

Growing in Our Going: A Call to Be Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Day 1: Receive the Power to Go

Reading: Acts 1:1-8

Devotional: Jesus did not commission a select few to carry the gospel. He spoke to all who would follow him, promising the Holy Spirit not as a trophy to be kept but as an ability to be deployed. The Greek word behind "power" in this passage points to divine enablement, not mere emotional excitement. This means the call to witness is never left to our own strength. Where God sends, he equips. Where he calls, he enables. Ask yourself today: am I drawing on the Holy Spirit's ability, or am I either striving in my own strength or staying silent out of fear? Both responses miss the point. Yield to the one who enables.

Practical Application: Before any conversation today, pause and silently ask the Holy Spirit to make you aware of those around you who need to hear about Jesus. Practice being present to people rather than passing through them.

Day 2: Scattered to Multiply

Reading: Acts 8:1-8

Devotional: Comfort can quietly become a cage. The early church was thriving in Jerusalem, but they were not moving outward as Jesus had

instructed. God, in his sovereignty, allowed persecution to scatter them. What looked like disaster became the engine of multiplication. Ordinary believers, not apostles or elders, went everywhere preaching the word. Philip entered Samaria, a region Jews typically avoided, and entire communities experienced healing, freedom, and joy. God is not limited by your location, your title, or your resources. He is looking for those who, when scattered, will still preach. Are you willing to be useful wherever God places you, even if it was not your plan?

Practical Application: Identify one situation in your life that feels like disruption or loss. Spend time in prayer asking God whether he is using that disruption to reposition you for greater kingdom impact rather than to punish or abandon you.

Day 3: Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and Beyond

Reading: Matthew 28:18-20; Acts 1:8

Devotional: Jesus did not give a sequential checklist. He gave a simultaneous commission. Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth were never meant to be tackled one at a time after the previous region had been fully reached. They are meant to be held together in the heart and life of every believer at once. This means your neighbor and the unreached people group on the other side of the globe both have a claim on your prayers, your attention, and your obedience. A vision that stops at your neighborhood is too small. A vision that skips your neighborhood in favor of distant places is incomplete. God's heart holds both simultaneously, and ours must learn to do the same.

Practical Application: Draw four concentric circles representing your Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the ends of the earth. Write one name or people group in each circle. Commit to praying for all four every day this week.

Day 4: The Base Church and the Bigger Picture

Reading: Acts 11:19-26; Acts 13:1-4

Devotional: The church at Antioch did not exist for itself. Born out of the scattering described in Acts 8, it became one of the most significant sending communities in the New Testament. It gathered, it worshiped, it fasted, it prayed, and then it sent its best people outward. It was a church of windows, not mirrors. The question for every local church and every individual believer is the same: are we looking inward at our own needs and preferences, or are we looking upward at Jesus and outward at the world he died for? A church shaped by the kingdom will always be more concerned with what God is building globally than with what it is accumulating locally. That posture is not a sacrifice. It is an invitation to participate in something eternal.

Practical Application: Find a global map and place it somewhere you will see it daily, whether in your home, your car, or your workspace. Use it as a prompt to pray for at least one nation each day, asking God to stir your heart for a specific people or region.

Day 5: Ask, Go, and Watch God Move

Reading: Psalm 2:8; Romans 10:13-15

Devotional: Psalm 2:8 records the Father's invitation to the Son to ask for the nations as his inheritance. That same invitation echoes through the church today. God is not withholding the nations from those who ask. He is waiting for believers who will combine prayer with action, faith with obedience, and desire with departure. Romans 10 reminds us that people cannot call on a name they have not heard, and they cannot hear without someone being sent. The chain of salvation runs through the willingness of ordinary people to go. You do not need a title, a platform, or a large budget. You need a willing heart and a surrendered will. Ask God for the nations. Then go. Watch what he does when faith meets feet.

Practical Application: Start a nations fund today, no matter how small. Set aside even a few dollars each week designated specifically for gospel work in other regions or countries. Pair this financial act of faith with a specific prayer commitment, asking God to open a door for you to go, give, or send in the coming year.