



5-Day Bible Reading Plan: Understanding God's Sacrificial Love

Day 1: Loved While Ungodly

****Reading:**** Romans 5:6-8; 1 Peter 3:18

****Devotional:****

The most staggering truth of Christianity is this: Christ died for you while you were still His enemy. You didn't clean yourself up first. You didn't earn His attention. When you were completely without strength, trapped in sin's slavery, Jesus looked at you with love and chose the cross. This wasn't a reward for goodness but pure grace extended to the ungodly.

Today, reflect on your condition before Christ. Remember that God's love isn't based on your performance but on His character. This truth should humble you and fill you with gratitude. If God loved you at your worst, how much more does He delight in you now as His child?

****Application:**** Write down three ways you were "without strength" before knowing Christ. Thank God specifically for loving you in that condition.

Day 2: Born Under the Law, Born to Fulfill It

****Reading:**** Galatians 4:4-7; Ephesians 5:1-2

****Devotional:****

God didn't send a cosmic force or angelic being to save you. He sent His Son, born of a woman, experiencing hunger, exhaustion, temptation, and pain. Jesus lived under the same law you were born under, faced the same struggles, yet never sinned. He became flesh so He could fully relate to your human experience and be the perfect sacrifice.

This means Jesus understands your weaknesses. He knows what it's like to be tired, misunderstood, and tested. His sacrifice wasn't distant or detached—it was personal and intimate. He walked your road so you could walk His.

When you struggle today, remember: Jesus has been there. He doesn't condemn your weakness; He strengthens it.

****Application:**** Identify one area where you feel weak or tempted. Talk to Jesus about it, knowing He understands completely.

Day 3: A Sweet-Smelling Sacrifice

****Reading:**** Genesis 8:20-21; Isaiah 65:1-5; John 4:23-24

****Devotional:****

Not all worship reaches God's heart. The Israelites offered sacrifices while living in rebellion, consulting evil spirits, and harboring spiritual pride. God called their offerings "smoke in my nose"—irritating rather than pleasing. Meanwhile, Christ's sacrifice was a "sweet-smelling savour" because it came from perfect love and obedience.

Your worship must flow from a sincere heart. If you're harboring unforgiveness, refusing to obey God's promptings, or feeling spiritually superior to others, your songs and prayers become mere smoke. God desires worship in Spirit and Truth—authenticity that matches your Sunday morning with your Monday living.

Examine your heart today. Is there hidden sin, unforgiveness, or pride making your worship unacceptable? True worship requires a surrendered life.

****Application:**** Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal any area of hypocrisy or unforgiveness. Confess it and make it right today.

Day 4: The Holy Spirit's Empowering Presence

****Reading:**** John 14:26; John 16:8-9; Acts 1:8; Ephesians 3:16

****Devotional:****

Walking in Christ's love is humanly impossible. That's why God gives every believer His Holy Spirit—not as an optional upgrade but as essential equipment for the Christian life. The Spirit teaches you truth, convicts you of sin, strengthens your inner person, empowers you to witness, and even prays for you in a language beyond words.

Many Christians live on spiritual milk because they ignore the Holy Spirit's promptings. They hear the Word but don't do it. They feel conviction but don't respond. Growth requires cooperation with the Spirit's work in your life. He's ready to lead you deeper, but you must be willing to follow.

Where are you on the spiritual maturity spectrum? Still on milk? Moving toward meat? Mature but still growing?

****Application:**** Identify one area where the Holy Spirit has been convicting you. Take one concrete step of obedience today.

Day 5: Your Inheritance and Calling

****Reading:**** Romans 8:26-27; Ephesians 1:13-14; 1 John 4:10

****Devotional:****

The Holy Spirit living inside you is your down payment on heaven—a preview of glory, a taste of what's coming. This isn't just theological information; it's your daily reality. God Himself dwells within you, interceding when you don't know how to pray, revealing His will, and guaranteeing your eternal inheritance.

This incredible gift comes with a calling: to be God's witness in your sphere of influence and beyond. You've been reconciled to God through Christ's atoning sacrifice, and now you're His ambassador. The same love that saved you must flow through you to others—starting with those closest to you.

God's love made you His own. Now let that love make you His messenger. You have the Spirit's power. You have the Father's love. You have Christ's example. Go and love as you've been loved.

****Application:**** Ask the Holy Spirit to show you one person in your sphere of influence who needs to experience God's love through you. Reach out to them this week.
