

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

Day 1: Trusting God's Plan Reading: Joshua 6:1-11

Devotional: As we read about God's unusual battle plan for Jericho, we're reminded that His ways are often not our ways. Just as the Israelites were asked to march silently around the city, God sometimes calls us to act in ways that seem illogical or even foolish to the world. This requires tremendous faith and trust.

Reflect on a time when God asked you to do something that didn't make sense. How did you respond? Remember, our obedience, even when we don't understand, demonstrates our trust in God's wisdom and power. Today, ask God to strengthen your faith to follow His leading, even when it doesn't align with human logic.

Day 2: God's Judgment and Mercy Reading: Joshua 6:12-21

Devotional: The fall of Jericho presents a challenging picture of God's judgment. Yet, even in this act of judgment, we see God's mercy extended to Rahab and her family. This reminds us that God's character is complex – He is both just and merciful.

Consider how God's judgment and mercy are displayed in your own life. How has God shown you mercy? How does the reality of God's judgment impact how you live? Thank God for His mercy in your life, and pray for those who haven't yet experienced His saving grace.

Day 3: Faith that Transforms Reading: Hebrews 11:30-31

Devotional: Hebrews highlights the faith of both the Israelites and Rahab in the Jericho account. Their faith wasn't just belief – it led to action. The Israelites marched, and Rahab protected the spies. This active faith resulted in salvation and victory.

What does your faith look like in action? Are there areas where God is calling you to step out in faith? Remember, true faith always manifests itself in obedience. Ask God to reveal any areas where your faith needs to become more active and transformative.

Day 4: God's Presence in Our Battles Reading: Joshua 5:13-15

Devotional: Before the battle of Jericho, Joshua encounters the commander of the Lord's army. This reminds us that in our spiritual battles, we're not alone. God's presence goes before us and with us.

What battles are you facing today? How aware are you of God's presence in these struggles? Take time to acknowledge God's presence in your life, especially in your difficulties. Pray for a heightened awareness of His nearness and the courage to face your challenges with His strength.

Day 5: The Power of Obedience Reading: Joshua 6:22-27

Devotional: The Israelites' obedience to God's unusual battle plan resulted in a miraculous victory. Similarly, Rahab's obedience in hanging the scarlet cord led to her salvation. These examples show us the power of following God's instructions, even when they don't make sense to us.

Reflect on areas in your life where God is calling you to obey. Are there any commands in Scripture that you find difficult to follow? Remember, obedience often precedes understanding. Commit to obeying God in one specific area today, trusting that His ways are always best.