

5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Based on the Series: Fall Brawl

Day 1: Seeing God Clearly Changes Everything

Reading: Isaiah 6:1-8

Devotional: There is something that happens to a person when they genuinely encounter the living God. Isaiah did not walk away from that moment unchanged. He saw God high and lifted up, and immediately he saw himself with honest clarity. That kind of honesty is not condemnation -- it is the beginning of growth. Many people avoid truly seeking God because they are afraid of what they might see in themselves. But God does not reveal your weakness to shame you. He reveals it because He intends to address it. The encounter is always the starting point. Ask God today to let you see Him clearly, knowing that seeing Him will lead to seeing yourself honestly, and that honesty is where growth begins.

Reflection Question: What areas of your life have you been unwilling to bring before God because you are afraid of what He might show you?

Practical Application: Spend five minutes in silence today, asking God to reveal one area where He wants to do something new in you. Write down what comes to mind without arguing with it.

Day 2: Grace That Does More Than Forgive

Reading: Isaiah 6:6-7 and 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: In Isaiah 6, a seraphim touched the very part of Isaiah that he confessed was broken. God did not ignore the problem, and He did not simply overlook it. He addressed it directly with grace. This is the nature of God's forgiveness -- it is not a polite agreement to look the other way. It is a transforming touch that changes what was unclean into something new. Second Corinthians

5:17 describes the same reality, declaring that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation entirely. The old has passed. The new has arrived. God's grace was never designed to leave you the same person you were before you received it. Forgiveness is the door. Transformation is the room you are invited to walk into.

Reflection Question: Have you allowed God's grace to stop at forgiveness, or have you allowed it to move into transformation in the way you actually live?

Practical Application: Identify one specific habit or attitude that belongs to your old self. Make a concrete decision today about one step you will take this week to walk away from it.

Day 3: The Living Sacrifice and the Open Door

Reading: Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: The apostle Paul does not simply suggest surrender -- he begs for it. The imagery of a living sacrifice is striking precisely because of its tension. A living sacrifice has the ability to get back up and walk away from the altar. That is the honest picture of the struggle many people face in their walk with God. They bring their burdens, their fears, their habits, and their futures to God in a genuine moment of surrender, and then they quietly take them all back. Romans 12:1-2 describes surrender not as a one-time event but as a spiritual way of life, a daily offering of yourself that runs completely against the grain of a world that says you are your own authority. Transformation begins where self-rule ends.

Reflection Question: What have you surrendered to God in the past that you have since picked back up and started carrying again?

Practical Application: Write down one thing you have taken back from God. Pray specifically over it today, releasing it again, and ask a trusted friend or mentor to hold you accountable to leaving it at the altar.

Day 4: Information Is Not Transformation

Reading: Hebrews 6:1 and James 1:22-25

Devotional: There is a dangerous comfort in knowing about Jesus without becoming more like Him. A person can accumulate years of church attendance, fill notebooks with sermon notes, and memorize long passages of Scripture while remaining fundamentally unchanged in character, attitude, and daily choices. Hebrews 6:1 calls believers to press forward into maturity, not to remain camped at the elementary stages of faith. James 1:22-25 warns against the self-deception of hearing the Word without doing it. Spiritual knowledge that does not produce spiritual change is not wisdom -- it is a mirror you glance at and then immediately forget. Growth requires that what you know makes its way into how you live.

Reflection Question: Is there a truth you have known for a long time that you have never actually applied to your daily life?

Practical Application: Choose one biblical truth you know well but struggle to live out consistently. Write down one specific, measurable way you will act on that truth this week rather than simply affirming it.

Day 5: Available Before Able

Reading: Isaiah 6:8 and Ephesians 4:15

Devotional: When God asked whom He should send, Isaiah did not respond with a resume. He responded with availability. He said simply, here am I, send me. That posture of availability is what God was looking for before He gave Isaiah one of the most significant prophetic assignments in all of Scripture. God is not primarily looking for the most talented, the most polished, or the most experienced. He is looking for the surrendered. He grows people before He sends them, but He sends people who are willing to go before they feel fully ready. Ephesians 4:15 calls believers to grow up in every way, moving toward maturity not for their own sake but so that God can use them to

make a difference in the world around them. Your availability is the first step toward your assignment.

Reflection Question: What is one thing God has been nudging you toward that you have been delaying because you do not feel qualified or ready?

Practical Application: Take one concrete step today toward the thing you have been putting off. Make a call, send a message, show up somewhere, or simply say yes to something you have been saying no to out of fear or insecurity. Availability precedes ability every time.

Reflection Questions:

Isaiah recognized his unworthiness the moment he encountered God's holiness. In what areas of your life do you sense God calling you to honest self-examination, and what has kept you from fully surrendering those areas?

The sermon draws a distinction between condemnation and atonement, suggesting that God does not shame us into change but invites us into it. How does understanding God's response to Isaiah as invitation rather than judgment change the way you approach your own shortcomings?

Mickey states that God wants to grow something in you before he wants to do something through you. Can you identify a season in your life where God was clearly at work in you before he worked through you, and what did that process look like?

The image of a living sacrifice that can get up and walk away from the altar is a striking one. What are the specific things you tend to take back after laying them down before God, and what does that pattern reveal about where your trust actually lies?

The sermon argues that knowing more about Jesus is not the same as becoming more like Jesus. Where in your spiritual life do you see the gap between information and transformation most clearly?

Mickey suggests that some people want God to do something through them while remaining unchanged themselves. In what ways might this desire be showing up in your own expectations of God, your church, or your calling?

Romans 12:1 describes presenting yourself as a living sacrifice as your spiritual act of worship. How does this definition of worship challenge or expand the way you have traditionally thought about what it means to honor God?

The growth process outlined in Isaiah 6 moves from encounter to conviction to grace to growth to assignment. Where do you find yourself in that process right now, and what might be preventing you from moving to the next stage?

The sermon points out that dedication to a false belief can appear more real than a halfhearted commitment to the truth — what would it look like for your faith to be so visibly transforming that it became undeniable to those around you?

Isaiah's response to God's call was not rooted in his abilities but in his availability, simply saying here am I, send me. What would it mean for you to offer that same kind of availability to God in this season of your life, and what fears or hesitations would you have to confront to do so?