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Day 1: The God Who Has Not Been Silent

Devotional: From the very beginning, God has refused to be distant. He spoke through creation, through prophets, and finally and most completely through His Son. This progression was not accidental. It was intentional, deliberate, and deeply personal. God was not content to remain unknown. He moved toward us through every available means because He wanted to be recognized, not merely acknowledged. Before you pray today, sit quietly and consider this: the God of the universe has gone to extraordinary lengths to make Himself known to you. He is not hiding. He is speaking. The question is whether you are listening.

Reading:

Hebrews 1:1-4 NKJV

God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds; who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of his power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become so much better than the angels, as He has by inheritance obtained a more excellent name than they.

Reflection: In what areas of your life have you been too distracted to hear God's voice?

Practical Application: Spend five minutes in silence before reading Scripture today, asking God to open your ears to what He is already saying.

Day 2: Creation Testifies

Devotional: Romans 1 describes how God's invisible attributes are clearly seen through what He has made, so that no one is without excuse. Creation is not merely a backdrop to human life. It is a declaration. Every sunrise, every crashing wave, every quiet forest carries the weight of God's self-disclosure. He embedded His testimony into the fabric of the natural world so that even those who have never held a Bible could encounter evidence of His power and character. When you step outside today, you are stepping into a gallery of divine communication. Do not walk through it with your eyes closed.

Reading:

Romans 1:18-21 NKJV

For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because w h a t may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them. For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead, so that they are without excuse, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

Psalm 19:1-4 NKJV

To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.

The heavens declare the glory of God; and the firmament shows His handiwork. Day unto day utters speech, and night unto night reveals knowledge. There is no speech nor language Where their voice is not heard. Their line has gone out through all the earth, and their words to the end of the world.

In them He has set a tabernacle for the sun,

Reflection: When has nature drawn you closer to an awareness of God's presence?

Practical Application: Take a brief walk outside today with no phone. Observe your surroundings intentionally and ask God to speak to you through what He has made.

Day 3: The Word Made Flesh

Devotional: Colossians 1 declares that Jesus is the image of the invisible God, the one in whom all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell. If you want to know what God looks like, you look at Jesus. If you want to know how God treats broken people, you look at Jesus. If you want to understand God's heart toward the lost, the suffering, and the sinful, you look at Jesus. He is not merely a messenger who carries God's words. He is the Word itself, clothed in flesh, walking among us. Every action He took, every word He spoke, was God communicating directly to humanity.

Reading:

Colossians 1:15-19 NKJV

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation. For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him. And He is before all things, and in Him all things consist.

And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence. For it pleased the Father that in Him all the fullness should dwell,

John 1:1-14 NKJV

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God.

All things were made through Him, and without Him nothing was made that was made.

In Him was life, and the life was the light of men.

And the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not comprehend it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John.

This man came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all through him might believe.

He was not that Light, but was sent to bear witness of that Light.

That was the true Light which gives light to every man coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world was made through hIm, and the world did not know Him.

He came to His own, and His own did not receive Him.

But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, to those who believe in HIs name: who were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God. And the World became flesh and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth.

Reflection: What aspect of Jesus's character has most clearly revealed God's nature to you?

Practical Application: Read one of the Gospels today and identify one specific moment where Jesus's actions communicated something about who God is.

Day 4: The Danger of a Hardened Heart

Devotional: Psalm 95 issues a sobering warning: do not harden your hearts as Israel did in the wilderness. They saw God's works. They witnessed His power firsthand. And still they refused to trust Him. A hardened heart is not formed overnight. It develops gradually, through repeated choices to ignore what God is saying, to suppress what the conscience confirms, and to substitute a more comfortable voice in God's place. Each time we dismiss His leading, the callus thickens. But the remedy is just as consistent as the warning. Today, if you hear His voice, respond. The door is still open. He is still speaking.

Reading:

Hebrews 3:7-15 NKJV

Therefore, as the Holy Spirit says:

"Today, if you will hear His voice, do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion, in the day of trial in the wilderness, where your fathers tested Me, tried Me, and saw My works forty years. Therefore I was angry with that generation, and said, 'They always go astray in their heart, and they have not known My ways.'

So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'" Beware, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief in departing from the living God; but exhort one another daily, while it is called "Today," lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin. For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end, while it is said:

"Today, if you will hear His voice, Do not harden your hearts as in the rebellion."

Psalm 95:7-11 NKJV

For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And the sheep of His hand. Today, if you will hear His voice:

"Do not harden your hearts, as in the rebellion, as in the day of trial in the wilderness, When your fathers tested Me; They tried Me, though they saw My work. For forty years I was grieved with that generation, And said, ' It is a people who go astray in their hearts, and they do not know My ways.' So I swore in My wrath, 'They shall not enter My rest.'"

Reflection: Is there an area where you have been knowingly ignoring what God has been saying to you?

Practical Application: Identify one specific instruction from God that you have been slow to obey. Take one concrete step toward obedience today.

Day 5: Invited Into Relationship

Devotional: The ultimate purpose behind everything God has ever spoken is relationship. He did not communicate across the centuries simply to transfer information. He spoke because He wanted to be known, and He wanted you to know Him. Jesus prayed in John 17 that those who believe would share in the same glory and fellowship enjoyed within the Trinity itself. Romans 8 confirms that through Christ, we do not approach God as strangers but as sons and daughters who cry out to Him as Father. God's voice is not a broadcast sent into empty space. It is a personal invitation addressed to you by name.

Reading:

1 John 5:20 NKJV

And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding, that we may know Him who is true; and we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the tru God and eternal life.

John 17:20-26 NKJV

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one just as We are one: I in them, and You in Me; that they may

be made perfect in one, and that the world may know that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me."

"Father, I desire that they also whom You gave Me may be with Me where I am, that they may behold My glory which You have given Me; for You loved Me before the foundation of the world. O righteous Father! The world has not known You, but I have known You; and these have known that You sent Me. And I have declared to them Your name, and will declare it, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them."

Romans 8:15-17 NKJV

For you did not receive the spirit of bondage again to fear, but you received the Spirit of adoption by whom we cry out, "Abba, Father." The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if indeed we suffer with Him, that we may also be glorified together.

Reflection: How does understanding God's desire for relationship change the way you approach prayer and Scripture reading?

Practical Application: Write a short letter to God today, responding to what you believe He has been saying to you throughout this five-day reading plan. Be honest, be specific, and listen for His response.