

2026-09-09 5 Day Devotional

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Themes: Recognizing Evil, Trusting God, Faith in Suffering, Godly Living, and Surrender

Day 1: Clay in the Potter's Hands

Reading: Jeremiah 18:1-10

Devotional: God does not ask for our perfection — he asks for our willingness. The potter does not discard marred clay; he reshapes it. Every difficulty, every season of being pressed and turned, is God working toward something better than what we had before. The danger is resisting the wheel. When life feels like it is spinning out of control, consider that the Potter's hands are still on you. You have not been abandoned. You are being remade. Surrender today is not weakness — it is the wisest thing a piece of clay can do.

Reflection: Where in your life are you resisting God's reshaping? What would it look like to stop fighting the wheel?

Day 2: Blind Sides and the Body of Christ

Reading: Romans 12:1-2, 16

Devotional: Every person carries blind spots — areas where sin has grown so familiar it no longer feels like sin. This is precisely why God did not design the Christian life to be lived alone. The body of Christ exists, in part, so that brothers and sisters can watch the sides we cannot see. Being transformed by the renewing of your mind is not a one-time event but a daily surrender to God's perspective over your own. Good is not the same as godly. Ask God today to reveal what has become comfortable that should not be.

Reflection: Who in your life has permission to speak honestly into your blind spots? Are you truly open to hearing them?

Day 3: The Danger of Drifting

Reading: 1 Kings 16:29-33

Devotional: Ahab did not wake up one morning and decide to become the most evil king Israel had ever seen. He drifted — one compromise, one marriage, one altar at a time. Each step away from God felt manageable, perhaps even reasonable. This is how evil works. It rarely announces itself. It simply makes itself comfortable in the spaces we leave unguarded. The sins of Jeroboam were considered trivial to Ahab, and that trivializing became the very door through which deeper darkness entered. Guard your heart against the slow drift. Small compromises have long consequences.

Reflection: What has gradually become acceptable in your life that once would have troubled your conscience?

Day 4: Ravens and Widows — Trusting God's Unusual Provision

Reading: 1 Kings 17:1-16

Devotional: God's provision rarely looks the way we expect. Ravens are not known for their generosity. A widow with nearly nothing is not the obvious candidate to sustain a prophet. And yet God commanded both, and both obeyed. Elijah's faithfulness was not rooted in understanding God's methods — it was rooted in trusting God's character. When the brook dried up, Elijah did not conclude that God had forgotten him. He listened for the next instruction. Whatever brook has dried up in your life right now, God has not run out of ravens. He has not run out of widows. He has not run out of ways.

Reflection: What provision are you waiting on God to send? Can you trust his method even when it makes no sense to you?

Day 5: Not My Will, But Yours

Reading: Luke 22:39-46

Devotional: Jesus, knowing full well what the cross would cost, did not reach for comfort or escape. He reached for the Father. "Not my will, but yours be done" is the most courageous sentence ever spoken by human lips. It is also the sentence God invites each of us to pray every single day. Evil promises you control. Surrender to God gives you something far greater — peace that passes understanding, a Shepherd who knows the path, and a Savior who has already conquered what you fear most. You were not saved simply to be good. You were saved to be godly. Begin there, today, on your knees.

Reflection: What area of your life are you still holding back from God? What would it mean to pray, genuinely, "not my will, but yours"?