



5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Theme: "I Never Knew You"

Day 1: More Than Head Knowledge

Reading: Matthew 7:21-23

Devotional: There is a sobering difference between knowing about God and truly knowing Him. The people in this passage were not strangers to religious activity. They prophesied, cast out demons, and performed miracles, yet Christ declared He never knew them. Religion without relationship is a dangerous substitute for genuine faith. Examine your own heart today. Is your Christianity a routine, a tradition passed down, or a living and breathing connection with the Lord Jesus Christ? God is not impressed by religious performance. He is looking for a surrendered heart that walks with Him daily, not just on Sunday mornings.

Reflection Question: Is your faith built on personal relationship with Christ or on religious routine?

Practical Application: Set aside ten minutes today in quiet prayer, not asking for anything, simply acknowledging God's presence and inviting Him to search your heart.

Day 2: Known and Knowing

Reading: Jeremiah 9:23-24

Devotional: The Hebrew word yada, meaning to know, carries a depth far beyond simple recognition. It speaks of intimate, experiential knowledge, the kind forged through time, trust, and genuine communion. God does not want you to merely know facts about Him. He wants you to experience Him, walk with Him, and be transformed by Him. Many people carry impressive spiritual resumes while never truly encountering the living God. Boasting in wisdom, strength, or wealth means nothing if the heart does not know the Lord. True knowledge of God reshapes your priorities, your character, and the way you love the people around you.

Reflection Question: In what areas of your life does God feel more like a concept than a living presence?

Practical Application: Read one Psalm today slowly, treating it as a personal conversation with God rather than a text to be studied.

Day 3: The Narrow Road of Genuine Discipleship

Reading: Luke 13:22-30

Devotional: The door of salvation is open now, but it will not always be. Christ warns that many who expected entry will find themselves on the outside, not because God is cruel, but because they never truly surrendered to Him. Genuine discipleship is not measured by church attendance, ministry titles, or years spent in a pew. It is measured by the daily, humble yielding of your will to God's will. The narrow road is not popular, and it is not always comfortable, but it leads somewhere worth going. Do not let familiarity with church culture replace the urgency of walking closely with the Lord.

Reflection Question: Are you walking the narrow road daily, or are you coasting on past spiritual experiences?

Practical Application: Identify one area of your life where you have been unwilling to fully surrender to God, and bring it before Him in honest prayer today.

Day 4: Grace, Not Works

Reading: Ephesians 2:8-10

Devotional: The people in Matthew 7 made the fatal mistake of presenting their accomplishments to God as though their deeds had earned them entrance into His kingdom. Salvation is not a reward for spiritual performance. It is a gift extended through grace, received by faith, and rooted entirely in the finished work of Jesus Christ. This does not mean good works are meaningless. Rather, they flow naturally from a transformed life as an overflow of gratitude, not a transaction. When your motivation shifts from earning God's approval to expressing love for what He has already done, everything changes. Work from grace, never for it.

Reflection Question: Are you serving God out of genuine love or out of a desire to earn His favor?

Practical Application: Do one act of service today with no audience and no recognition, offering it quietly to God as an act of worship.

Day 5: Examine Yourself and Walk in Assurance

Reading: 2 Corinthians 13:5 and Romans 8:1

Devotional: The call to examine yourself is not meant to produce crippling fear but to produce honest clarity. God does not want you paralyzed by doubt. He wants you walking in the confident assurance that comes from genuine relationship with His Son. If you have truly surrendered your life to Christ, there is no condemnation waiting for you. The remedy for the terrifying words "I never knew you" is simple and available to every person: turn to Christ, trust in His finished work, and walk with Him daily. Not perfectly, but persistently. Let today be the day you close the gap between knowing about God and truly knowing Him.

Reflection Question: Can you say with confidence that you know Christ personally, and that He knows you?

Practical Application: Write down in your own words what your relationship with Jesus Christ means to you today. Keep it as a personal declaration of faith you can return to when doubt tries to creep in.

"And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent." -- John 17:3, summarized