

One Life, One Yes: Walking in Obedience to God's Call

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Day 1: Scattered but Not Sidelined

Reading: Acts 8:4-8

Devotional: Philip did not choose his circumstances. Persecution scattered him from everything familiar, yet he carried the gospel into unfamiliar territory. He did not wait for ideal conditions. He simply opened his mouth where God had placed him. It is easy to believe that God can only use us when life is stable, prepared, and comfortable. But Philip's story dismantles that assumption entirely. God is not waiting for your circumstances to improve before He works through you. He is working through you right now, in the middle of the mess. The question is whether you are willing to speak where you have been placed.

Reflection: Where has God currently placed you that you have been treating as a waiting room rather than a mission field?

Practical Application: Identify one person in your daily environment this week and pray specifically for an opportunity to share encouragement or the hope of Christ with them.

Day 2: Learning to Hear and Obey

Reading: Acts 8:26-30; John 10:27

John 10:27 describes the relationship between Christ and His followers as one defined by hearing and following His voice.

Devotional: When the angel spoke, Philip went. When the Spirit spoke, Philip ran. There was no lengthy deliberation, no negotiation, no request for a more convenient assignment. His obedience was immediate and wholehearted. We often treat obedience as something we offer God after we have weighed our options and found His instruction reasonable. But Philip's response reveals a deeper trust, one that moves before the full picture is visible. Hearing God requires intentional stillness. It requires removing the noise that crowds out His voice. And when He speaks, the response He is looking for is not analysis. It is a willing yes.

Reflection: Is there something God has already spoken to you that you have been slow to act on? What has been standing between hearing and obeying?

Practical Application: Set aside fifteen minutes today in silence before God. Bring no agenda. Simply listen, and write down anything that comes to mind during that time.

Day 3: Ready to Give an Answer

Reading: Acts 8:30-35; 1 Peter 3:15

1 Peter 3:15 calls believers to be prepared to explain the hope they carry, with gentleness and respect, to anyone who asks.

Devotional: The Ethiopian eunuch was reading Scripture he did not understand. He was spiritually hungry but without a guide. Philip was ready. He did not deflect, panic, or claim he was unqualified. He began where the man was and pointed him to Jesus. Readiness is not the same as having all the answers. It means knowing your testimony, knowing the Christ you have encountered, and being willing to engage honestly with someone's genuine questions. The world is full of people reading things they do not understand, searching for meaning they cannot find on their own. God is looking for people who are prepared to sit beside them and point to Jesus.

Reflection: Could you explain the gospel clearly if someone asked you today? What areas of your faith would you like to understand more deeply so you can speak with greater confidence?

Practical Application: Write out your personal testimony in three to five sentences. Practice sharing it with someone you trust this week.

Day 4: The Enthusiasm of a New Believer

Reading: Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-4

Romans 6:3-4 describes baptism as a participation in the death and resurrection of Christ, a public declaration of new life.

Devotional: The eunuch did not ask whether the water was clean enough, whether the setting was appropriate, or whether there was a better time. He saw water and asked what could possibly stand in the way of his being baptized. His enthusiasm was not manufactured. It was the natural overflow of a man who had just encountered the living Christ. Somewhere between conversion and familiarity, many believers lose that urgency. The faith that once felt like fire becomes routine. The eunuch challenges us to recover the wonder of what salvation actually means. We have been raised to new life. That is not ordinary. It was never meant to feel ordinary.

Reflection: When did your faith feel most alive? What has changed since then, and what might it look like to recover that sense of wonder and urgency?

Practical Application: If you have not been baptized, speak with a church leader this week about taking that step. If you have, spend time today meditating on what your baptism declared about your identity in Christ.

Day 5: The Legacy of One Yes

Reading: Acts 8:40; Acts 21:7-8; Matthew 28:18-20

Matthew 28:18-20 records Christ's commission to His followers to go into all the world, make disciples, and trust in His constant presence.

Devotional: Philip's name does not appear in headlines. No monument marks the towns where he preached between Azotus and Caesarea. But Paul walked into regions where seeds had already been planted. An entire nation of Ethiopia received the gospel through one man who had been set free in a chariot on a desert road. And Philip had simply said yes to a voice that told him to run toward a stranger. Your obedience today is planting something you may never see fully grown. The harvest of your yes may belong to another generation. That is not a loss. That is the kingdom. Be faithful with what God has placed in your hands, and trust Him with what you cannot see.

Reflection: What would it mean for your life to be measured not by recognition or visible results, but by faithfulness to what God has called you to do?

Practical Application: Write a short prayer of surrender, offering God your specific gifts, relationships, and daily opportunities. Ask Him to use your life for purposes that outlast you, for His glory alone.