

ENGAGE SCRIPTURE

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Admit it. Some of you hate reading the Bible. Just opening it makes you sleepy. You think it's hard to understand. You get lost in the Old Testament. It gives you a headache. Many Christians, regardless of educational background, avoid reading the Bible. Trying to understand, interpret, and apply this ancient text is a daunting task to many who open its pages. Yet it is an essential endeavor for a follower of Jesus.

The Journey invites you to join us as we engage with God by taking the Bible head-on, gleaning valuable insights from every book as we read through it in one year. Sound intimidating? It is. But if you really want to read the Bible strategically, with helpful resources and in community, this is probably the best shot you'll ever have.

Why read the Bible anyway?

The Bible is God's tangible way of directly communicating with us about who he is, what he values, who we are, why we exist... the list goes on and on. If we want to know anything about God, if we want to know God's thoughts about us, if we want to know our purpose in life and what will happen to us after death, we must go to the only source that deals authoritatively with these concerns.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 says, "All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be competent, equipped for every good work." In other words, it is good for us to engage with God through reading the Bible. Needless to say, the Bible is something every one who follows Christ must get...in our hands, in our heads, and in our hearts.

How do I read the Bible?

The Bible is not primarily a moral guidebook. The Bible, simply stated, is the greatest story ever told because it is God's own story. Two guiding principles will help you as you endeavor to read God's word:

1. The Bible is not primarily about you. If the Bible is about us it becomes a crushing burden, a set of moral principles that we must, but cannot, follow. Rightly understood, The Bible is not a book of virtues; it is the story of how God is redeeming his people and all of creation through Jesus Christ. The Bible is not primarily about us. The Bible is all about Jesus.
2. The Bible is not about our search for God. It is a story about God's search for us. This story has four basic chapters: Creation, Fall, Redemption, Restoration — see next page.

GOD'S STORY

Creation

The story does not begin with a God in hiding. God initiates the story by creating all that exists, including his prized creation - human beings - whom he pursued in relationship. What God created in the beginning was not just good, but perfect, whole, complete, lacking in nothing. He designed the Earth as an ideal environment for his creation to flourish.

Fall

Unfortunately, the first human beings ultimately chose to meet their needs apart from their perfect Creator. Moment by moment, we face the disastrous consequences of our rebellion. Created to enjoy God in loving dependence on him, human beings now face God's wrath. Created to relate with God in healthy community, we now hide from him. Once connected intimately to the power source for life, we now face certain death in our fallen world.

Redemption

The longest chapter in the story of God is redemption—about how God began redeeming and restoring his prized creatures. This story includes ancient covenants, the 10 Commandments, David & Goliath, and much more. But it culminates in the character of Jesus. Jesus, God himself, demonstrated how God would rather experience the death we deserved than let go of his people. The redemption chapter is the climax of the story—God's relentless pursuit of his people at the expense of his own life.

Restoration

This chapter is still being written, though the previous chapter plays the spoiler and tells us how it all works out. The final chapter is basically this: what God has set in motion through the incarnation, crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus and through the gift of the Holy Spirit, will finally, one great day, be fully realized.

What resources are available to help me read the Bible?

To help you read the Bible in one year, you will receive a plan that breaks the readings into manageable pieces. You will also have access to videos, articles, and additional resources via a website specifically designed to help keep you on track and informed as you read. Additionally, social networking tools like Twitter and Facebook will also provide you with tips, links and encouragement to help you successfully read the Bible in a year. Go to www.journeyon.net to find these additional resources.

How do I engage beyond simply reading the Bible passages?

We recommend journaling as you read using what we call the ROAD method. Here's how it works. As you read, the Spirit will highlight a verse or phrase (or even one word). Reflect on this insight in the following way: Read, Observe, Apply, Depend.

