

Choosing the Lord

5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide

Day 1: Stretched But Not Torn

Reading: John 21:1-14

Devotional: Just as Peter and the disciples experienced stretching in their faith, we too face moments that test our beliefs. Yet, like the unbroken net filled with fish, God provides strength beyond our understanding. Reflect on a time when you felt stretched in your faith. How did God reveal His presence and provision? Today, trust that even in your stretching, God is working to demonstrate His power and love in your life.

Day 2: The Power of Christian Community

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12

Devotional: The sermon emphasized the importance of staying connected to the church. This passage reminds us that we are stronger together. Consider how your church family has supported you during challenging times. How can you contribute to strengthening this community? Make an effort today to reach out to a fellow believer, offering encouragement or support, and experience the strength that comes from unity in Christ.

Day 3: Christ's Intercession and Presence

Reading: Romans 8:31-39

Devotional: We learned that Jesus prays for us, just as He did for Peter. This passage assures us that nothing can separate us from God's love. Meditate on the profound truth that Christ is advocating for you right now. How does this change your perspective on your current challenges? Take time to thank God for His unwavering presence and love, even in your moments of doubt or weakness.

Day 4: Renewed Purpose After Failure

Reading: Luke 22:31-34, 54-62; John 21:15-19

Devotional: Peter's story of denial and restoration reminds us that our failures don't disqualify us from God's purpose. Jesus still called Peter to "feed my sheep" despite his shortcomings. Reflect on areas where you feel you've failed God. Now, consider how God might be calling you to serve Him anew. Ask for the courage to accept His forgiveness and step into the purpose He has for you, regardless of past mistakes.

Day 5: Love as the Response to Stretching

Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:4-7, Matthew 5:43-48

Devotional: The sermon concluded by emphasizing love as the key to surviving stretching without being torn. These passages describe the characteristics of godly love and challenge us to love even our enemies. Think about a difficult relationship or situation in your life. How might responding with God's love change the dynamic? Today, choose one practical way to demonstrate sacrificial love, especially towards someone who has hurt or disappointed you, and experience the freedom and strength that comes from loving as Christ loves us.