

GOD'S PLAN EXPLAINED: 5 Day Devotional

Day 1: Chosen by God Reading: Ephesians 1:3-6 Devotional: God's love for us is not an afterthought - it's part of His eternal plan. Before the foundation of the world, He chose us to be His own. Reflect today on what it means to be chosen by God. How does this shape your identity and purpose? Consider ways you can live out your calling as God's chosen one in your daily life.

Day 2: Redeemed and Forgiven Reading: Ephesians 1:7-10 Devotional: Through Christ's sacrifice, we have been redeemed and forgiven. God's grace is not given sparingly, but lavished upon us. As you go about your day, be mindful of the incredible price paid for your redemption. How can you extend grace and forgiveness to others, reflecting the lavish love you've received?

Day 3: Sealed with the Spirit Reading: Ephesians 1:11-14 Devotional: As believers, we are sealed with the Holy Spirit - God's personal guarantee of our salvation and inheritance. This seal is a mark of God's ownership and a promise of what's to come. In what ways do you sense the Spirit's presence in your life? Ask God to make you more aware of His Spirit's guidance and empowerment today.

Day 4: God's Ongoing Work Reading: Philippians 1:3-11 Devotional: God is not finished with us yet. He who began a good work in us will carry it on to completion. This process of spiritual growth and transformation continues throughout our lives. Where do you see God at work in your life right now? What areas still need His transforming touch? Trust in His patient, loving work in your life.

Day 5: Shaped by the Potter's Hands Reading: Isaiah 64:8, Jeremiah 18:1-6 Devotional: We are clay in the hands of the Master Potter. God shapes us with purpose and love, even when the process feels uncomfortable. As you read about the potter and the clay, consider how God is molding you. Are there areas where you're resisting His shaping? Ask for the grace to yield to His skilled and loving hands today.

Bonus: 1980 Joel Hemphill - "He's Still Working On Me"

He's still working on me... to make me what I need to be.

It took him just a week to make the moon and stars,
the sun and the earth and Jupiter and Mars.

How loving and patient He must be, 'cause He's still workin' on me.

There really ought to be a sign upon my heart:

"Don't judge me yet, there's an unfinished part."

But, I'll be perfect just according to His plan;

fashioned by the Master's loving hands. (CHORUS)

In the mirror of His Word, reflections that I see;

makes me wonder why He never gave up on me.

But He loves me as I am, and helps me when I pray;

remember, He's the potter, I'm the clay.