In addition to journaling, doing the plan with a group will allow you to engage with other people as you read through the Bible. Whether with your Community Group, your family, or an informal group of friends, working through the plan with other people will build accountability and allow you to share with others what God is teaching you in his Word.

THE ROAD JOURNAL METHOD

- R**ead - Write down the main highlighted verse or portion of a verse.
- O**bserve - Write down what you notice about the passage. You could even re-write the passage in your own words, or ask questions aimed at getting at the meaning the author intended to convey.
- A**pply - Describe what you will do with what God showed you.
- D**epend - Write out a prayer expressing your need for God's wisdom and help.

PLAN FEATURES

How to Approach this Bible Reading Plan

In this plan, each day of this year has been planned out so that at the end of the year, you will have read through the entire Bible. However, this Bible Reading Plan has some features that are unique to it and that can help you read through the Bible this year. Here are some of those features:

- **Columns for Daily Reading:** The plan will have you reading whole chapters in three different areas of the Bible each reading day; one New Testament passage and two Old Testament passages. If you are new to the Bible or do not feel up to reading the entire Bible this year, you can choose to read only one or two of the columns. It is a great goal to read through only the New Testament in a year.
- **Days of Reflection/Catch Up:** The plan is set up so that there are many days that do not have readings assigned to them. Because it is so easy to fall behind on daily reading, these days are meant to allow you space to catch up or take time to reflect on what God has been teaching you through his Word. Take advantage of them!



Monthly Scripture Snapshots:

Many who attempt to read through the Bible get stuck in some of the more difficult books to understand. This plan assists the reader by pulling these slower-paced books out of the daily reading plan, offering instead, videos from Pastor Darrin and additional resources to give a helpful overview of these books and place them into the larger context of Scripture.

January

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Matthew 1 | Psalms 1 | Genesis 1 |
| 2 | | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| 3 | | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| 4 | | Day Off | | |
| 5 | | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| 6 | | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| 7 | | 6 | 6 | 6 |
| 8 | | Day Off | | |
| 9 | | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 10 | | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| 11 | | | 9 | 9 |
| 12 | | Day Off | | |
| 13 | | 9 | 10 | 10 |
| 14 | | 10 | 11 | 11 |
| 15 | | 11 | 12 | 12 |
| 16 | | Day Off | | |
| 17 | | 12 | 13 | 13 |
| 18 | | 13 | 14 | 14 |
| 19 | | 14 | 15 | 15 |
| 20 | | Day Off | | |
| 21 | | 15 | 16 | 16 |
| 22 | | 16 | 17 | 17 |
| 23 | | | 18 | 18 |
| 24 | | Day Off | | |
| 25 | | 17 | 19 | 19 |
| 26 | | 18 | 20 | 20 |
| 27 | | 19 | 21 | 21 |
| 28 | | Day Off | | |
| 29 | | 20 | 22 | 22 |
| 30 | | 21 | 23 | 23 |
| 31 | | 22 | 24 | 24 |

Scripture Snapshot: *Leviticus*



February

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Day Off | | |
| 2 | | Matthew 23 | Psalms 25 | Genesis 25 |
| 3 | | 24 | 26 | 26 |
| 4 | | | 27 | 27 |
| 5 | | Day Off | | |
| 6 | | 25 | 28 | 28 |
| 7 | | 26 | 29 | 29 |
| 8 | | 27 | 30 | 30 |
| 9 | | Day Off | | |
| 10 | | 28 | 31 | 31 |
| 11 | | Mark 1 | 32 | 32 |
| 12 | | 2 | 33 | 33 |
| 13 | | Day Off | | |
| 14 | | 3 | 34 | 34 |
| 15 | | 4 | 35 | 35 |
| 16 | | | 36 | 36 |
| 17 | | Day Off | | |
| 18 | | 5 | 37 | 37 |
| 19 | | 6 | 38 | 38 |
| 20 | | 7 | 39 | 39 |
| 21 | | Day Off | | |
| 22 | | 8 | 40 | 40 |
| 23 | | 9 | 41 | 41 |
| 24 | | 10 | 42 | 42 |
| 25 | | Day Off | | |
| 26 | | 11 | 43 | 43 |
| 27 | | 12 | 44 | 44 |
| 28 | | | 45 | 45 |

