

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Sermon "Miracles Follow Commitment"

Day 1: The God Who Shows Up

Reading: 1 Kings 18:36-39

Devotional: Elijah stood before a crowd of doubters, a soaked altar, and an enemy that had been crying out to their god all day. He did not flinch. He prayed a simple, direct prayer rooted in one thing: his relationship with God. The fire that fell was not the result of a perfect man. It was the result of a committed one. God does not require your perfection. He requires your trust. When you stand on his word, refusing to negotiate with doubt, you position yourself for the kind of moment that makes everyone around you fall on their face and say, the Lord, he is God.

Reflection: Where in your life are you waiting for God to show up, but hesitating to stand boldly in faith?

Practical Application: Identify one area where fear has replaced your confidence in God. Write a short, direct prayer over that area today, and speak it aloud.

Day 2: The Cave of Isolation

Reading: 1 Kings 19:1-9

Devotional: One letter from Jezebel undid what a mountaintop miracle could not sustain. Elijah ran. He isolated himself. He sat under a tree and asked God to take his life. This is not the portrait of a weak man. This is the portrait of an exhausted one. Many believers have sat in that same place, not because they stopped loving God, but because the weight of the fight wore them down. God's response to Elijah's collapse was not a rebuke. It was bread and water. Before God addressed the problem, he addressed the person. He knows what you need before he addresses what you have done.

Reflection: Have you ever run from God after a great spiritual victory? What triggered that retreat?

Practical Application: Reach out today to one trusted believer and honestly share how you are doing. Do not perform strength. Practice transparency.

Day 3: The Still Small Voice

Reading: 1 Kings 19:11-13

Devotional: God was not in the wind. He was not in the earthquake. He was not in the fire. After all the noise, after all the chaos and destruction, there came a low whisper. God allowed Elijah to witness the spectacular so he could teach him where to find the personal. The storms of life, the financial pressures, the relational fractures, the professional setbacks, these are not always the voice of God. Sometimes they are simply the noise of a fallen world. God is not always loudest in the crisis. He is often most present in the quiet moment when you finally stop running long enough to listen.

Reflection: What noise in your life is drowning out the quiet voice of God? What would it take to create stillness?

Practical Application: Set aside fifteen minutes today with no phone, no music, and no distractions. Sit quietly before God and simply listen.

Day 4: The Question That Cuts Deep

Reading: 1 Kings 19:13-18

Devotional: God asked Elijah the same question twice. "What are you doing here?" The repetition was not impatience. It was love. A good father does not ask once and walk away. He stays until the conversation is honest. Elijah answered both times with the same excuse, the

same rehearsed justification. And God, rather than arguing, gave him a new assignment and a startling revelation: seven thousand people had never bowed to Baal. Elijah thought he was alone. He was not. When you feel like the last faithful person standing, God is quietly sustaining thousands you cannot see. You are never as alone as the enemy wants you to believe.

Reflection: What excuses have you been rehearsing before God? What would honest surrender sound like instead?

Practical Application: Write down one excuse you have been using to justify a lack of commitment. Then write what full surrender in that area would actually look like.

Day 5: Commitment as Privilege

Reading: Hebrews 10:23-25

Devotional: The sermon asked a question worth sitting with: Is serving God something you feel you have got to do, or something you get to do? The answer to that question reveals the condition of your heart. Obligation produces resentment. Gratitude produces endurance. Elijah's commitment wavered not because God failed him, but because he lost sight of the privilege of being chosen. The writer of Hebrews urges believers not to forsake gathering together, not out of religious duty, but because community sustains commitment. You were not designed to fight alone. The body of Christ exists so that on the days your faith flickers, someone else's flame holds the light.

Reflection: Do you approach your relationship with God as a burden or a blessing? What would need to change for it to feel like the latter?

Practical Application: This week, attend a gathering of believers with intentionality. Come not just to receive, but to encourage someone else who may be in their own cave, waiting for a whisper.