5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on Genesis 18-19: Intercession, Righteousness, and the God Who Remembers

Day 1: The God Who Never Forgets

Reading: Genesis 18:16-19; Psalm 139:1-6

Devotional: Abraham was not hidden from God's plans because God knew him intimately. That same intimacy belongs to every believer. When your prayers seem to disappear into silence, they do not. God locks every petition into His perfect memory and acts upon it at precisely the right moment. The God who saw Hagar in the wilderness, who heard Ishmael's cry, and who remembered Abraham's intercession on behalf of Lot is the same God who hears you today. You are never forgotten. Rest in that truth and pray with renewed confidence.

Reflection Question: Is there a prayer you have nearly given up on? What does it mean to you that God never forgets what you have brought before Him?

Practical Application: Write down one prayer you have been carrying for a long time. Place it somewhere visible this week as a reminder that God remembers and is at work.

Day 2: The Boldness and Humility of Intercession

Reading: Genesis 18:22-33; Hebrews 4:14-16

Devotional: Abraham's intercession for Lot is one of Scripture's most striking portraits of prayer. He approached God with boldness, pressing the matter again and again, while simultaneously acknowledging that he was but dust and ashes before the Almighty. This is the posture God invites from His children -- confident access to the throne of grace paired with genuine humility before the One seated upon it. Intercession is not a passive act. It is an active, persistent, courageous ministry that moves the hand of God on behalf of those we love and those who desperately need Him.

Reflection Question: Who in your life needs you to stand before God on their behalf the way Abraham stood for Lot?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes today specifically for intercessory prayer. Name the people on your heart one by one and bring each of them before the Father with both boldness and humility.

Day 3: In the World but Not of It

Reading: Genesis 19:1-16; Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: Lot's story is a cautionary portrait of gradual compromise. He began by pitching his tents toward Sodom, then moved inside the city, and eventually sat in its gate in a position of influence and prominence. All the while, Scripture tells us he was a righteous man whose soul was tormented daily by what he saw and heard. The tragedy is not that Lot lived near darkness -- believers are called to be present in a broken world. The tragedy is that the world's pull on his heart became stronger than his grip on God. Compromise rarely announces itself loudly. It creeps.

Reflection Question: In what area of your life has the world gradually gained more influence than you initially intended to allow?

Practical Application: Pray Psalm 139:23-24 slowly and sincerely today, asking God to reveal any area of compromise. Then take one concrete step to address what He shows you.

Day 4: The Cost of a Divided Heart

Reading: Genesis 19:17-26; Luke 9:57-62

Devotional: Lot's wife became a permanent monument to the danger of a divided heart. The angels had given a clear command -- do not look back. Yet she turned, and in that turning she revealed where her heart truly resided. Following God fully requires a willingness to release what lies behind. Jesus made this unmistakably clear when He said that no one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God. Salvation is not simply an escape from judgment. It is a complete reorientation of the heart, a turning away from the old life and a wholehearted pursuit of the new.

Reflection Question: Is there something from your former life that you are still looking back at with longing rather than releasing fully to God?

Practical Application: Identify one attachment to your old life that is dividing your heart. Bring it before God in honest prayer and ask Him for the grace to release it completely.

Day 5: God's Heart for the Lost and the Power of Prayer

Reading: Genesis 19:27-29; 1 Timothy 2:1-6; 2 Peter 3:8-9

Devotional: Abraham rose early, returned to the place where he had stood before God, and looked out over the valley. The smoke rising from Sodom was the visible answer to his intercession. God had remembered. God had acted. The Lord desires that all people come to repentance and to a knowledge of the truth, and He has chosen to partner with His people through prayer to accomplish that end. The enemy fears nothing from a prayerless church. But when God's people intercede persistently and faithfully for the lost, heaven moves. Do not underestimate the ministry of prayer. It may be the most powerful thing you do today.

Reflection Question: Who is the person in your life who seems furthest from God? What would it look like to intercede for them with the same persistence Abraham showed?

Practical Application: Commit to praying daily for one person who does not yet know Christ. Ask God to soften their heart, to send people across their path, and to bring them to repentance in His perfect timing.