Scripture Snapshot: *Numbers*



March

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Day Off | | |
| 2 | | Mark 13 | Psalms 46 | Genesis 46 |
| 3 | | 14 | 47 | 47 |
| 4 | | 15 | 48 | 48 |
| 5 | | Day Off | | |
| 6 | | 16 | 49 | 49 |
| 7 | | Luke 1 | 50 | 50 |
| 8 | | 2 | 51 | Exodus 1 |
| 9 | | Day Off | | |
| 10 | | 3 | 52 | 2 |
| 11 | | 4 | 53 | 3 |
| 12 | | | 54 | 4 |
| 13 | | Day Off | | |
| 14 | | 5 | 55 | 5 |
| 15 | | 6 | 56 | 6 |
| 16 | | 7 | 57 | 7 |
| 17 | | Day Off | | |
| 18 | | 8 | 58 | 8 |
| 19 | | 9 | 59 | 9 |
| 20 | | 10 | 60 | 10 |
| 21 | | Day Off | | |
| 22 | | 11 | 61 | 11 |
| 23 | | 12 | 62 | 12 |
| 24 | | | 63 | 13 |
| 25 | | Day Off | | |
| 26 | | 13 | 64 | 14 |
| 27 | | 14 | 65 | 15 |
| 28 | | 15 | 66 | 16 |
| 29 | | Day Off | | |
| 30 | | 16 | 67 | 17 |
| 31 | | 17 | 68 | 18 |

Scripture Snapshot: *Deuteronomy*



April

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Luke 18 | Psalms 69 | Exodus 19 |
| 2 | | Day Off | | |
| 3 | | 19 | 70 | 20 |
| 4 | | 20 | 71 | 21 |
| 5 | | 21 | 72 | 22 |
| 6 | | Day Off | | |
| 7 | | 22 | 73 | 23 |
| 8 | | 23 | 74 | 24 |
| 9 | | 24 | 75 | 25 |
| 10 | | Day Off | | |
| 11 | | John 1 | 76 | 26 |
| 12 | | 2 | 77 | 27 |
| 13 | | 3 | 78 | 28 |
| 14 | | Day Off | | |
| 15 | | 4 | 79 | 29 |
| 16 | | 5 | 80 | 30 |
| 17 | | 6 | 81 | 31 |
| 18 | | Day Off | | |
| 19 | | 7 | 82 | 32 |
| 20 | | 8 | 83 | 33 |
| 21 | | | 84 | 34 |
| 22 | | Day Off | | |
| 23 | | 9 | 85 | 35 |
| 24 | | 10 | 86 | 36 |
| 25 | | 11 | 87 | 37 |
| 26 | | Day Off | | |
| 27 | | 12 | 88 | 38 |
| 28 | | 13 | 89 | 39 |
| 29 | | 14 | 90 | 40 |
| 30 | | Day Off | | |

