True Wealth: The Treasure of Meaningful Relationships
A 5-Day Bible Reading Plan and Devotional Guide

Day 1: Made for One Another

Reading: Genesis 2:18-25 -- God's declaration that it is not good for humanity to be alone, and the creation of companionship as a foundational gift.

Devotional: From the very beginning, God looked at creation and saw that something was not yet complete. Not because the world lacked beauty or order, but because the human being had no one to share it with. This is not a minor detail tucked into the creation story. It is a declaration about the nature of human beings made in the image of a relational God. We were not designed for isolation. We were designed for companionship, mutual care, and the kind of love that shows up, stays present, and carries another person's burdens. Before you move through this week, ask yourself honestly: am I living as though I need other people, or have I quietly convinced myself that I can manage alone?

Day 2: Two Are Better Than One

Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:9-12 -- Ancient wisdom that two companions support, protect, and strengthen one another in ways a solitary person cannot.

Devotional: The writer of Ecclesiastes was not a naive optimist. He had seen the emptiness of chasing wealth, status, and achievement. Yet in the midst of his honest reckoning with life's limitations, he arrived at something that rang true: a person with a companion is better off than a person alone. Not because two people produce more, but because they can catch each other when they fall. The image of a threefold cord depicts human relationships held together by something greater than the two people involved. When God is woven into our friendships and communities, those bonds become something difficulty cannot easily destroy. Who in your life represents that kind of cord?

Day 3: The Love That Sets the Standard

Reading: John 15:9-17 -- Jesus commands his disciples to love one another as he has loved them, and calls them not servants but friends.

Devotional: On the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke about love and friendship. He did not outline a strategy or a survival plan. He set a standard: love each other as I have loved you. That standard is not comfortable. It includes patience with those who disappoint

us, forgiveness toward those who wound us, and compassion for those whose struggles inconvenience us. Jesus then does something extraordinary. He calls his disciples friends. Not followers at a distance, not servants carrying out orders, but friends who are known, loved, and included. That same invitation is extended to you today. You are not merely tolerated by God. You are called his friend.

Day 4: Shaped by Community

Reading: Hebrews 10:24-25 -- The call to gather together, to encourage one another, and to spur each other on toward love and good works.

Devotional: The writer of Hebrews understood something easy to forget in a culture that prizes individual spirituality: we grow in faith together, not merely alone. Gathering with other believers is not optional or merely one preference among many. It is presented as something we owe one another. The language is active and intentional -- consider how to stir up love, encourage one another, and meet together. Christian community is not a passive experience. It requires showing up, paying attention, and investing in the lives of imperfect people, just as we are. Where are you allowing community to shape you, and where are you holding it at arm's length?

Day 5: The Communion of Saints

Reading: Revelation 7:9-17 -- A vision of an innumerable multitude gathered from every nation, standing together before God, held in his eternal presence and love.

Devotional: All Saints Sunday reminds us that the community of faith extends far beyond those we can see. Those who have gone before us are not lost. They are held in the love of the God who conquered death. The vision in Revelation is not solitary. It is a vast, diverse, multi-generational gathering of people whose lives were shaped by faith and love. We belong to that story. The relationships that have formed us and the people whose wisdom and kindness we still carry are part of something eternal. As you close this week's reading, give thanks for those who loved you into who you are, and ask God how you might offer that same gift to someone else.