

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Theme: Rescue, Identity, and the God Who Never Stops Working

Day 1: You Are Who He Says You Are Reading: Psalm 139:1-18 — God's complete and intimate knowledge of every person, affirming that each individual is fearfully and wonderfully made and cannot escape His loving presence. Devotional: The world will tell you who you are. Your failures will try to define you. Your past will attempt to follow you into your future. But the voice that matters most is the one that spoke the universe into existence. As the song declared in worship, you are chosen, not forsaken. God does not define you by your worst moment. He defines you by His greatest act — sending His Son to rescue you. Today, silence every other voice. Let the Father speak. What He says about you is the only word that stands forever.

Day 2: The Good Samaritan and the Call to Rescue Reading: Luke 10:25-37 — Jesus tells the story of a man left for dead on the road to Jericho, passed over by religious leaders, but rescued by a Samaritan who stopped, showed compassion, and provided care at personal cost. Devotional: Jeff reminded us that in over 16 million emergency calls, only 11 percent of bystanders stopped to help. The priest passed by. The Levite passed by. But the Samaritan stopped. The question Jesus poses is not merely historical — it is personal. Someone in your neighborhood, your workplace, your family is lying wounded on the side of the road. Rescue is not reserved for professionals. It is the calling of every follower of Christ. You do not need a badge or a uniform. You need a willing heart and the courage to stop.

Day 3: The Firm Foundation That Will Not Fail Reading: Matthew 7:24-27 — Jesus describes two builders, one who constructs on rock and one on sand, teaching that a life built on His words will stand firm when storms arrive, while a life built on anything else will collapse. Devotional: The storms will come. No one who has lived more than a handful of years would argue otherwise. First responders understand this in a way few others do. They arrive when the storm has already hit. But what sustains a person when everything shakes? Not strength of will. Not personal resolve. Not favorable circumstances. Only Christ. As the hymn declared in worship, He is the firm foundation, the rock on which we stand. When everything around you is shaken, the question is not whether the storm is real. The question is what you built your life upon before it arrived.

Day 4: Rescue the Perishing — We Are All Called Reading: Proverbs 24:11-12 — A sobering call to act on behalf of those being led toward destruction, warning that claiming ignorance is no acceptable excuse before the God who weighs every heart. Devotional: The sermon was direct and it deserves to be repeated: nobody in the room gets a pass. Rescue the lost. Rescue the saved who have wandered. Do not wait for the preacher to arrive. You may be the only one who gets there in time. Fanny Crosby wrote that duty demands it. God has placed you in proximity to people who are perishing — not by accident, but by design. You carry something no ambulance can transport and no law enforcement badge can provide. You carry the name of Jesus. Use it. Speak it. Do not let someone perish within reach of what you hold.

Day 5: Jesus, the Ultimate Rescuer Reading: Luke 19:1-10 — Jesus pursues Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector, through a crowd and into his home, declaring that the Son of Man came specifically to seek and to save those who are lost. Devotional: You cannot outrun Him. You cannot hide from Him well enough or long enough. As the sermon reminded us, Adam and Eve tried to hide in a garden and God found them. Zacchaeus climbed a tree thinking he was just a spectator, and Jesus stopped beneath that very tree and called him by name. That restlessness you feel, that sense that something is not right, is not random. That is God pursuing you. He is the ultimate rescuer. He does not send someone else to do what only He can do. He comes Himself. Surrender. He has already found you.