Scripture Snapshot: *1 Chronicles*



May

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | John 15 | Psalms 91 | Joshua 1-2 |
| 2 | | 16 | 92 | 3 |
| 3 | | | 93 | 4 |
| 4 | | Day Off | | |
| 5 | | 17 | 94 | 5 |
| 6 | | 18 | 95 | 6 |
| 7 | | 19 | 96 | 7 |
| 8 | | Day Off | | |
| 9 | | 20 | 97 | 8 |
| 10 | | 21 | 98 | 9 |
| 11 | | Acts 1 | 99 | 10 |
| 12 | | Day Off | | |
| 13 | | 2 | 100 | 11 |
| 14 | | 3 | 101 | 12 |
| 15 | | | 102 | 13 |
| 16 | | Day Off | | |
| 17 | | 4 | 103 | 14 |
| 18 | | 5 | 104 | 15 |
| 19 | | 6 | 105 | 16 |
| 20 | | Day Off | | |
| 21 | | 7 | 106 | 17 |
| 22 | | 8 | 107 | 18 |
| 23 | | 9 | 108 | 19 |
| 24 | | Day Off | | |
| 25 | | 10 | 109 | 20 |
| 26 | | 11 | 110 | 21 |
| 27 | | | 111 | 22 |
| 28 | | Day Off | | |
| 29 | | 12 | 112 | 23 |
| 30 | | 13 | 113 | 24 |
| 31 | | 14 | 114 | Judges 1 |

Scripture Snapshot: *2 Chronicles*



June

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Day Off | | |
| 2 | | Acts 15 | Psalms 115 | Judges 2 |
| 3 | | 16 | 116 | 3 |
| 4 | | 17 | 117 | 4 |
| 5 | | Day Off | | |
| 6 | | 18 | 118 | 5 |
| 7 | | 19 | 119 | 6 |
| 8 | | | 120 | 7 |
| 9 | | Day Off | | |
| 10 | | 20 | 121 | 8 |
| 11 | | 21 | 122 | 9 |
| 12 | | 22 | 123 | 10 |
| 13 | | Day Off | | |
| 14 | | 23 | 124 | 11 |
| 15 | | 24 | 125 | 12 |
| 16 | | 25 | 126 | 13 |
| 17 | | Day Off | | |
| 18 | | 26 | 127 | 14 |
| 19 | | 27 | 128 | 15 |
| 20 | | | 129 | 16 |
| 21 | | Day Off | | |
| 22 | | 28 | 130 | 17 |
| 23 | | Romans 1 | 131 | 18 |
| 24 | | 2 | 132 | 19 |
| 25 | | Day Off | | |
| 26 | | 3 | 133 | 20 |
| 27 | | 4 | 134 | 21 |
| 28 | | 5 | 135 | Ruth 1-2 |
| 29 | | Day Off | | |
| 30 | | 6 | 136 | 3 |

Scripture Snapshot: *Job*



July

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Romans 7 | Psalms 137 | Ruth 4 |
| 2 | | 8 | 138 | 1 Samuel 1 |
| 3 | | Day Off | | |
| 4 | | 9 | 139 | 2 |
| 5 | | 10 | 140 | 3 |
| 6 | | 11 | 141 | 4 |
| 7 | | Day Off | | |
| 8 | | 12 | 142 | 5 |
| 9 | | 13 | 143 | 6 |
| 10 | | 14 | 144 | 7 |
| 11 | | Day Off | | |
| 12 | | 15 | 145 | 8 |
| 13 | | 16 | 146 | 9 |
| 14 | | 1 Cor. 1 | 147 | 10 |
| 15 | | Day Off | | |
| 16 | | 2 | 148 | 11 |
| 17 | | 3 | 149 | 12 |
| 18 | | 4 | 150 | 13 |
| 19 | | Day Off | | |
| 20 | | 5 | Proverbs 1 | 14 |
| 21 | | 6 | 2 | 15 |
| 22 | | 7 | 3 | 16 |
| 23 | | Day Off | | |
| 24 | | 8 | 4 | 17 |
| 25 | | 9 | 5 | 18 |
| 26 | | 10 | 6 | 19 |
| 27 | | Day Off | | |
| 28 | | 11 | 7 | 20 |
| 29 | | 12 | 8 | 21 |
| 30 | | 13 | 9 | 22 |
| 31 | | Day Off | | |

