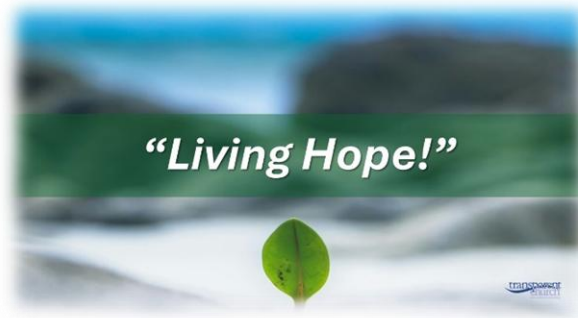


Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from this week's message from Pastor James:



Day 1: New Life in Christ

Reading: 1 Peter 1:3-5, Romans 6:1-11

Devotional: As we begin this journey, let's reflect on the incredible gift of new life we have in Christ. Just as Peter reminds us, we have been "born again to a living hope" through Jesus' resurrection. This new life isn't just a fresh start; it's a complete transformation. Today, consider how your life has changed since coming to faith. What old habits or thought patterns has God helped you overcome? How has your perspective on life and eternity shifted? Remember, this new life isn't something we earn, but a gift of God's grace. As you go about your day, consciously live as a new creation in Christ, letting His love and power shine through you.

Day 2: Our Priceless Inheritance

Reading: Ephesians 1:3-14, Colossians 3:23-24

Devotional: Today we focus on the incredible inheritance God has prepared for us. This inheritance isn't just material blessings, but includes eternal life, God's presence, and the fullness of His kingdom. Unlike earthly inheritances that can decay or be stolen, our heavenly inheritance is secure and imperishable. How does knowing you have this inheritance change your perspective on earthly struggles or setbacks? Take time to thank God for specific aspects of your inheritance in Him. Let this eternal perspective motivate you to live faithfully and joyfully, even in challenging circumstances, knowing that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.

Day 3: Divine Protection in Trials

Reading: Psalm 91, Romans 8:31-39

Devotional: God's protection doesn't always mean an absence of trials, but rather His presence and power in the midst of them. As we read in Psalm 91, God is our refuge and fortress. He doesn't promise to remove every obstacle, but to be with us through them all. Reflect on a time when you felt God's protection in a difficult situation. How did that experience strengthen your faith? Today, consciously place your trust in God's protection.

When faced with challenges, big or small, remind yourself that you are shielded by the Almighty. Let this assurance give you courage to face your day with confidence and peace.

Day 4: Growing Faith Through Trials

Reading: James 1:2-12, Romans 5:3-5

Devotional: Our faith grows not in comfort, but through challenges. James encourages us to consider trials as opportunities for joy, knowing they produce perseverance and maturity. This doesn't mean we enjoy suffering, but that we trust God's purpose in it. Think about a recent trial you've faced. How has it stretched and strengthened your faith? What have you learned about God's character through this experience? Today, try to reframe any difficulties you're facing as opportunities for growth. Ask God to show you what He wants you to learn and how He wants you to grow through your current circumstances.

Day 5: Living Hope in a Dying World

Reading: Romans 15:13, 1 Peter 1:13-21

Devotional: As believers, we're called to live with vibrant hope in a world that often seems hopeless. This hope isn't mere optimism, but a confident expectation based on God's promises and character. It's a hope that remains alive even in the face of suffering and uncertainty. How can you cultivate this living hope in your daily life? Consider practical ways to remind yourself of God's faithfulness and promises throughout your day. Maybe it's memorizing a verse, setting reminders on your phone, or starting a gratitude journal. Let your hope in Christ be a light to those around you who may be struggling. Remember, our hope in Christ is not just for the future, but gives purpose and joy to our present reality.