

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from the transcription:

Day 1: Preparing the Way Reading: Isaiah 40:3-5, John 1:19-23

Devotional: John the Baptist's ministry was about pointing people to Christ, not himself. He understood his role as the one preparing the way for the Lord. As we reflect on this, consider how our lives can serve as a preparation for others to encounter Jesus. Are we living in a way that draws attention to Christ rather than ourselves? Today, pray for opportunities to "make straight the way for the Lord" in your interactions with others. How can you humbly point people to Jesus through your words and actions?

Day 2: The Lamb of God Reading: John 1:29-34, 1 Peter 1:18-19

Devotional: John declared Jesus as "the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world." This powerful image reminds us of Christ's sacrificial love and the forgiveness available to us through Him. Reflect on areas in your life where you may be holding onto guilt or shame. Remember that Jesus, the perfect Lamb, has already paid the price for your sins. Allow His forgiveness to wash over you today. How can you extend this same grace and forgiveness to others in your life?

Day 3: The Power of Public Declaration Reading: Romans 10:9-10, Acts 8:35-38

Devotional: Baptism is a public declaration of our faith in Christ. It symbolizes our death to sin and resurrection to new life in Jesus. While baptism doesn't save us, it is an important step of obedience and witness. Consider your own journey of faith. Have you taken the step of baptism? If not, what's holding you back? If you have, how can you continue to live out that public declaration daily? Pray for courage to boldly proclaim your faith in both word and deed.

Day 4: Transformed by the Holy Spirit Reading: 2 Corinthians 3:16-18, Galatians 5:22-23

Devotional: The Holy Spirit's work in our lives is transformative, gradually making us more like Christ. This process of sanctification is ongoing and unique for each believer. Reflect on how you've seen the Holy Spirit work in your life over time. What areas of growth can you identify? Where do you still struggle? Ask God to continue His sanctifying work in you, producing the fruit of the Spirit in increasing measure.

Day 5: Living Water Reading: John 4:13-14, John 7:37-39

Devotional: Jesus offers us living water that satisfies our deepest spiritual thirst. This living water is the Holy Spirit, who indwells believers and provides continuous refreshment and life. As you reflect on this promise, consider areas of your life where you feel spiritually dry or thirsty. Invite Jesus to fill you anew with His living water today. How can you be a channel of this living water

to others who are spiritually parched? Pray for opportunities to share the refreshing love of Christ with someone in need.

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