Scripture Snapshot: *Isaiah 1-39*



August

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | 1 Cor. 14 | Proverbs 10 | 1 Samuel 23 |
| 2 | | 15 | 11 | 24 |
| 3 | | 16 | 12 | 25 |
| 4 | | Day Off | | |
| 5 | | 2 Cor. 1 | 13 | 26 |
| 6 | | 2 | 14 | 27 |
| 7 | | 3 | 15 | 28 |
| 8 | | Day Off | | |
| 9 | | 4 | 16 | 29 |
| 10 | | 5 | 17 | 30 |
| 11 | | 6 | 18 | 31 |
| 12 | | Day Off | | |
| 13 | | 7 | 19 | 2 Samuel 1 |
| 14 | | 8 | 20 | 2 |
| 15 | | 9 | 21 | 3 |
| 16 | | Day Off | | |
| 17 | | 10 | 22 | 4 |
| 18 | | 11 | 23 | 5 |
| 19 | | 12 | 24 | 6 |
| 20 | | Day Off | | |
| 21 | | 13 | 25 | 7 |
| 22 | | Galatians 1 | 26 | 8 |
| 23 | | 2 | 27 | 9 |
| 24 | | Day Off | | |
| 25 | | 3 | 28 | 10 |
| 26 | | 4 | 29 | 11 |
| 27 | | 5 | 30 | 12 |
| 28 | | Day Off | | |
| 29 | | 6 | 31 | 13 |
| 30 | | Ephesians 1 | Eccles. 1 | 14 |
| 31 | | 2 | 2 | 15 |

Scripture Snapshot: *Isaiah 40-66*



September

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Day Off | | |
| 2 | | Ephesians 3 | Eccles. 3 | 2 Samuel 16 |
| 3 | | 4 | 4 | 17 |
| 4 | | 5 | 5 | 18 |
| 5 | | Day Off | | |
| 6 | | 6 | 6 | 19 |
| 7 | | Philippians 1 | 7 | 20 |
| 8 | | 2 | 8 | 21 |
| 9 | | Day Off | | |
| 10 | | 3 | 9 | 22 |
| 11 | | 4 | 10 | 23 |
| 12 | | Colossians 1 | 11 | 24 |
| 13 | | Day Off | | |
| 14 | | 2 | 12 | 1 Kings 1-2 |
| 15 | | 3 | Song Sol. 1 | 3 |
| 16 | | 4 | 2 | 4 |
| 17 | | Day Off | | |
| 18 | | 1 Thess. 1 | 3 | 5 |
| 19 | | 2 | 4 | 6 |
| 20 | | 3 | 5 | 7 |
| 21 | | Day Off | | |
| 22 | | 4 | 6 | 8 |
| 23 | | 5 | 7 | 9 |
| 24 | | 2 Thess. 1 | 8 | 10 |
| 25 | | Day Off | | |
| 26 | | 2 | Daniel 1 | 11 |
| 27 | | 3 | 2 | 12 |
| 28 | | 1 Timothy 1 | 3 | 13 |
| 29 | | Day Off | | |
| 30 | | 2 | 4 | 14 |

Scripture Snapshot: *Jeremiah 1-29*



October

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | 1 Timothy 3 | Daniel 5 | 1 Kings 15 |
| 2 | | 4 | 6 | 16 |
| 3 | | Day Off | | |
| 4 | | 5 | 7 | 17 |
| 5 | | 6 | 8 | 18 |
| 6 | | 2 Timothy 1 | 9 | 19 |
| 7 | | Day Off | | |
| 8 | | 2 | 10 | 20 |
| 9 | | 3 | 11 | 21 |
| 10 | | 4 | 12 | 22 |
| 11 | | Day Off | | |
| 12 | | Titus 1 | Hosea 1 | 2 Kings 1-2 |
| 13 | | 2 | 2 | 3 |
| 14 | | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| 15 | | Day Off | | |
| 16 | | Philemon 1 | 4 | 5 |
| 17 | | Hebrews 1 | 5 | 6 |
| 18 | | 2 | 6 | 7 |
| 19 | | Day Off | | |
| 20 | | 3 | 7 | 8 |
| 21 | | 4 | 8 | 9 |
| 22 | | 5 | 9 | 10 |
| 23 | | Day Off | | |
| 24 | | 6 | 10 | 11 |
| 25 | | 7 | 11 | 12 |
| 26 | | 8 | 12 | 13 |
| 27 | | Day Off | | |
| 28 | | 9 | 13 | 14 |
| 29 | | 10 | 14 | 15 |
| 30 | | 11 | Joel 1 | 16 |
| 31 | | Day Off | | |

