

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from the transcription:

Day 1: Contending for the Faith

Reading: Jude 1:3-4, 20-21

Devotional: Jude's urgent call to "contend for the faith" reminds us that our spiritual journey is not passive. In a world that often distorts God's grace, we are challenged to actively pursue and defend the truth of the gospel. Reflect on how you can strengthen your faith today. Are there areas where you've become complacent or allowed worldly influences to creep in? Ask God to renew your passion for His Word and to help you stand firm in your convictions. Remember, true faith is not just intellectual assent, but a transformative power that changes how we live. How can you demonstrate your faith through your actions today?

Day 2: The Race of Faith

Reading: Hebrews 12:1-3

Devotional: The Christian life is often compared to a race, requiring endurance and focus. Just as athletes train rigorously, we too must discipline ourselves spiritually. What "weights" or sins are hindering your spiritual progress? Consider the example of Jesus, who endured the cross for our sake. His perseverance in the face of opposition can inspire us in our own struggles. Today, identify one area where you need to show more perseverance in your faith. Ask God for the strength to keep running, even when the path is difficult. Remember, you're not running alone - fix your eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of your faith.

Day 3: Grace that Transforms

Reading: Titus 2:11-14

Devotional: God's grace is not just a get-out-of-jail-free card; it's a transformative power that enables us to live godly lives. Reflect on how God's grace has changed you. Are there areas where you've used the concept of grace as an excuse to continue in sin? Paul reminds us that true

grace teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and to live self-controlled, upright lives. Today, consider one specific way you can respond to God's grace by pursuing holiness. Ask the Holy Spirit to empower you to live in a way that honors the sacrifice Christ made for you.

Day 4: Growing in Christlikeness

Reading: 2 Peter 1:3-9

Devotional: Peter presents a powerful vision of spiritual growth, showing us that God has given us everything we need for godliness. Examine your life in light of the qualities Peter lists - faith, goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. Which of these qualities do you see growing in your life? Which ones need more development? Remember, these qualities are meant to increase over time. If you feel stagnant, it may be a sign that you've forgotten the transformative power of the gospel. Today, choose one of these qualities to focus on and ask God to help you cultivate it more fully in your life.

Day 5: Overcoming Sin through Christ

Reading: Romans 6:1-14

Devotional: Paul addresses a crucial misunderstanding about grace - that it gives us license to sin. Instead, he paints a picture of believers as those who have died to sin and been raised to new life in Christ. This new identity fundamentally changes our relationship to sin. Reflect on areas where you still struggle with habitual sin. Have you truly embraced your new identity in Christ, or are you still living as if sin has power over you? Today, when temptation comes, practice "considering yourself dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus." Ask God to help you fully realize the freedom Christ has won for you and to live in that freedom.