

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide



Based on the Message: Increasing My Capacity

Day 1: Pray for More

Reading: 1 Chronicles 4:9-10

Devotional: Jabez was marked by pain before he ever had a chance to define himself. His name was a label, a limitation imposed before he could speak. Yet he refused to let his past determine his ceiling. He prayed boldly, asking God to bless him and expand his territory. There is nothing selfish about asking God for more when your motives are rooted in purpose. God is not offended by your request for increase. He is offended by your silence. This week, bring your honest prayer before God. Ask him for greater capacity in the areas where you feel most limited. He is listening.

Reflection: What area of your life have you been afraid to bring before God in prayer? What is holding you back from asking him for more?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes today to write out a specific prayer asking God to expand your capacity in one area of your life, whether in relationships, vocation, faith, or character.

Day 2: Believe for the Increase

Reading: Ephesians 3:20-21

Devotional: Paul reminds us that God is able to accomplish infinitely more than we can ask or even imagine, and that his power is already at work within us. The obstacle is rarely God's willingness. It is our willingness to believe. Many prayers go unanswered not because God is withholding, but because we approach him without genuine expectation. James 4:2 tells us plainly that we do not have because we do not ask. Faith is not a feeling. It is a decision to trust God's word above your circumstances. When you pray for greater capacity, believe that the God who flung stars into the sky can handle your request.

Reflection: Have you been praying without truly believing God will respond? Where has doubt quietly replaced expectation in your prayer life?

Practical Application: Identify one promise from Scripture that speaks directly to an area where you need greater capacity. Write it down and read it aloud each morning this week as an act of faith.

Day 3: Faithful in Little Things

Reading: Luke 16:10; Matthew 25:14-21

Devotional: In the parable of the talents, the servants who doubled what they were given did not wait for a larger assignment before they started working. They were faithful with what was already in their hands. God does not promote us to greater capacity because we demand it. He entrusts us with more because we have demonstrated faithfulness in less. It is easy to say you will be responsible when you have more. But how you handle what you have right now is the very evidence God is watching. Preparation is not passive. It is the active expression of belief. Show God through your daily faithfulness that you are ready for more.

Reflection: In what small, unglamorous area of your life is God calling you to be more faithful right now? Are you treating your current season as preparation or as punishment?

Practical Application: Choose one responsibility you have been neglecting or performing halfheartedly. Commit this week to doing it with excellence, not to be seen, but as an act of worship and preparation.

Day 4: Invite His Presence Into Everything

Reading: Proverbs 3:5-6; Psalm 139:7-10

Devotional: Part of Jabez's prayer was deeply personal. He did not simply ask God to bless his territory. He asked God to be with him in all that he did. That is a prayer of surrender as much as it is a prayer of invitation. Many of us want God's blessing on Sunday but live Monday through Saturday as though he is not watching, not present, and not involved. Greater capacity is not just about handling more. It is about carrying his presence into every space you occupy. When God goes with you into your workplace, your home, and your relationships, you bring a resource that no amount of talent or ambition can replicate.

Reflection: Are there areas of your daily life where you have not been inviting God's presence? What would change if you genuinely believed he was with you in all that you do?

Practical Application: Before you begin your workday tomorrow, pause and pray a simple prayer inviting God to go with you into every conversation, decision, and challenge you will face that day.

Day 5: Prepare for the Harvest

Reading: Isaiah 54:2-3; Zechariah 4:10

Devotional: God told his people to enlarge their tents before the growth arrived. He told them to prepare for more before they could see it. The Lord rejoices when he sees the work begin. Preparation is an act of faith. Noah built the ark before a single drop of rain fell. He believed God's word so deeply that his hands matched his heart. God is not looking for perfect people. He is searching the earth for those whose hearts are fully committed to him, those who will pray, believe, and then begin to prepare. Do not despise the smallness of where you are. God rejoices in the beginning of the work. Start building.

Reflection: What has God been calling you to prepare for that you have been postponing? What would it look like to take one concrete step of preparation this week?

Practical Application: Write down one specific action you can take this week that demonstrates you are preparing for what you have been praying and believing God for. Do not wait until conditions are perfect. Begin now.