

## Bible reading plan and devotional guide for the June 1<sup>st</sup> sermon, 'Wait For It'

Day 1: The Power of God's Word Reading: Psalm 119:105-112 Devotional: As we begin this journey, let's reflect on the transformative power of Scripture in our lives. The sermon highlighted how regular Bible reading can significantly impact our mental, emotional, and spiritual well-being. Just as the Psalmist declares God's word as a lamp to his feet, we too can find guidance and light in our daily lives through Scripture. Today, consider how you can make Bible reading a more consistent part of your routine. How might dedicating time to God's word change your perspective on challenges you're facing? Remember, it's not about perfection, but about progress and allowing God's truth to shape your heart and mind.

Day 2: Witnessing with Boldness Reading: Acts 1:1-11 Devotional: The book of Acts begins with Jesus' command to wait for the Holy Spirit before witnessing. This reminds us that effective ministry comes not from our own strength, but through the power of the Holy Spirit. Like the disciples, we may feel inadequate or afraid to share our faith. But God promises to equip us with His Spirit. Today, reflect on areas where you've hesitated to share your faith. Ask God to fill you with His Spirit and give you boldness. Consider one person you can reach out to this week to share God's love, trusting in His power rather than your own abilities.

Day 3: Waiting on God's Timing Reading: Isaiah 40:28-31 Devotional: Waiting is a recurring theme in Scripture, as we saw in Jesus' command for the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit. Waiting can be challenging, but it's often in these periods that God prepares us for what's ahead. Isaiah reminds us that those who wait on the Lord will renew their strength. Reflect on a time when God made you wait. What did you learn during that period? Are you currently in a season of waiting? How can you use this time to draw closer to God and prepare for His next steps in your life?

Day 4: Being Witnesses to the Ends of the Earth Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 Devotional: Jesus' Great Commission calls us to be His witnesses "in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." This progression reminds us that our witness should extend from our immediate circles to those unlike us, and even to the most challenging environments. Today, consider your "Jerusalem" (those closest to you), your "Samaria" (those different from you), and your "ends of the earth" (the most challenging mission field for you). How can you be a more effective witness in each of these areas? Pray for opportunities to share God's love in all these spheres, and for the courage to step out of your comfort zone in obedience to Christ's call.

Day 5: Hope in Christ's Return Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Devotional: The sermon concluded with a reminder of Christ's promised return. This hope should shape how we live our lives today. Knowing that Jesus will come again gives us perspective on our current struggles and motivates us to share the Gospel urgently. Today, meditate on the reality of Christ's return.

How does this truth impact your daily choices? Let it inspire you to live with purpose, sharing God's love and hope with those around you. Pray for a renewed sense of anticipation for Christ's return and for wisdom to use your time on earth wisely in light of eternity.