

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Themes of Restoration, Faith, and God's Unfailing Love

Day 1: God Cares About the Details of Your Life

Reading: 2 Kings 6:1-7

Devotional: It is easy to assume that God is only concerned with the grand, sweeping events of history — the rise and fall of nations, the dramatic turning points of humanity. But the miracle of the floating axe head challenges that assumption entirely. God intervened in something small, something that most would overlook, because it mattered deeply to the one who lost it. He is not a distant God who manages the universe from afar while ignoring your personal struggles. He is intimately acquainted with your grief, your fear, your quiet losses. Whatever weighs on your heart today — your strained relationships, your anxious thoughts, your private failures — God sees it, and it matters to Him.

Reflection: What is something small but significant that you have been carrying alone, assuming it was too minor to bring before God?

Practical Application: Write down one specific concern you have hesitated to pray about because it seemed too small. Bring it to God in prayer today, trusting that He cares about every detail of your life.

Day 2: Honesty Is Where Restoration Begins

Reading: Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24

Devotional: When the young prophet lost the axe head, Elisha asked him a pointed and purposeful question: where did it fall? That question was not asked out of ignorance. It was an invitation to be honest — to identify the exact place where something went wrong. God already knows where you lost your peace, your joy, your way. But there is something transformative about being honest with yourself and with Him about it. Restoration does not begin with pretending everything is fine. It begins with the courage to say, "This is where I am, and this is where I went wrong." God meets you in that honesty.

Reflection: Is there an area of your life where you have been less than honest with yourself or with God about how you got to where you are?

Practical Application: Spend time in quiet prayer today, inviting God to search your heart as David did in Psalm 139. Be specific and honest about where you feel spiritually distant or personally lost.

Day 3: Faith Requires Participation

Reading: James 2:14-26

Devotional: God caused the iron axe head to rise to the surface of the water, but He still told the prophet to reach out and take it. He did not place it back on the handle. He did not set it on dry ground. He asked the man to participate in his own miracle. This pattern appears throughout Scripture — dig the ditches before the rain comes, gather the jars before the oil flows, reach out your hand before the healing arrives. Faith is not passive. It is the active decision to move in the direction of what God has promised, even before the evidence is fully visible.

Reflection: Where in your life are you waiting for God to act while remaining unwilling to take the step of faith He may already be calling you toward?

Practical Application: Identify one area where God may be asking you to act in faith. Take one concrete step in that direction today, however small, and trust Him to meet you there.

Day 4: God Is a God of Restoration

Reading: 1 Peter 5:6-11, Joel 2:25-26

Devotional: The enemy of your soul is a liar, and one of his most effective lies is that you have gone too far, waited too long, or failed too many times for God to restore what has been lost. But Scripture is clear. The God of all grace will Himself restore you and make you strong, firm, and steadfast, as 1 Peter 5:10 promises. Joel 2:25-26 carries the assurance that God will repay the years that were stolen. Restoration is not something God does reluctantly or sparingly. It is woven into His very nature. No matter what has been taken from you — by your own choices or by the cruelty of circumstances — God is able and willing to restore it.

Reflection: What have you given up on God restoring in your life because the loss has felt too permanent or the damage too severe?

Practical Application: Pray specifically over what you believe is beyond repair. Speak the promise of 1 Peter 5:10 aloud over that situation, and choose today to believe that God's restoration is still possible.

Day 5: Wholehearted Surrender and the Life That Follows

Reading: Romans 12:1-2, Proverbs 3:5-6

Devotional: Elisha burned his plow. It was a declaration that there was no going back, no fallback plan, no safety net outside of God. That kind of wholehearted surrender is rare, and it is costly. But it is also the very posture that positions a person to experience everything God has prepared for them. Half-hearted faith produces half-hearted results. When you lay yourself fully before God — your failures, your losses, your fears, your future — He does not turn away from the mess you bring. He takes it and begins the work of making something new. Full surrender is not the end of your story. It is where the best of it begins.

Reflection: Are there areas of your life you have withheld from God, holding on to control because full surrender feels too risky?

Practical Application: Write out a simple prayer of surrender today. Name the specific areas you have been holding back, and offer them to God with open hands. Return to that prayer throughout the week as a reminder of the commitment you made.