

5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Wrestling with the Big Questions

Day 1: In the Beginning - The God Who Creates with Purpose

Reading: Genesis 1:1-31; Psalm 139:13-16

Devotional: "In the beginning, God created..." These opening words remind us that nothing in creation is accidental. When we wrestle with questions about origins and purpose, we can anchor ourselves in this truth: a loving Creator intentionally brought all things into being. You are not a cosmic accident but a purposeful creation. When doubts arise about your value or purpose, return to this foundational truth. The complexity of creation doesn't diminish God's intentionality; it magnifies his creative genius. Today, reflect on what it means that the God who spoke galaxies into existence also knit you together with intimate care.

Reflection Question: How does knowing you were created with intention change how you view your daily struggles and questions?

Day 2: The Moral Compass - Knowing Good from Evil

Reading: Exodus 20:1-17; Matthew 22:34-40

Devotional: We live in a world that often questions whether absolute right and wrong exist. Yet deep within, we recognize injustice when we see it. The Ten Commandments weren't given to burden us but to show us the character of God and the path to human flourishing. Jesus simplified these commands beautifully: love God completely, love your neighbor as yourself. This isn't restrictive morality but liberating truth. When we love God with everything we have, we naturally treat others with dignity and respect. The existence of moral truth means your choices matter, your actions have weight, and your life has significance. You're not adrift in moral relativism or trapped in an alternate reality. You are anchored in the character of a good and loving God who shows us the way to truly live.

Reflection Question: Where do you see God's moral framework leading you toward greater love and freedom rather than restriction?

Day 3: Do I Matter? - The Infinite Worth of Every Person

Reading: Luke 10:25-37; Genesis 1:26-27

Devotional: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Cain's question echoes through history, and Jesus answers definitively with the parable of the Good Samaritan. You matter infinitely because you bear God's image. But so does everyone else—including those you'd rather avoid, those who think differently, even those you consider enemies. Being made in God's image means every human life carries inherent dignity and worth. This truth should revolutionize how we treat the marginalized, the difficult, and the different. When Jesus commands us to love our enemies, he's not asking the impossible; he's inviting us to see what he sees—image bearers worthy of love. Our actions toward others directly reflect our love for God. Today, ask God to help you see one difficult person through His eyes.

Reflection Question: Who in your life challenges your ability to see them as an image bearer of God, and how can you extend Christ's love to them?

Day 4: Where Is This All Going? - Hope Beyond the Horizon

Reading: Revelation 21:1-7; Romans 8:18-25

Devotional: History isn't just one meaningless event after another. The biblical narrative arcs toward restoration, redemption, and renewal. God, who created all things good, will restore all things beautifully. This isn't wishful thinking but anchored hope. Every tear will be wiped away. Every injustice will be answered. Every broken thing will be made whole. When we pray for healing and receive it differently than expected—perhaps heavenly rather than earthly restoration—we're reminded that God's healing is often fuller and more complete than we initially understand. The wicked will not go unpunished; the innocent will not go uncomforted. This hope doesn't remove present grief, but it provides context for our suffering. We grieve, but not without hope, knowing our Creator is also our Redeemer.

Reflection Question: What current struggle would look different if you truly believed God will make all things right in his time?

Day 5: Who Am I? - Identity in the Image of God

Reading: Genesis 2:18-25; Ephesians 2:10

Devotional: "Who am I?" may be the most important question you'll ever ask. Scripture answers clearly: you are an embodied image bearer of God, created with intention, purpose, and design. You are fearfully and wonderfully made, God's workmanship created for good works. This identity isn't found in performance, appearance, or others' opinions, but in whose you are. The man and woman were naked and felt no shame—not because nakedness is the goal, but because

perfect relationship with God and each other eliminates shame. In Christ, we're invited back into that shame-free existence, fully known and fully loved. Your identity isn't something you create but something you receive from your Creator. Following Jesus means discovering who you truly are, not manufacturing who you wish to be.

Reflection Question: How would your daily decisions change if you lived fully convinced of your identity as God's beloved image bearer?

Closing Thought for the Week:

You don't need all the answers to follow Jesus faithfully. The journey itself is precious. As we wrestle with big questions about origins, morality, meaning, destiny, and identity, remember that God welcomes our questions and doubts. Faith isn't the absence of questions but the courage to keep following Jesus through them. On the other side of complexity lies beautiful simplicity: God loves you, created you with purpose, sent Jesus to restore you, and is making all things new. That's enough to orient your life toward hope, love, and faithful obedience.