

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Theme: *Restoration* -- *God's Unchanging Declaration Over You*

Day 1: You Are Very Good - Reading: Genesis 1:26-31. Before the fall, before failure, before every broken moment you have ever lived -- God looked at his creation of humanity and declared it very good. That declaration has never been revised. God has not changed his mind about you. The rust, the wear, the missing pieces that accumulate through years of living in a broken world do not alter his original verdict. Restoration begins when you accept that God is not restoring something he regrets making. He is restoring something he has always treasured. Rest today in the truth that you are not a mistake in need of disposal -- you are a masterpiece in the hands of a restorer.

Day 2: The Promise of Something New - Reading: 2 Peter 3:10-13. The world as we know it is not the final word. Peter describes a day when everything will be laid bare -- not annihilated, but stripped down to its foundation, prepared for something entirely new. Think of a craftsman burning away old rust and grime to reveal the solid metal beneath. God is not abandoning his creation. He is renewing it. The same is true of your life. The painful seasons that feel like destruction are often God burning away what no longer belongs, so that something truer and more beautiful can emerge. Hold on. The process is not the ending.

Day 3: God Moves In - Reading: Revelation 21:1-4. One of the most staggering promises in all of Scripture is found in Revelation 21:3, where God declares that his dwelling place will be among his people. The separation that began in the garden -- the exile, the distance, the longing -- will be permanently dissolved. No more reaching toward a God who feels far away. No more tears, mourning, pain, or the quiet dread of what comes next. Heaven is not simply an escape from suffering. It is the full restoration of what God always intended -- his presence woven completely into the fabric of daily life. That hope is worth living for today.

Day 4: Restoration Requires Honesty - Reading: Psalm 51:1-12. Restoration is not accomplished by moving past the problem. It requires laying bare the truth of what happened. David understood this. After profound failure, he did not simply ask God to move forward. He named what he had done, acknowledged the depth of the wound, and asked for a clean heart -- not just a clean record. The same principle applies to every broken relationship in your life. Saying sorry to keep the peace is not the same as genuine restoration. Real restoration costs you your pride and your self-protection. It asks you to be vulnerable, honest, and humble. That is where healing actually begins.

Day 5: Walking in Restored Hope - Reading: Romans 8:18-25. Paul writes in Romans 8:18 that the sufferings of the present moment are not worth comparing to the glory that will be revealed. Creation itself is groaning, waiting for full restoration. So are you. The aching you feel -- for better relationships, for a body that cooperates, for a world that makes sense -- is not weakness. It is evidence that you were made for something more. That longing is a compass pointing you toward God. Do not numb it or rush past it. Let it drive you to prayer, to community, and to a faith that trusts the Restorer even when the process is slow and the outcome is not yet visible.