5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on 1 Peter: Living Hope in the Midst of Suffering

Day 1: A Hope That Transcends the Moment

Reading: 1 Peter 1:1-5

Devotional: The hope Peter writes about is not a distant wish reserved for another life. It is a present, living reality. Peter wrote to people facing social pressure, ostracism, and suffering -- people who needed to be reminded that what God had promised was already at work in their lives. The same is true for you today. Whatever hardship you are carrying, the resurrection of Jesus Christ is not merely a future anchor. It is a present foundation. Reflect today on how your hope in Christ shapes the way you face your current circumstances. Do not wait for conditions to improve before you live as one who is held.

Day 2: The Old Story Is Your Story

Reading: 1 Peter 1:10-12

Devotional: Peter reminds his Gentile readers that the long history of Israel -- the prophets, the exile, the faithful pursuit of God through suffering -- is now their story too. Through faith in Christ, you have been grafted into a narrative far larger than your own. The prophets searched carefully for what you now possess. Angels long to look into what you have been freely given. This is not a small thing. When you open the Old Testament, you are not reading ancient curiosity. You are reading the story of a God who has been moving toward you since before the foundation of the world. Read it that way.

Day 3: Prepare Your Mind, Set Your Hope

Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-16

Devotional: Peter calls his readers to prepare their minds for action -- not as a burden, but as a response to grace. The way your life changes is not primarily through more effort. It changes through a correct and deepening understanding of who God is. When you see his holiness clearly, obedience becomes less of a discipline and more of a direction. Today, set aside the urgent question of what you need to do and spend time simply beholding who God is. Let his grace, his majesty, and his authority settle into your thinking. Action that flows from that place will carry a different weight entirely.

Day 4: Holy Fear as a Way of Life

Reading: 1 Peter 1:17-19

Devotional: The fear Peter speaks of is not dread. It is a rich, orienting reverence -- an acknowledgment of God's supremacy that shapes every decision you make. When that reverence is in place, the pull of your former ways loses its grip. You were not ransomed from a life of futility with something perishable. The cost was the blood of Christ, described in 1 Peter 1:19 as that of a lamb without blemish or spot. When temptation comes, when the world's alternatives look appealing, return to that cost. Let the weight of what was paid for you recalibrate what you are willing to trade it for.

Day 5: Faith and Hope Rooted in God Alone

Reading: 1 Peter 1:20-21

Devotional: From before the foundation of the world, there was a plan. Christ was not a contingency. He was the intention. And that intention was made manifest for your sake. Your faith is not a leap into uncertainty. It is a step onto ground that was laid before you ever drew breath. Peter closes this section by anchoring everything -- faith, hope, transformation, holiness -- in the God who raised Christ from the dead and gave him glory. Nothing else can bear that weight. Not your own resolve, not the approval of others, not the comfort of circumstances. Place your faith and your hope in God alone, and find that the ground holds.