



Carrollton Christian Fellowship

Matthew 1 Devotions

Here's a 5-day Bible reading plan and devotional guide based on our verse by verse study of Matthew 1

Day 1: The Promise of the King

Reading: Matthew 1:1-17

Devotional: As we begin this journey through Matthew's genealogy of Jesus, we're reminded of God's faithfulness to His promises. Despite the flaws and failures of the individuals listed, God worked through them to bring about His plan of salvation. Reflect on how God has been faithful in your own life, even in the midst of your shortcomings. How does this genealogy demonstrate God's grace and His ability to use imperfect people for His perfect purposes?

Day 2: A Just Response to God's Plan

Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

Devotional: Joseph's response to Mary's pregnancy demonstrates true righteousness. Instead of seeking public retribution, he chose to act with compassion and restraint. When faced with difficult situations, do we respond with hasty judgment or patient consideration of God's will? Pray for the wisdom to respond to life's challenges with the same justice and mercy that Joseph displayed, trusting in God's greater plan even when it doesn't align with our expectations.

Day 3: The Miracle of New Birth

Reading: John 3:1-8, 2 Corinthians 5:17

Devotional: Just as Jesus was miraculously conceived by the Holy Spirit, we too can experience a supernatural rebirth through faith in Christ. This new birth transforms us from the inside out, giving us a new nature and new desires. Consider areas of your life where you need to embrace this new identity in Christ. How can you cooperate with the Holy Spirit's work of renewal in your heart today?

Day 4: God With Us

Reading: Isaiah 7:14, John 1:14

Devotional: The name Emmanuel, "God with us," encapsulates the incredible reality of the incarnation. The eternal God took on human flesh to dwell among us. This truth should revolutionize how we view our daily lives. In what ways do you need to be more aware of God's presence with you today? How might this awareness change your attitudes, actions, and interactions with others?

Day 5: Obedience to God's Call

Reading: Luke 1:26-38, Romans 12:1-2

Devotional: Both Mary and Joseph demonstrated remarkable obedience to God's unexpected and life-altering call. Their willingness to surrender their own plans and reputations for God's purposes made them integral parts of the greatest story ever told. What is God calling you to do that requires similar faith and obedience? Reflect on areas where you might be resisting God's will, and ask for the grace to respond like Mary: "Let it be to me according to your word."