

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on the themes from
The Good Samaritan Sermon

Day 1: Loving Your Neighbor Reading: Luke 10:25-37 (The Parable of the Good Samaritan) Devotional: Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan challenges us to rethink our definition of "neighbor." It's easy to love those who are like us or those we naturally get along with. But Christ calls us to a higher standard - to love even those we might consider enemies or outsiders. Today, reflect on who you might be avoiding or overlooking in your life. Ask God to open your eyes to see others as He sees them, worthy of love and compassion regardless of their background or how they've treated you. Consider one practical way you can show Christ-like love to someone unexpected today.

Day 2: God's Relentless Love Reading: Romans 5:6-11 Devotional: The story of the Good Samaritan reflects God's relentless love for us. Just as the Samaritan went above and beyond to care for the wounded man, God pursues us with unending grace and mercy. Even when we were still sinners - beaten down and left for dead spiritually - Christ died for us. His love knows no bounds. Today, meditate on the depths of God's love for you personally. How does knowing you are unconditionally loved by your Creator change how you view yourself and others? Ask God to help you rest in His love and to let it overflow to those around you.

Day 3: Overcoming Indifference Reading: James 2:14-17 Devotional: The priest and Levite in Jesus' parable chose to walk by on the other side, showing indifference to the wounded man's plight. It's easy for us to become desensitized to the needs around us, especially when helping feels inconvenient or costly. But faith without action is dead. Today, ask God to soften your heart to the needs of others. Pray for eyes to see and ears to hear where He might be calling you to get involved. Is there a situation you've been avoiding that God is nudging you to engage with? Take a step of faith and offer practical help to someone in need.

Day 4: The Cost of Discipleship Reading: Luke 9:23-26 Devotional: The Good Samaritan's actions were costly - he gave his time, resources, and put himself at risk to help a stranger. Following Jesus often requires similar sacrifice. He calls us to deny ourselves, take up our cross daily, and follow Him. This means putting

aside our own comfort, agenda, and sometimes even our rights for the sake of others and the gospel. Today, reflect on areas where you might be holding back from fully surrendering to God. What fears or attachments are keeping you from radical obedience? Ask God for the courage to follow Him wholeheartedly, no matter the cost.

Day 5: Extending Grace to the Undeserving Reading: Matthew 5:43-48 Devotional: The Samaritan showed mercy to someone who, culturally, was considered an enemy. Jesus takes this concept even further, commanding us to love our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. This kind of love is only possible through the power of God's Spirit working in us. It's a love that reflects the very heart of God, who loved us while we were still His enemies. Today, bring to mind someone who has hurt or wronged you. Instead of harboring bitterness, ask God to help you see them through His eyes. Pray for their well-being and for God to bless them. Consider a tangible way you might show kindness to this person, trusting God to work through your obedience.