



A 5-DAY BIBLE READING PLAN AND DEVOTIONAL GUIDE

FAITH TALK



Five days. Five readings. Five reflections.

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DAY 1 **Hiding in the Winepress**
Judges 6:11-16

DAY 2 **Faith That Pleases God**
Hebrews 11:1-6

DAY 3 **Obedience Before Evidence**
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1 Kings 18:41-46

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Judges 7:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:9

1

Hiding in the Winepress

READING

Judges 6:11-16

DEVOTIONAL

Gideon was not found on a battlefield. He was found hiding, doing the bare minimum to survive. Yet God addressed him not by his current condition but by his calling: mighty man of valor. God's assessment of who you are is never based on where fear has placed you. He sees past the winepress, past the smallness you have assigned to yourself, past every label others have spoken over you. The question worth sitting with today is this: what identity have you accepted that God has never agreed with? His voice is the only one with authority to define you.

REFLECTION

Where in your life are you hiding, and what has God already spoken over that very place?

2

Faith That Pleases God

READING

Hebrews 11:1-6

DEVOTIONAL

Faith is not simply a tool for acquiring things from God. According to Hebrews 11:6, faith is the very foundation of a relationship that produces pleasure on both sides. God is pleased when you draw near to him believing that he exists and that he rewards those who pursue him. This means your pursuit itself is an act of worship. Many people treat faith as a transaction, expecting a return on every prayer like a deposit at a bank. But faith is relational currency. It deepens intimacy. It is not the means to get what you want. It is the means to know who God is.

REFLECTION

In what areas of your life have you been treating faith as a transaction rather than a foundation for relationship?

3

Obedience Before Evidence

READING

Hebrews 11:7; Matthew 6:22

DEVOTIONAL

Noah built an ark without a single drop of rain as proof. He moved on a word, not on weather reports. The same principle appears in Matthew 6:22, where Scripture describes the eye as the lamp of the body. What you fix your gaze upon determines how much light fills you. If your eyes are locked on the absence of evidence, your entire posture will reflect darkness and doubt. But if your eyes are fixed on the promise, your whole being aligns with faith. Clarity can become the enemy of obedience when we demand that God explain himself before we take a step.

REFLECTION

What promise from God have you delayed acting on because the evidence has not yet appeared?

4

The Sound of Rain Before the Rain

READING

1 Kings 18:41-46

DEVOTIONAL

Elijah told Ahab to prepare for rain when the sky was still clear. He heard something in his spirit before anything appeared in the natural. He then sent his servant to look seven times, refusing to change his posture or his confession simply because the first six reports came back empty. On the seventh look, a cloud the size of a man's hand appeared. That was enough. Elijah moved. The lesson is that God often gives you just enough evidence to require faith for the rest. If you wait for the sky to be completely black before you move, the storm will arrive before you do.

REFLECTION

What small cloud has God already shown you that you have dismissed because it did not look large enough to act on?

5

God Does More With Less

READING

Judges 7:1-7; 2 Corinthians 12:9

DEVOTIONAL

God reduced Gideon's army from 32,000 to 300 before sending them against 135,000 Midianites. He did not do this to set Gideon up for failure. He did it so that when the victory came, no one could claim the credit. God is not intimidated by your limited resources, your small platform, or your incomplete resume. He is, however, very intentional about making sure that what he does in your life cannot be explained away by human effort alone. The deficit is not the obstacle. The deficit is often the design. When you are at your smallest, God is positioning himself to be most visible.

REFLECTION

What limitation in your life might God be using not to hold you back, but to make his glory undeniable when the breakthrough comes?

Faith Talk.

