

5-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN & DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

Based on “The God Who Restores!” | The Transparent Church



DAY 1: GOD SEES YOUR SUFFERING

 Scripture: *1 Peter 5:6-11*

Devotional

Peter wrote this letter to believers scattered across the Roman Empire, people experiencing real hardship, pressure, and persecution. His message was not “just be positive!” but rather a deep and grounded truth: God sees you, and after a little while of suffering, He will restore you.

Today, sit with the full passage. Notice Peter says to cast ALL your anxiety on Him because He cares for you. God is not indifferent to your pain. He is actively caring for you even now.

Reflection Question

What anxiety have you been holding on to instead of casting onto God? What would it look like to truly release that burden to Him today?

Prayer

Lord, I believe You see me and care for me. Today I choose to cast my burdens at Your feet. Restore what has been broken in my life, in Your perfect timing. I trust Your process. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 2: RETURN TO THE HEALER

 Scripture: *Hosea 6:1-3*

Devotional

The prophet Hosea ministered to a people who had drifted far from God. Yet the call in chapter 6 is stunning in its hope: “Come, let us return to the LORD.” Even the wounding mentioned — “He has torn us” — is followed by the promise that He will heal. God sometimes allows difficulty

to bring us to the end of ourselves, so that we will finally return to Him. Hosea's promise is that when we return, He is as certain as the sunrise. His arrival is as sure as the coming rains.

Reflection Question

Is there an area of your life where you have drifted from God? What is keeping you from fully returning to Him today?

Prayer

Father, I come back to You. I acknowledge I have wandered, and I trust that You are faithful to heal what has been torn. Like the sunrise that never fails, let Your restoration rise in my life. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 3: THE JOY OF RESTORATION

 **Scripture: Psalm 51:1-17**

Devotional

Psalm 51 is David's gut-wrenching prayer after his greatest failure. He does not pretend. He does not minimize what he did. He brings his broken self before God and asks for restoration — not just of his standing, but of his JOY. Verse 12 is a prayer the pastor highlighted: "Restore to me the joy of your salvation." Joy can be lost through sin, through suffering, through disappointment. But joy can be restored by the same God who gave it in the first place.

Reflection Question

Have you lost your joy? When did you last feel it fully? What does David's example teach you about honest prayer as the pathway back to joy?

Prayer

God, like David, I come to You honestly. I confess where I have fallen short. Restore to me the joy of my salvation. Don't let my failures define me, and let Your grace write a new chapter. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 4: DON'T GIVE UP — THE HARVEST IS COMING

 **Scripture: Galatians 6:7-10**

Devotional

One of the most dangerous enemies of restoration is discouragement. When the breakthrough doesn't come as fast as we hoped, we are tempted to quit. Paul addresses this directly in Galatians 6: "Do not grow weary." The promise is not that harvest won't come — the promise is that it WILL come, at the RIGHT time, IF we don't give up. Restoration is always on its way to those who stay faithful. The harvest is connected to your consistency in faith.

Reflection Question

In what area of your life are you most tempted to give up right now? How does the promise of a coming harvest change how you see today's difficulty?

Prayer

Lord, I am tired. But Your Word says not to give up. I choose today to keep sowing, keep believing, and keep trusting. I know the harvest is coming. Give me strength to hold on until the appointed time. In Jesus' name, Amen.

DAY 5: GOD RESTORES AND REMOVES YOUR DISGRACE

 Scripture: *Joel 2:21-27*

Devotional

The prophet Joel promised a generation who had suffered terrible loss - locusts had eaten their crops, their livelihood was gone, and that God would restore the years the locusts had eaten. Joel 2:26 declares that after God restores, His people will never again be disgraced. This is the fullness of God's restoration: not just getting back what was lost, but being lifted out of shame entirely. God doesn't just fix — He redeems. He doesn't just repair the damage; He removes the disgrace.

Reflection Question

What disgrace, shame, or sense of failure has the enemy used to keep you down? How does God's promise that 'you will never again be disgraced' speak to your situation today?

Prayer

God of restoration, I receive Your promise today. You will restore what the enemy has devoured. You will lift my head from shame. I will praise You again — not because of what I deserve, but because of who You are. The God who restores. In Jesus' name, Amen.
