

2026-08-05 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on Themes from the Sermon on Jehoshaphat, Obedience, and Wholehearted Devotion

Day 1: Setting Your Heart on Seeking God

Reading: 2 Chronicles 19:1-3

Devotional: Jehoshaphat was not a perfect king, yet Scripture notes one thing in his favor: he had set his heart on seeking God. That single posture of the heart made a difference in how God regarded him. It is easy to evaluate our spiritual lives by our outward behavior alone, but God looks deeper. He looks at the direction your heart is facing. Are you oriented toward him, even imperfectly? Today, ask God honestly whether your heart is truly turned toward him or whether you have settled for the appearance of devotion without the pursuit of it. A seeking heart is where everything begins.

Reflection: What does it look like practically for you to seek God today, not just on Sunday or Wednesday, but in the ordinary hours of your week?

Day 2: The Fear of the Lord as a Foundation

Reading: Proverbs 9:10, 2 Chronicles 19:7-9

Devotional: Jehoshaphat instructed the judges he appointed to serve faithfully and wholeheartedly in the fear of the Lord. This fear is not a cowering terror but a deep, settled reverence that reshapes how we make decisions, treat others, and carry out our responsibilities. When the fear of the Lord is genuinely upon us, we stop asking what we can get away with and start asking what honors God. Proverbs tells us this fear is the very beginning of wisdom. Without it, we drift toward convenience. With it, we are anchored to something far greater than our own preferences and comfort.

Reflection: In what area of your life are you currently making decisions based on convenience rather than on reverence for God? What would change if the fear of the Lord truly guided that area?

Day 3: Going Out Among the People

Reading: Acts 8:26-38

Devotional: Philip was in the middle of a genuine revival in Samaria when the Spirit told him to leave and travel a deserted road. He did not argue or negotiate. He simply went. On that road, God had already positioned an Ethiopian official who was searching the Scriptures but could not understand them. Philip's obedience became the bridge between that man's searching and his salvation. The sermon reminds us that God sometimes calls us away from what feels productive to go where he has already been working. Obedience does not always make immediate sense, but it always makes an eternal difference.

Reflection: Has God placed a specific person on your heart recently? What would it look like to be obedient to that prompting, even if it feels inconvenient or unexplainable?

Day 4: Serving Faithfully Rather Than Comfortably

Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:26-29, Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: Paul reminds us in 1 Corinthians that God deliberately chooses what the world considers weak and insignificant to accomplish his purposes. This is not accidental. He does it so that no one can boast before him. God is not looking for the most qualified or the most comfortable. He is looking for the most available and the most surrendered. The sermon challenges us to ask whether we have quietly retired from active spiritual engagement, settling into a routine that requires very little of us and very little of God. Romans calls us to present ourselves as living sacrifices, which by definition means something is given up.

Reflection: What comfort or routine have you been unwilling to surrender to God? Write it down and bring it honestly before him in prayer today.

Day 5: What Is God Writing in Your Story

Reading: Hebrews 11:1-6, Philippians 4:13

Devotional: Hebrews 11 is often called the hall of faith, a chapter where God essentially narrates what he found worth recording in the lives of ordinary people who believed him. Abraham, who had no child, became the father of nations. None of them were remarkable on their own. What made them remarkable was that they believed God and acted on that belief. The sermon asks a penetrating question: if God were writing a book about your life right now, what would he have to work with? Philippians reminds us that the strength to live a story worth telling does not come from us. It comes from Christ who strengthens us.

Reflection: What is one specific step of faith you have been postponing? Commit today to taking that step, trusting that God will provide the strength described in Philippians 4:13.