



Daily Bible Reading Plan

Matthew 5:31-32

Monday, September 21, 2026

Read: Matthew 5:31-32

Highlight: *"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife must give her a written notice of divorce.' But I tell you..."* (Matthew 5:31-32, CSB)

Explain: Jesus addresses a culture in which divorce had become common and often treated casually. Rather than focusing only on legal procedures, He points His listeners back to God's original design for marriage—a lifelong covenant marked by love, faithfulness, and commitment.

Apply: Whether you are married or single, consider how your view of marriage reflects God's design. Pray for healthy, Christ-centered marriages in your church, family, and community.

Respond: "Father, thank You for creating marriage as a beautiful picture of faithfulness and love. Help me honor Your design in both my beliefs and my actions. Amen."

Tuesday, September 22, 2026

Read: Matthew 5:31-32

Highlight: Jesus calls His followers to take covenant commitments seriously.

Explain: Throughout Scripture, God demonstrates unwavering faithfulness to His people. Marriage reflects that covenant love, reminding believers that faithfulness is not based on changing feelings but on steadfast commitment.

Apply: Think about the commitments God has entrusted to you. How can you demonstrate greater faithfulness in your relationships, responsibilities, and service to Him today?

Respond: "Lord, help me become a person who is faithful in every area of life. Let my character reflect Your steadfast love and commitment. Amen."

Wednesday, September 23, 2026

Read: Matthew 5:27-32

Highlight: Jesus connects purity of heart with faithfulness in relationships.

Explain: The discussion of divorce follows Jesus' teaching on lust because unfaithfulness often begins in the heart before it affects actions. Guarding our hearts, minds, and relationships helps protect the covenant of marriage and honors God.

Apply: Ask yourself:

- Am I guarding my heart from unhealthy influences?
- Am I nurturing relationships in ways that honor Christ?
- What habits help strengthen trust and faithfulness?

Respond: "Father, guard my heart and mind. Help me pursue purity, integrity, and faithfulness in all my relationships. Amen."

Thursday, September 24, 2026

Read: Matthew 5:31-32

Highlight: God cares deeply for those who experience broken relationships.

Explain: Jesus' teaching upholds God's high view of marriage while also reminding us that we live in a broken world affected by sin. Throughout Scripture, God offers grace, healing, forgiveness, and hope to those who have experienced divorce, betrayal, or other relational wounds.

Apply: If you carry pain from broken relationships, bring it honestly before God. If you know someone who is hurting, ask God to show you how you can encourage them with compassion and truth.

Respond: "Lord, thank You that You are near to the brokenhearted. Bring healing where there is pain, wisdom where there is confusion, and hope where there is discouragement. Amen."

Friday, September 25, 2026

Read: Matthew 5:31-32

Highlight: Every relationship should reflect the character of Christ.

Explain: Whether married, single, widowed, or divorced, every believer is called to honor God through integrity, love, forgiveness, and faithfulness. Our relationships become opportunities to display Christ's grace to others.

Apply: Choose one relationship that needs greater intentionality. Ask God how you can strengthen it through encouragement, forgiveness, patience, or honest communication.

Respond: "Jesus, help my relationships reflect Your love. Teach me to treat others with grace, humility, and faithfulness so that You are honored. Amen."

Saturday, September 26, 2026

Read: Matthew 5:31-32;

Highlight: Marriage points beyond itself to Christ's faithful love for His Church.

Explain: The greatest picture of faithfulness is found in Jesus Himself. He loves His people with unwavering commitment and sacrificial grace. Whether married or single, every believer is called to reflect His covenant love through a life marked by faithfulness, holiness, and compassion.

Apply: Reflect on these questions:

- How does Christ's faithfulness encourage me today?
- How can I better reflect His love in my relationships?
- What step of obedience is God calling me to take this week?
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Write down one practical way you will demonstrate Christ-like faithfulness this week.

Respond: "Jesus, thank You for Your unfailing love and faithfulness. Help me reflect Your character in every relationship and live in a way that honors Your covenant love. Amen."

Weekly Challenge

At the end of these six days, ask yourself:

Do my relationships reflect the faithful, sacrificial, and gracious love that Christ has shown to me?