5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Themes of Wisdom, Grace, and Faithful Living

Day 1: Asking for What Matters Most Reading: 1 Kings 3:4-15 Devotional: Solomon stood at the beginning of his reign with every earthly advantage available to him, yet he asked for none of it. He asked for wisdom. There is something deeply convicting about that choice. How often do we come before God with our lists of wants, our requests for comfort, success, or relief, and forget to ask for the one thing that shapes everything else? Wisdom is not merely intelligence. It is the God-given ability to see life clearly and act rightly. Today, before you ask God for anything else, ask Him to show you how to see.

Day 2: Broken but Beloved Reading: Psalm 51:1-12 Devotional: David's prayer recorded in Psalm 51 is a raw confession from a man who knew the full weight of his own failure. He does not bargain with God or minimize what he has done. He simply comes, broken, and asks for mercy. This is the posture God honors. The sermon reminds us that God's forgiveness does not erase consequences, but it does restore relationship. You do not have to clean yourself up before coming to God. You come as you are, broken and beloved, and you trust that the God who created you is also the God who redeems you.

Day 3: The Weight of the Example We Set Reading: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Devotional: The instruction found in Deuteronomy 6 is a reminder that faith is not a private matter. It is lived out in the open, in homes, in conversations, in the ordinary moments of daily life. The sermon points out that children watch us. They see our faithfulness and they see our failures. The saints who have gone before us left behind both. What they also left behind was the witness of returning to God, of asking forgiveness, of trying again. The life of faith you live today is being read by someone who has not yet found the words to ask what you already know.

Day 4: When Wisdom Gets Drowned Out Reading: James 1:2-8 Devotional: James describes wisdom as something God gives generously to those who ask in faith. But he also warns of the double-minded person, pulled in two directions, unstable in all their ways. Solomon's story is a

sobering example of this. He began with wisdom and ended distracted by the very wealth and fame God had added as a gift. The world is loud. Its demands and temptations are persistent. The practice of wisdom is not a single decision made once. It is a daily returning, a daily quieting of the noise, a daily asking. Lean into the Spirit today before the world gets the first word.

Day 5: Returning to Grace Reading: Luke 15:11-24 Devotional: The father in this parable does not wait for a full explanation. He sees his child coming from a long way off and runs. This is the image of God that the sermon holds up when it speaks of God always inviting us to come back. Justification and sanctification, the ache of conviction and the desire to do better, are not signs of failure. They are signs that the Spirit is at work. The return is never too late. The grace is never too thin. Whatever ground you have lost, whatever wisdom you have set aside, the path back is open and the Father is already moving toward you.