

## 5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

### Discerning the Will of God



#### Day 1: Transformed by Renewal **Reading: Romans 12:1-2**

**Devotional:** God's call is not merely to believe but to be changed. Paul urges believers to stop mirroring the patterns of a world that does not know God, and instead allow the renewing of the mind to produce genuine transformation. This is not passive. It requires daily surrender, daily study, and daily submission to God's word. When we stop copying the world's customs and begin presenting ourselves fully to God, we position ourselves to recognize and walk in his perfect will. Transformation is the prerequisite to discernment. Ask yourself today: what pattern of the world am I still copying that is clouding my ability to hear God clearly?

#### Day 2: The General Will Before the Specific **Reading: 2 Peter 3:9; Jeremiah 29:11**

**Devotional:** Before God reveals the specific path he has designed for your life, he first calls every person to the foundation of his general will: salvation and surrender. God does not desire that any person perish. He is patient, not slow, because he is drawing people toward repentance. Jeremiah 29:11 assures us that God's thoughts toward us are filled with purpose and hope, not harm. Many people exhaust themselves chasing the specific while neglecting the general. Get right with God first. Live according to his word. From that foundation, the specific begins to unfold. You cannot skip the foundation and expect to stand on what is built above it.

#### Day 3: Asking God for Wisdom and Clarity **Reading: James 1:5; 1 Kings 3:7-12; Proverbs 3:5-6**

**Devotional:** Solomon could have asked God for wealth, power, or the destruction of his enemies. Instead, he confessed his own insufficiency and asked for an understanding heart. God honored that prayer beyond measure. James reminds us that if any person lacks wisdom, they should ask God,

who gives generously without finding fault. Proverbs 3:5-6 calls us to trust God completely, refusing to lean on our own limited understanding, so that he can direct our steps. Clarity in discerning God's will often begins with the humility to admit we do not have all the answers. Pray this week: God, teach me the difference between right and wrong, and show me the path you have prepared.

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**Day 4: Watching How God Works and Walking with the Wise** **Reading: Habakkuk 2:1; Proverbs 13:20; 1 Samuel 3:7-10**

**Devotional:** Habakkuk climbed his watchtower not only to listen but to watch. God speaks not only through words but through open doors, closed doors, and the movement of his hand in our circumstances. When we are attentive, we begin to recognize his fingerprints on our lives. Samuel learned to identify God's voice through the guidance of Eli, a man with experience in hearing from God. Who are the wise voices God has placed in your life? Are you listening to them? Discernment grows when we surround ourselves with people whose lives reflect God's wisdom, and when we train our eyes to see what God is already doing around us.

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**Day 5: Walking Close Enough to Hear** **Reading: John 10:27; Colossians 1:9-10; Psalm 25:14**

**Devotional:** Jesus said his sheep hear his voice. That kind of recognition does not happen at a distance. It is cultivated through consistent, close, daily communion with God. Psalm 25:14 tells us that God shares his counsel with those who fear him and draws near to those who seek him. Colossians 1:9-10 frames it this way: when we are filled with the knowledge of God's will through spiritual wisdom and understanding, we begin to live in a way that honors him and produces lasting fruit. As you grow in your walk with God, you will know his voice more clearly. Do not wait for a perfect moment. Draw near to him today, and he will draw near to you.