5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Rooted in Truth, Grounded in Love

Day 1: The God Who Made You on Purpose Reading: Genesis 1:26-31; Psalm 139:13-16

Devotional: Before the world had words for identity, God had a name for you. The opening pages of Scripture do not describe an accidental creation but a deliberate, loving act of a sovereign God who fashioned you as male or female with intention and care. Your existence is not a biological accident waiting to be corrected by culture. It is a declaration from the Creator himself. When the noise of the world tells you that you must reconstruct yourself to find peace, return to this truth: the One who made you knows you completely and calls his work very good.

Reflection: In what areas of your life have you allowed cultural voices to speak more loudly than the voice of your Creator?

Practical Application: Write down three specific qualities about how God made you that you can receive as gifts rather than problems to be solved.

Day 2: Grace and Truth Together Reading: John 1:14-17; John 8:1-11

Devotional: Jesus did not choose between grace and truth. He embodied both simultaneously and completely. When he encountered the woman caught in adultery, he refused to condemn her and refused to endorse her sin. He held both realities without flinching. This is the model the church is called to follow in every hard conversation about gender, sexuality, and marriage. To abandon truth in the name of kindness is not love. To abandon grace in the name of conviction is not faithfulness. The world around us is watching to see whether followers of Jesus can hold both without dropping either.

Reflection: Do you tend to lean toward grace or truth when conversations become uncomfortable? What does it cost the people around you when you lean too far in either direction?

Practical Application: Identify one relationship in your life where you have withheld either grace or truth. Pray specifically about how to offer both in that relationship this week.

Day 3: The Danger of False Teaching Reading: 2 Peter 2:1-3; 2 Timothy 4:3-4; Galatians 1:6-9

Devotional: Peter's warning in his second letter is not addressed to pagans in the marketplace. It is addressed to the church. False teaching does not typically arrive loudly announcing itself as deception. It arrives wrapped in language that sounds compassionate, inclusive, and reasonable. The measure of any teaching is not whether it feels kind but whether it aligns with the whole counsel of Scripture. A loving God who sets boundaries is not a harsh God. He is a faithful one. Just as a good parent does not let a child run into traffic out of a desire not to upset them, God's boundaries exist because he sees what we cannot.

Reflection: What teachings have you accepted without measuring them carefully against Scripture? What made them appealing?

Practical Application: Choose one cultural belief you hold about identity, relationships, or morality and study what Scripture says about it this week with an open and honest heart.

Day 4: Identity Beyond Desire Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:9-11; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Romans 8:14-17

Devotional: The passage in 1 Corinthians that lists sins disqualifying people from the kingdom of God does not end there. It ends with the words "and such were some of you." This is not a passage of condemnation alone. It is a passage of transformation. The gospel does not simply manage sinful desires. It reorients the entire person toward a new identity rooted not in what we feel or want but in who God says we are. You are not the sum of your desires. You are a child of God, washed, sanctified, and justified through the name of Jesus Christ. That is a far greater identity than anything the culture offers.

Reflection: In what ways have you allowed your desires, struggles, or failures to define you more than the finished work of Christ?

Practical Application: Memorize 2 Corinthians 5:17 this week. Speak it over yourself each morning before you engage with the world.

Day 5: Loving People Toward the Truth Reading: Matthew 9:35-38; Jude 1:22-23; Romans 5:8

Devotional: When Jesus looked at the crowds who were confused, wandering, and spiritually harassed, Scripture says he had compassion on them. Not frustration. Not contempt. Compassion. This is the posture the church must carry into a culture that has embraced harmful lies about gender and marriage. The people around us who are ingesting those lies are not our

enemies. They are the very people Jesus died for while they were still in their sin. Our calling is not primarily to prove them wrong but to prove their worth to a God who loves them deeply. Let your first response be a broken heart, not a clenched fist.

Reflection: When you think about people in your life who have embraced ideologies that contradict Scripture, what is your honest first emotional response? What would it look like for that response to look more like the compassion of Jesus?

Practical Application: Pray by name for three people in your life who are far from biblical truth. Ask God to give you his compassion for them and one specific, grace-filled opportunity to speak truth into their lives this month.