

## **Don't Go with what it Looks Like**

### **5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide**

#### **Day 1: Seeing Through God's Eyes**

##### **Reading: Isaiah 55:8-9**

**Devotional:** Our human perspective is often limited, clouded by our emotions, experiences, and intellect. But God's perspective is unlimited and eternal. Today, reflect on areas in your life where you might be relying too heavily on your own understanding. Ask God to help you see your circumstances through His eyes. How might your outlook change if you viewed your challenges from God's perspective? Remember, His thoughts and ways are higher than ours. Pray for the wisdom to trust in His viewpoint, even when it doesn't align with what you see or feel.

#### **Day 2: The Power of Obedience**

##### **Reading: John 11:38-44**

**Devotional:** When Jesus commanded the people to roll away the stone from Lazarus' tomb, it seemed illogical. Yet, this act of obedience paved the way for a miracle. Consider the areas in your life where God might be asking you to take a step of faith that doesn't make sense from a human perspective. Are you willing to obey, even when you don't understand? Reflect on past experiences where your obedience to God's prompting led to unexpected blessings. Ask for the courage to say "yes" to God, trusting that His commands always lead to His glory and our good.

#### **Day 3: Faith That Moves Mountains**

##### **Reading: Matthew 17:20**

**Devotional:** The story of Lazarus' resurrection reminds us of the power of faith. Even when situations seem hopeless – as hopeless as a man dead for four days – nothing is impossible with God. What "mountains" are you facing in your life right now? Health issues? Financial struggles? Relationship problems? Bring these before God today. Ask Him to increase your faith, to help you believe in His power to do the impossible. Remember, faith as small as a mustard seed can move mountains. Trust that God is working behind the scenes, even when you can't see it.

#### **Day 4: Living as God's Billboard**

##### **Reading: Matthew 5:14-16**

**Devotional:** We are called to be "billboards" for Christ, displaying His message to the world through our lives. How clearly are you reflecting Jesus to those around you? Are there areas where your "billboard" might be sending mixed messages? Today, ask God to help you align your actions, words, and attitudes with His character. Pray for opportunities to shine His light in your workplace, neighborhood, or family. Remember, your consistent witness can lead others to glorify God and potentially come to know Jesus themselves.

#### **Day 5: It's Not Over Until God Says It's Over**

##### **Reading: Romans 8:28**

**Devotional:** In our darkest moments, it's easy to feel like all hope is lost. But as believers, we can hold onto the promise that God works all things for the good of those who love Him. Reflect on a time in your past when God turned a seemingly hopeless situation around for your good. How did that experience shape your faith? If you're currently in a difficult season, bring your struggles before God. Ask Him for the strength to persevere, trusting that He is still at work, even if you can't see it. Declare in faith: "It's not over until God says it's over," and rest in His sovereign control over your life.