

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Hiding and Being Found: A Journey to the Table

Day 1: The Question That Finds Us

Reading: Genesis 3:8-10

Devotional: God walks through the garden at the cool of the evening, arriving at the very moment Adam and Eve have chosen to hide. The first question God speaks in Scripture is not an accusation. It is a search. "Where are you?" is the sound of a God who already knows the answer and comes looking anyway. We hide for the same reasons Adam did — shame, fear, the weight of what we have done or left undone. But notice that God does not wait for us to emerge before drawing near. The voice arrives before the confession. God is already walking toward you today.

Reflection: Where in your life are you hiding from God right now, and what would it mean to simply answer, "Here I am"?

Day 2: The Voices That Cover Us

Reading: Genesis 3:11-13

Devotional: God asks Adam and Eve who told them they were naked. It is one of the most tender questions in all of Scripture. Nothing about their bodies had changed. The only thing that had shifted was the voice they chose to believe. We carry voices too — voices that deliver verdicts about our worth, our failures, our place before God. Some of those voices learned their vocabulary in church pews. Some came from family. Some we have rehearsed

so long they sound like our own. God's question cuts through every one of them. The verdict on your life does not belong to those voices.

Reflection: What voice has been speaking most loudly over your life lately, and does it sound more like condemnation or invitation?

Day 3: Grace That Outfits Us

Reading: Genesis 3:20-21

Devotional: After the weight of consequence settles over the garden, God does something quiet and remarkable. God makes clothes for Adam and Eve. The leaves they had stitched together in panic were never going to hold. Their own defenses, their blame, their explanations — none of it was enough covering. So God provides something more durable. This is not a scene of abandonment. It is a scene of preparation. Grace does not pretend the story did not happen. It outfits us for what comes next. God looks at the full truth of who we are and what we have done, and still says, you are not going out there unclothed.

Reflection: In what area of your life do you need to release a covering of your own making and receive what God is offering instead?

Day 4: Seen Before You Speak

Reading: Luke 19:1-6

Devotional: Zacchaeus climbs into a sycamore fig tree to catch a glimpse of Jesus from a distance, hidden among the leaves, kept back by a crowd that has already decided who he is. He expects to observe. He does not expect to be seen. But Jesus stops, looks up, and calls him by name. The one who came only to see becomes the one who is found. Jesus does not

ask for a changed heart before extending the invitation. He simply announces his intention to come and stay. You do not have to have everything resolved before Jesus draws near. He sees you where you are and calls you by name.

Reflection: Have you ever approached faith as an observer, keeping a safe distance? What would it look like to come down from the tree today?

Day 5: The Table Where No One Is Turned Away

Reading: Luke 19:7-10

Devotional: The crowd grumbles when Jesus chooses to eat with Zacchaeus. The complaint about inclusion almost always comes from those who are already inside. But Jesus is not governed by the crowd's verdict. He declares that salvation has come to this house, not because Zacchaeus has earned it, but because he too belongs to the family of God. On World Communion Sunday and every day, the table Jesus sets is wider than any crowd would allow. Across every language, culture, and history, God takes a seat and saves room for the ones others would turn away. There are no fig leaves required at this table. Only the willingness to sit down.

Reflection: Who in your own community might feel like Zacchaeus — kept at the edges by the crowd? How can you reflect the wide welcome of the table this week?