

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Themes: God's Pursuit, Living Water, Faithful Obedience, and Divine Provision

Day 1: God Has Not Forgotten You Reading: 1 Kings 17:1-16 Devotional: God sent Elijah to a widow who had nothing left. She was not an Israelite. She was not wealthy. She was not expecting a miracle. Yet God knew exactly where she was and exactly what she needed. This is the pattern of a God who pursues people not because they have earned his attention, but because his love is not conditional on our worthiness. He sees you in your scarcity. He knows your last handful of meal. Before you reach the end of yourself, God has already arranged the provision. The question is whether you will trust him enough to make the first cake.

Day 2: Thirsty for the Right Thing Reading: John 4:1-15 and Jeremiah 2:13 Devotional: The woman at the well had been drinking from broken cisterns her entire life, returning again and again to sources that left her empty. Jeremiah described this as the great human failure: forsaking the spring of living water in favor of something we dug ourselves. The tragedy is not simply that our substitutes are inferior. It is that we keep returning to them as though they might finally satisfy. Comfort, approval, achievement, and distraction are all broken cisterns. They hold nothing. Jesus does not offer a better cistern. He offers himself, the source that never runs dry and never runs out.

Day 3: The Hidden Faithful Reading: 1 Kings 18:1-16 and Romans 11:2-5 Devotional: Obadiah worked in the palace of a wicked king while secretly feeding and watering a hundred prophets hidden in caves. He received no recognition. He carried no title of prophet or hero. He simply did what faithfulness required, quietly and at great personal risk, for years. God is never without his hidden faithful. In seasons when it seems as though the world has abandoned righteousness entirely, God has people like Obadiah doing the hard, invisible, unglamorous work of preservation. Your faithfulness in obscurity is not wasted. God sees the caves. God sees the water you carried. It matters.

Day 4: Hard Times Are Not Hatred Reading: Hebrews 12:4-11 and 1 Kings 18:1-2 Devotional: The drought was not God punishing Israel out of cruelty. It was God refusing to let Ahab and an entire nation drift away without a fight. Discipline and abandonment are not the same thing. When life becomes dry and difficult, the instinct is to conclude that God has turned against us or forgotten us. But the writer of Hebrews describes hardship as evidence of sonship, not rejection. A father who never corrects is a father who does not care. The very fact that God pursued Ahab through drought rather than simply discarding him reveals a love that refuses to let go without a struggle.

Day 5: Rivers Meant to Flow Through You Reading: John 7:37-39 and Matthew 5:6 Devotional: Jesus did not promise that living water would pool inside believers for their private comfort. He promised that streams would flow outward from within them. The living water is not a reservoir. It is a river, and rivers move. The Beatitudes describe those who hunger and thirst for righteousness as blessed, not because the longing itself is the reward, but because that longing positions a person to be filled and then poured out. Changed people change people. If the water of God's presence, grace, and truth is genuinely flowing through you, the people around you will eventually notice the difference. Let it flow.