



5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Resolved: Reconciled With God First

Day 1: Knowing God, Not Just Knowing About Him

Reading: John 5:19-20

Devotional: Jesus did nothing apart from the Father. Every word He spoke and every action He took flowed from a living, dependent relationship with God. It is possible to know facts about God while remaining a stranger to His heart. The sermon reminds us that the God we construct in our own minds, shaped by our desires and untested assumptions, is not the true God. He is not domesticated by our preferences.

Spend time today not simply reading about God, but asking Him to reveal Himself to you through His Word as He truly is.

Reflection: In what ways have you shaped God into something comfortable rather than knowing Him as He truly is?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes today to sit quietly with your Bible and ask the Holy Spirit to show you one aspect of God's character you have not yet fully surrendered to.

Day 2: God Is Faithful When We Are Not

Reading: Hebrews 13:5, Titus 1:2

Devotional: In every human relationship, both parties carry the weight of failure. In our relationship with God, the weight of unfaithfulness falls entirely on our side. He never abandons. He never lies. He never betrays. He never speaks

poorly of us. The sermon draws a striking contrast: we break promises, we doubt His love, we deny Him in our daily choices, and yet He remains constant. Like Peter, who denied Jesus and was still restored, we are met not with rejection but with faithfulness. God's commitment to us is not contingent on our performance.

Reflection: Where have you been unfaithful to God recently, and have you brought that honestly before Him?

Practical Application: Write down one promise you made to God that you have not kept. Confess it honestly in prayer today and receive the forgiveness that His faithfulness guarantees.

Day 3: Honest With God in the Storm

Reading: Mark 4:35-41

Devotional: The disciples, terrified in the storm, woke Jesus and asked Him a raw and desperate question: do you not care? That question lives in many hearts today. Grief, loss, unanswered prayer, and prolonged suffering can push us to the same place. The sermon shares the pain of losing a close friend unexpectedly and the honest cry that followed. God does not punish honesty. He welcomes it. But Jesus responded to the disciples not only by calming the storm but by redirecting their attention to their faith. Honesty with God is healthy. Staying in unbelief is where the danger lies.

Reflection: Is there a storm in your life right now where you have quietly asked God whether He cares?

Practical Application: Write an honest letter to God today. Say exactly what you feel. Then end it by declaring one thing you know to be true about His character, even if it is difficult to feel in this moment.

Day 4: The Danger of Putting Anything Before God

Reading: Ezekiel 16:1-15, Jeremiah 29:11

Devotional: The sermon confronts a difficult truth: when we place anything or anyone on the throne that belongs to God alone, whether comfort, money, pleasure, work, or relationships, we are acting as those who have betrayed a covenant. God does not use mild language about this in Scripture. He speaks of it as spiritual unfaithfulness. And yet, Jeremiah 29:11 stands as a declaration that His plans for us have never changed. He still speaks of a future and a hope. His response to our wandering is not withdrawal but pursuit. The cross is proof that

He has never stopped moving toward us.

Reflection: What has quietly taken God's place in your daily priorities, and how has that affected your relationship with Him?

Practical Application: Identify one thing this week that consistently competes with your time with God. Make a specific, practical decision about how you will address it.

Day 5: The Finished Work and the Open Path

Reading: Hebrews 10:10-18

Devotional: The Old Testament required repeated sacrifice. Year after year, blood was shed because the work was never complete. Then Jesus, the high priest and the sacrifice Himself, offered one final offering and sat down. It is finished. The sermon draws this directly into the theme of resolution: Jesus on the cross resolved our conflict with God. The path of reconciliation with one another, across generations and relationships, can only be walked well when we have first walked it with God. His laws are now written on our hearts. His forgiveness is total. The work is done. The path is open. Walk in it.

Reflection: Have you fully received the finished work of Christ, or are you still carrying guilt that His sacrifice has already covered?

Practical Application: Memorize Hebrews 10:17 in your own words this week. Let the truth that God remembers your sins and lawless deeds no more become the foundation from which you extend the same grace to others.