Scripture Snapshot: *Jeremiah 30-52*



November

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Hebrews 12 | Joel 2 | 2 Kings 17 |
| 2 | | 13 | 3 | 18 |
| 3 | | James 1 | Amos 1 | 19 |
| 4 | | Day Off | | |
| 5 | | 2 | 2 | 20 |
| 6 | | 3 | 3 | 21 |
| 7 | | 4 | 4 | 22 |
| 8 | | Day Off | | |
| 9 | | 5 | 5 | 23 |
| 10 | | 1 Peter 1 | 6 | 24 |
| 11 | | 2 | 7 | 25 |
| 12 | | Day Off | | |
| 13 | | 3 | 8 | Ezra 1-2 |
| 14 | | 4 | 9 | 3 |
| 15 | | 5 | Obadiah 1 | 4 |
| 16 | | Day Off | | |
| 17 | | 2 Peter 1 | Jonah 1-2 | 5 |
| 18 | | 2 | 3-4 | 6 |
| 19 | | 3 | Micah 1 | 7 |
| 20 | | Day Off | | |
| 21 | | 1 John 1 | 2 | 8 |
| 22 | | 2 | 3 | 9 |
| 23 | | 3 | 4 | 10 |
| 24 | | Day Off | | |
| 25 | | 4 | 5 | Nehemiah 1 |
| 26 | | 5 | 6 | 2 |
| 27 | | 2 John 1 | 7 | 3 |
| 28 | | Day Off | | |
| 29 | | 3 John 1 | Nahum 1 | 4 |
| 30 | | Jude 1 | 2 | 5 |

December

| Day | ✓ | New Testament | Old Testament 1 | Old Testament 2 |
|-----|---|---------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| 1 | | Revelation 1 | Nahum 3 | Nehemiah 6 |
| 2 | | Day Off | | |
| 3 | | 2 | Habakkuk 1 | 7 |
| 4 | | 3 | 2 | 8 |
| 5 | | 4 | 3 | 9 |
| 6 | | Day Off | | |
| 7 | | 5 | Zephaniah 1 | 10 |
| 8 | | 6 | 2 | 11 |
| 9 | | 7 | 3 | 12 |
| 10 | | Day Off | | |
| 11 | | 8 | Haggai 1-2 | 13 |
| 12 | | 9 | Zechar. 1-2 | Esther 1 |
| 13 | | 10 | 3-4 | 2 |
| 14 | | Day Off | | |
| 15 | | 11 | 5 | 3 |
| 16 | | 12 | 6 | 4 |
| 17 | | 13 | 7 | 5 |
| 18 | | Day Off | | |
| 19 | | 14 | 8 | 6 |
| 20 | | 15 | 9 | 7 |
| 21 | | 16 | 10 | 8 |
| 22 | | Day Off | | |
| 23 | | 17 | 11 | 9 |
| 24 | | 18 | 12 | 10 |
| 25 | | 19 | 13 | Lamen. 1 |
| 26 | | Day Off | | |
| 27 | | 20 | 14 | 2 |
| 28 | | 21 | Malachi 1-2 | 3 |
| 29 | | 22 | 3 | 4 |
| 30 | | | 4 | 5 |
| 31 | | Day Off | | |

Scripture Snapshot: *Ezekiel 1-24*



Scripture Snapshot: *Ezekiel 25-48*



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