BIBLE READING PLAN





A month-long, Monday to Friday Bible reading plan with step-by-step journaling instructions.



Thank you!

Thank you for downloading January's Reading Plan: God's Faithfulness. My hope is that this guide helps you to get into a consistent routine of opening God's word each day, anchoring your life in His promises. To get started, all you need is a pen and access to a Bible.

What's Included?

- A 20-day Bible reading plan designed to be read Monday-Friday
- A short introduction to Bible Journaling
- Step by step instructions on how to Bible Journal using the STORY method.
- Examples using this acronym
- Bible Journaling pages in different styles. Choose one that appeals to you.
- A blank reading plan if you want to choose your own readings.
- Blank scripture cards to write down favorite verses

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God's Faithfulness

Hi Friend,

As we step into a new year, there's something powerful about focusing on God's unwavering faithfulness. This 20-day reading journey is an invitation to walk alongside some of Scripture's most inspiring stories of hope, resilience, and divine love.

Through the lives of Joseph, Daniel, and Nehemiah, you'll discover how God's faithfulness shines brightest in our most challenging moments. These aren't just ancient stories—they're timeless testimonies of a God who never abandons His people, even when circumstances seem impossible.

Each day's reading is a window into extraordinary faith: Joseph's journey from betrayal to blessing, Daniel's courage in a foreign land, Nehemiah's determination to rebuild. As you read, you'll be encouraged to recognize God's hand in your own story.

Let this plan be more than just a reading schedule. Let it be a journey of hope, a reminder that the same God who was faithful then, is faithful now—in your life, in this moment.

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Day 1

Read Genesis 37-38: Joseph's colorful coat and dreams spark jealousy leading to betrayal by his brothers, while the parallel story of Judah and Tamar reveals God's work in unexpected places.

Day 2

Read Genesis 39-40: Despite being falsely accused and imprisoned, Joseph maintains his integrity and uses his gift of dream interpretation, showing that God can work in any situation.

Day 3

Read Genesis 41: Through divine wisdom in interpreting Pharaoh's dreams, Joseph rises from prisoner to a position of importance.

Day 4

Read Genesis 42-43: A severe famine brings Joseph's brothers to Egypt where he, unrecognized, tests their hearts while struggling with his own emotions.

Day 5

Read Genesis 44-45: Joseph's final test of his brothers reveals their transformation, leading to a tearful reunion where he recognizes God's sovereign purpose in his suffering.

Day 6

Read Genesis 46-47: Jacob's family reunites and settles in Egypt under Joseph's protection.

Day 7

Read Genesis 48-50: Through deathbed blessings and forgiveness, this section concludes with Joseph's recognition that God meant for good what others meant for evil.

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Day 8

Read Daniel 1: Four young Jewish men demonstrate that faithfulness to God's ways brings blessing, even in a foreign culture that pressures them to conform.

Day 9

Read Daniel 2: God reveals King Nebuchadnezzar's dream to Daniel.

Day 10

Read Daniel 3: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego's refusal to bow to an idol leads to their miraculous deliverance from the fiery furnace.

Day 11

Read Daniel 4: God humbles proud King Nebuchadnezzar through a dream and its fulfillment.

Day 12

Read Daniel 5: God's judgment on King Belshazzar through the mysterious handwriting on the wall.

Day 13

Read Daniel 6: Daniel's faithfulness in prayer leads to the lions' den.

Day 14

Read Nehemiah 1-2: A cupbearer's broken heart for Jerusalem leads to answered prayer and royal support for rebuilding the city walls.

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Day 15

Read Nehemiah 3-4: The wall rebuilding project begins with organized teamwork, despite opposition.

Day16

Read Nehemiah 5-6: Internal conflicts and external threats of assassination test Nehemiah's leadership and trust in God

Day 17

Read Nehemiah 7-8: After securing the city, the people gather to hear God's Word read and explained, leading to celebration and renewed understanding.

Day 18

Read Nehemiah 9-10: The people respond to God's Word with confession and a formal covenant to follow His laws.

Day 19

Read Nehemiah 11-12: Jerusalem is repopulated and the wall dedication becomes a time of joy and worship.

Day 20

Read Nehemiah 13: Nehemiah's final reforms show that faithfulness requires ongoing vigilance and courage.

Bible Journaling

When you think of journaling, you might picture writing about your day or how you're feeling. After my mother-in-law, Bev, passed away, I poured over her journals and was surprised. They weren't an account of her stage 4 cancer journey; they were a collection of verses and takeaways from the many devotions she read and sermons she listened to.

This daily, focused time with God helped her to live her life with joy, thanksgiving, and peace. Bible journaling is a simple, yet very powerful way to grow in your faith and relationship with God. My sincere hope is that it gives you strength for whatever you are facing.

One of Bev's favorite sayings was "God is still writing my story, and it is good." To make it easy to remember, our Bible journaling steps follow the acronym **STORY**.



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Bible Journaling Steps

As you read each Advent reading, you may want to use these steps as a guide on your journaling journey. Please remember, they are just a guide. As you get more comfortable with Bible journaling, you can to use them in any way that suits you.

SCRIPTURE: Read the Bible passage. Choose a verse or verses that resonate with you. Copy them down and include the reference. This helps you focus on the words and remember His promises. After time, you will have a collection of scriptural truths to come back to. **If you would like help understanding the verses, I recommend using the commentary at www.enduringword.com.

TRUTH: Think about what speaks to you from your reading. Is God saying something to you? Is there something you learned or do you have new questions? If you are unsure, narrate what you read. This means to tell it back in your own words.Write down your take aways, observations, or questions. Consider how they apply to your life and current circumstances.

OFFERING: Gratitude can transform our perspective. Reflect on your blessings, big and small, and thank God for them. Write a few sentences expressing your thankfulness to God for specific things, people, or experiences. Or, write them in list form.

REQUEST: Consider what you need or hope for from God today. These could be personal needs, prayers for others, or guidance on specific issues. List your prayer requests. Be honest and specific about what you are asking from God. In time, you will be able to look back and see how God has answered your prayers.

YEILD: Reflect on the worries, fears, or plans you need to surrender to God. Trust in His purpose and timing. Is there something God is asking you to do? Write a prayer or statement offering these things to God and trusting Him with the outcome.

Bible Journaling Examples

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SCRIPTURE: example

• "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." John 14:27

TRUTH: example

- "I need to connect with God as soon as I wake up in the morning and remind myself that He is with me always. This will give me confidence and keep anxiety at bay."
- "The battle is not mine, it's God's."

OFFERING: example

- "Today I am thankful for the support of my family and the strength to face each day."
- "I am thankful for my husband."
- "I am thankful for the beautiful sunset."

REQUEST: example

- "Lord, please give me peace and strength as I receive treatment tomorrow. Help me feel Your presence and comfort."
- "Lord, please help me to feel well enough to attend and enjoy the family dinner on Friday."

YEILD: example

- "Lord, I give You my fears for the future. I trust that You have a plan and purpose for me and I place my hope in Your promises."
- "Lord, I give you my appointment tomorrow. Whatever happens, I trust You."

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Genesis 39:21

The Lord was with him; he showed him kindness and granted him favor in the eyes of the prison warden.