

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Theme: United as Family, Built by God

Day 1: The God Who Hears Our Grief Reading: Nehemiah 1:1-11 Devotional: Nehemiah did not rush into action when he heard devastating news about his people. He sat down, wept, mourned, fasted, and prayed. There is something profoundly honest about that response. God does not require us to pretend we are fine before we come to him. He invites us into his presence exactly as we are, broken and overwhelmed. Whatever wall in your life feels collapsed right now, bring it to God first. He is not impatient with your grief. He listens. The first step toward rebuilding is never a plan. It is prayer.

Day 2: Impossible Work, Faithful People Reading: Nehemiah 3:1-12, Nehemiah 4:14 Devotional: The wall of Jerusalem was not rebuilt by one extraordinary person. It was rebuilt by priests, merchants, goldsmiths, daughters, and laborers, people from wildly different backgrounds, working side by side. Nehemiah called them brothers and called them to fight for one another. God rarely calls one person to do what he intends for a community to accomplish together. Look around at the people God has placed in your life. They are not accidental. They are part of what he is building. Your contribution to the shared work matters more than you may realize.

Day 3: When God Gets the Credit Reading: Nehemiah 6:15-16, Nehemiah 8:1-12 Devotional: When the wall was finished, the surrounding nations were afraid, not because of the Israelites' skill or strength, but because they recognized that only God could have made such a thing possible. That is the testimony that a unified, God-centered community produces in the world. When we stop striving in our own strength and begin worshiping together with a shared focus on God, the watching world takes notice. Celebrate what God has done in and through your community. Worship is not the reward for finishing the work. It is the fuel that makes the work mean something.

Day 4: The Early Church and the Power of Togetherness Reading: Acts 2:42

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Day 5: No More Dividing Walls Reading: Ephesians 2:11-22 Devotional: Paul writes that Christ has torn down the dividing wall of hostility between people who had no reason to trust or love one another. The distance between Jew and Gentile in the ancient world was vast, cultural, religious, and historical. Yet the cross made them one. The same is true today. Whatever separates you from someone else in your church family, whether it is age, background, experience, or personality, Christ has already addressed it. You are being built together into something God himself inhabits. Lean into the discomfort of unity. The family of God is worth the effort.