

2026-07-29 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Themes of 2 Chronicles 20 and the Sermon

Day 1: When Fear Knocks, Let Faith Answer

Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:1-4

Devotional: Jehoshaphat received terrifying news. Three armies were marching against him. His first response was alarm, but his second response was to inquire of the Lord. He did not let fear have the final word. There is a critical difference between feeling fear and being ruled by it. Fear is a signal; faith is the response. When circumstances feel overwhelming, the wisest move is not to strategize or panic, but to stop, fast, and seek God. What threatening situation in your life right now needs to be brought before the Lord rather than wrestled with alone?

Practical Application: Identify one current fear or anxiety. Write it down, then spend five minutes in silence asking God what He wants you to understand about it rather than telling Him how to fix it.

Day 2: Remembering Who God Is

Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:5-12

Devotional: Jehoshaphat's prayer is a masterclass in how

to approach God under pressure. He did not begin with his problem. He began with God's character, recounting His sovereignty, His power, and His faithfulness throughout Israel's history. The declaration in verse 12 summarizes the entire posture of the prayer: we do not know what to do, but our eyes are upon You. This is not weakness. This is the most honest and courageous thing a person can say. Admitting our inability and redirecting our gaze toward God's sufficiency is the foundation of genuine faith. God is not surprised by your situation. He was already there.

Practical Application: Write a short prayer today that begins not with your requests but with specific truths about who God is. Name at least three of His attributes before you bring a single need before Him.

Day 3: The Battle Belongs to the Lord

Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:13-17

Devotional: The Spirit of the Lord came upon Jehaziel and delivered a word that defied all military logic: you will not have to fight this battle. God was not asking Jehoshaphat to be passive. He was asking him to be positioned. There is a profound difference between the two. Positioning means showing up in obedience, standing firm, and trusting that God will act in ways beyond your capacity to engineer. Many of the battles we exhaust ourselves fighting were never ours to win in the first place. Surrendering the outcome to God is not giving up. It is

stepping into the freedom of trusting a sovereign Father.

Practical Application: Consider one struggle you have been trying to resolve entirely through your own effort. Pray specifically, releasing the outcome to God and asking Him to show you what faithful obedience looks like in that situation, separate from controlling the result.

Day 4: Worship as a Weapon

Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:18-22

Devotional: Jehoshaphat made one of the most counterintuitive decisions in all of Scripture. He placed the worshipers at the front of the army. Before any sword was drawn, voices were lifted. As they began to sing and praise, God sent ambushes against the enemy. Worship is not simply an emotional experience or a Sunday morning routine. It is a declaration of where your trust lies. It reorients the mind away from the vastness of the problem and toward the greatness of God. Singing truth about who God is does not change your circumstances immediately, but it changes you in the middle of them, and that changes everything.

Practical Application: Choose one hymn or worship song today whose lyrics speak truth about God's faithfulness. Sing it aloud or speak the words slowly, letting each line settle into your thinking as an act of deliberate trust rather than mere sentiment.

Day 5: The Peace That Follows Obedience

Reading: 2 Chronicles 20:23-30

Devotional: The enemies destroyed one another. Judah collected plunder for three days. The surrounding nations were filled with the fear of God. And the kingdom of Jehoshaphat was at peace. This is the fruit of a life ordered around God's authority rather than human strategy. The peace described here was not simply the absence of conflict. It was the settled rest that comes when a people have seen God move in undeniable ways and have responded with worship. Romans 8:28 reminds us that God works all things together for the good of those who love Him and are called according to His purpose. He is not wasting your trial. He is working through it.

Practical Application: Take time today to write down two or three moments in your own life when God came through in a way you could not have arranged yourself. Keep this record somewhere accessible. Return to it the next time fear tempts you to forget who is truly in charge.