

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

#### Day 1: Pointing Others to Jesus

Reading: John 1:35-42

Devotional: John the Baptist's example of humbly pointing others to Jesus reminds us of our primary purpose as followers of Christ. In a world obsessed with self-promotion, we're called to redirect attention to the Savior. Reflect on how you can use your influence, whether large or small, to guide others towards Christ. Are there opportunities in your daily life where you can be more intentional about sharing your faith? Remember, you don't need a large platform to make a significant impact. Sometimes, a simple invitation to church or a heartfelt testimony can be the catalyst someone needs to encounter Jesus.

#### Day 2: Meeting Jesus Where You Are

Reading: Luke 19:1-10

Devotional: Jesus' invitation to "come and see" is extended to everyone, regardless of their current state. Just as He called to Zacchaeus, a man despised by his community, Jesus calls to us in our brokenness and imperfection. You don't need to "clean up" before approaching Christ; He meets you right where you are. Consider the areas of your life where you feel unworthy or hesitant to approach God. Bring these to Him in prayer, trusting that His love and grace are greater than your shortcomings. How might your life change if you fully embraced the truth that Jesus accepts you as you are, while lovingly transforming you into who He's called you to be?

#### Day 3: Transformed by God's Love

Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Devotional: When Jesus renamed Simon to Peter, He was declaring a new identity and purpose for him. Similarly, God sees us not just as we are, but as who we will become through His transformative power. Reflect on how your identity in Christ differs from the labels the world might place on you. What "old things" in your life need to pass away, and what "new things" is God cultivating? Remember, this transformation is a process. Be patient with yourself as you grow, but also be open to the Holy Spirit's work in your life. How can you cooperate with God's transformative work today?

#### Day 4: Overcoming Your Past

Reading: Acts 9:1-22

Devotional: Paul's dramatic conversion reminds us that no one is beyond God's reach, and no past is too dark for His redemptive light. Like Nathanael's skepticism about anything good coming from Nazareth, we often limit God based on our own biases or experiences. But God delights in using the unexpected and overlooked. What aspects of your past or present circumstances make you feel disqualified from God's use? Bring these to God in prayer, asking Him to reveal how He can use even these parts of your story for His glory. Remember, your "Nazareth" might be the very thing God uses to display His power and grace.

#### Day 5: Accepting the Invitation

Reading: Revelation 3:20-22

Devotional: Throughout the Gospel accounts, we see Jesus extending invitations - "Come and see," "Follow me," "Abide in me." Today, He continues to knock at the door of our hearts, inviting us into deeper relationship with Him. This invitation is open to all, whether you're taking your first steps of faith or recommitting after wandering. What might be holding you back from fully accepting Christ's invitation? Fear, doubt, past failures? Spend time in prayer, asking God to help you overcome these barriers. Consider practical steps you can take to respond to Jesus' invitation more fully in your daily life. Remember, saying "yes" to Jesus is not just a one-time event, but a daily choice to follow Him.