

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Character Study of Rehoboam: A Warning for Every Generation

Day 1: The Danger of Inherited Faith Without Personal Formation

****Reading:**** 1 Kings 12:1-7

****Devotional:****

Rehoboam stood at the threshold of one of history's greatest inheritances. He had David's legacy and Solomon's wisdom surrounding him, yet none of it had taken root in his own soul. This is the quiet tragedy of proximity without transformation. You can grow up in a house full of Scripture, surrounded by faithful people, and still never allow truth to form you from the inside. Heritage is a gift, but it is not a guarantee. Every believer must ask honestly: Am I living on borrowed faith, or have I personally submitted my life to the lordship of Christ? Spiritual inheritance must become spiritual ownership.

****Personal Reflection:**** In what areas of your faith are you relying on the spiritual investment of others rather than your own genuine walk with God?

****Practical Application:**** This week, identify one spiritual discipline, whether prayer, Scripture reading, or fasting, that you have neglected and commit to practicing it personally, not out of obligation, but out of genuine hunger for God.

Day 2: The Wisdom of Listening and the Cost of Pride

****Reading:**** Proverbs 11:2, Proverbs 13:10, James 1:19

****Devotional:****

Rehoboam had access to seasoned, godly counsel. The older advisors told him plainly that servant leadership would secure his kingdom. He rejected their wisdom and turned instead to voices that confirmed what his pride already wanted to hear. Proverbs 11:2 reminds us that pride brings disgrace while humility brings wisdom. James 1:19 calls every believer to be quick to listen and slow to speak. The willingness to receive correction is not weakness; it is the mark of a mature disciple. Every leader, parent, and church member must guard against surrounding themselves only with voices that validate rather than voices that challenge.

****Personal Reflection:**** Who in your life speaks honest, godly truth to you, and are you genuinely open to receiving it?

****Practical Application:**** Reach out this week to one trusted, spiritually mature person in your life. Ask them one honest question: "Is there an area in my life where you see pride or blind spots that I need to address?"

Day 3: The Yoke We Carry and the Yoke Jesus Offers

****Reading:**** Matthew 11:28-30, Galatians 5:1

****Devotional:****

The people of Israel came to Rehoboam carrying a heavy yoke, burdened by years of demanding labor and crushing expectation. They were not asking for laziness; they were asking for relief. Jesus, in Matthew 11:28-30, extends an invitation to all who are weary and burdened, promising that his yoke is easy and his burden is light. This is not a promise of an effortless life, but of a life carried in partnership with Christ rather than under the crushing weight of religious performance or human expectation. The church must examine whether it has become a place of relief and life or another source of burden and exhaustion.

****Personal Reflection:**** What burdens are you currently carrying that Jesus is inviting you to surrender to him?

****Practical Application:**** Write down two or three burdens you have been carrying alone, whether spiritual, relational, or emotional. Bring each one before God in prayer today and ask him specifically to teach you what it means to cast that care upon him as described in 1 Peter 5:7.

Day 4: Faithful Leadership Across Generations

****Reading:**** Deuteronomy 6:4-9, Psalm 78:1-7

****Devotional:****

Deuteronomy 6:4-9 is one of the most urgent passages in all of Scripture. It calls God's people to love the Lord with everything they have and then to pass that love on with intentionality, talking about it at home, on the road, in the morning, and at night. Psalm 78:1-7 echoes this urgency, calling each generation to declare God's faithfulness so that the generation to come would know and trust him. Rehoboam's failure did not begin with Rehoboam. It began somewhere in the gap between knowledge and formation, between

information shared and character shaped. Faithful generational transfer requires deliberate, relational, and consistent investment.

****Personal Reflection:**** Who is one younger person in your life that you are intentionally investing in spiritually, and what does that investment actually look like in practice?

****Practical Application:**** This week, plan one intentional conversation with a younger person in your family or church. Come with a question, not a lecture. Ask them what they are wrestling with spiritually and listen without rushing to fix or correct.

Day 5: One Generation Away -- Hope, Responsibility, and the Mission of the Church

****Reading:**** Joel 2:28-29, Acts 2:17-18, 2 Timothy 2:2

****Devotional:****

The warning of Rehoboam's story is sobering, but it does not end in despair. Joel 2:28-29 and Acts 2:17-18 both declare that God's Spirit would be poured out on sons and daughters, young and old alike. The next generation is not beyond God's reach. They are part of his promise. Second Timothy 2:2 calls every believer to entrust what they have received to faithful people who will in turn teach others. The church is always one generation from collapse, but it is also always one faithful generation from revival. The question is not whether God is willing to move among the young. The question is whether we are willing to be the bridge.

****Personal Reflection:**** What is one thing you have received from God, whether a spiritual gift, a biblical truth, or a life lesson, that you have not yet passed on to someone younger?

****Practical Application:**** Commit to one ongoing relationship of spiritual investment. This does not require a formal program. It requires consistency, honesty, and showing up. Identify the person, set a recurring time, open the Word together, and pray. That is discipleship. That is how the kingdom advances from one generation to the next.