditions in which a deep foundation proves its worth. You are held by what cannot be moved.

Reflection Question: When difficulty arrives, what does your first instinct reveal about where your true foundation lies?

Practical Application: Identify one area of your life that currently feels unstable or uncertain. Write down one specific promise from Scripture that speaks directly to that area. Post it somewhere visible this week as a daily reminder of the foundation beneath you.

Each day this week, return to the memory verse from Psalm 27:4 — the declaration that dwelling in God's presence is not one priority among many, but the singular pursuit that makes all other things clear.