



BIBLE READING PLAN

Discovering

God's Love

A four-week, Monday to Friday Bible reading plan with
step-by-step journaling instructions.



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Thank you!

Thank you for downloading the Discovering God's Love reading plan. My hope is that this guide helps you get into a consistent routine of opening God's word each day, anchoring your life in His promises. When you read God's word, you are literally arming yourself with the Sword of Truth - a weapon to fight your battles. 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, but can be scheduled however you like.
- 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

Coupon Code

Use the code **LOVE25** to get 25% off the purchase of the "God is Still Writing My Story" Journal at www.terminaljoy.com

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Discovering God's Love

Hi Friend,

Life can be so overwhelming, especially when facing challenges that leave us feeling weary, uncertain, or even alone. But in the middle of it all, God's love remains unshaken, and His comfort is always near. No matter what season you're in, He invites you to rest in His presence, to be strengthened by His promises, and to experience the depth of His love that never fails.

Over the next 20 days, we'll dive into scripture that reminds us of God's steadfast love and the peace He offers in every circumstance. Each passage will reveal His faithfulness, His kindness, and the way He carries us through our hardest days. Whether you are longing for reassurance, encouragement, or simply a fresh reminder of His love, let this time in His Word draw you closer to His heart. Take a deep breath—God sees you, He knows you, and He loves you beyond measure. Let's begin this journey together.

Warmly,

STORY

Bible Reading

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Week One: God's Unfailing Love

Day 1

Romans 8:31-39: God's love is stronger than any opposition or circumstance

Focus: What makes you doubt God's love? How does this passage address those doubts?

Day 2

Psalms 136:1-16, 23-26: God's enduring love shown through His mighty acts

Focus: Where do you see God's steadfast love in your own story?

Day 3

1 John 4:7-21: God's perfect love drives out fear

Focus: How can you reflect God's love to others today?

Day 4

John 3:14-21: God's love prompted Him to give His Son

Focus: What does this greatest gift tell you about God's heart?

Day 5

Ephesians 3:14-21: The immeasurable dimensions of Christ's love

Focus: Which aspect of God's love do you need to grasp more deeply?

Week 2: Comfort in God's Presence

Day 6

Isaiah 41:8-14: God's loving presence removes fear

Focus: What fears can you release into God's strong hands?

Day 7

Matthew 11:25-30: Jesus offers rest to the weary

Focus: What burdens do you need to bring to Jesus today?

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Day 8

2 Corinthians 1:3-11: God's comfort in our suffering

Focus: How has God's comfort enabled you to comfort others?

Day 9

Psalms 23:1-6: The Shepherd's intimate care

Focus: Which part of the Shepherd's care do you most need today?

Day 10

Psalms 34:8-18: God's nearness to the broken-hearted

Focus: How have you experienced God's closeness in hard times?

Week 3: Love Displayed Through Jesus

Day 11

John 15:9-17: Abiding in Jesus' love and loving others

Focus: What does it mean to remain in Christ's love?

Day 12

1 John 3:1-10: Our identity as God's beloved children

Focus: How does being God's child change how you see yourself?

Day 13

Romans 5:1-11: Christ's sacrificial love while we were sinners

Focus: How does God's initiative in loving us affect you?

Day 14

Isaiah 53:1-12: The depth of Christ's suffering love

Focus: What strikes you about the way Jesus chose to show His love?

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Day 15

Hebrews 4:14-5:10: Jesus understands our weaknesses

Focus: How does Jesus' understanding of your struggles help you?

Week 4: Responding to His Love

Day 16

Deuteronomy 7:6-11: God's faithful love and our chosen status

Focus: What does it mean to be chosen by God?

Day 17

Zephaniah 3:14-20: God's delight in His people

Focus: How does it feel to know God delights in you?

Day 18

1 Peter 5:6-11: Casting our cares on our caring God

Focus: What anxieties do you need to give to God?

Day 19

Romans 12:9-21: Practical ways to show sincere love

Focus: Which aspect of love in action challenges you most?

Day 20

Jude 1:17-25: Staying grounded in God's love

Focus: How can you build yourself up in God's love?

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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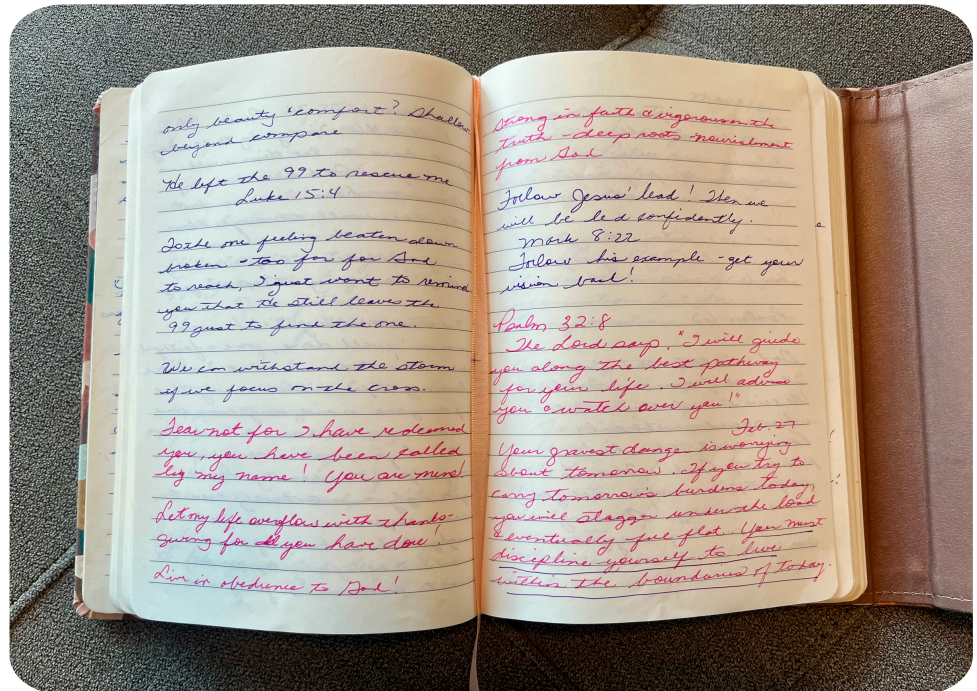
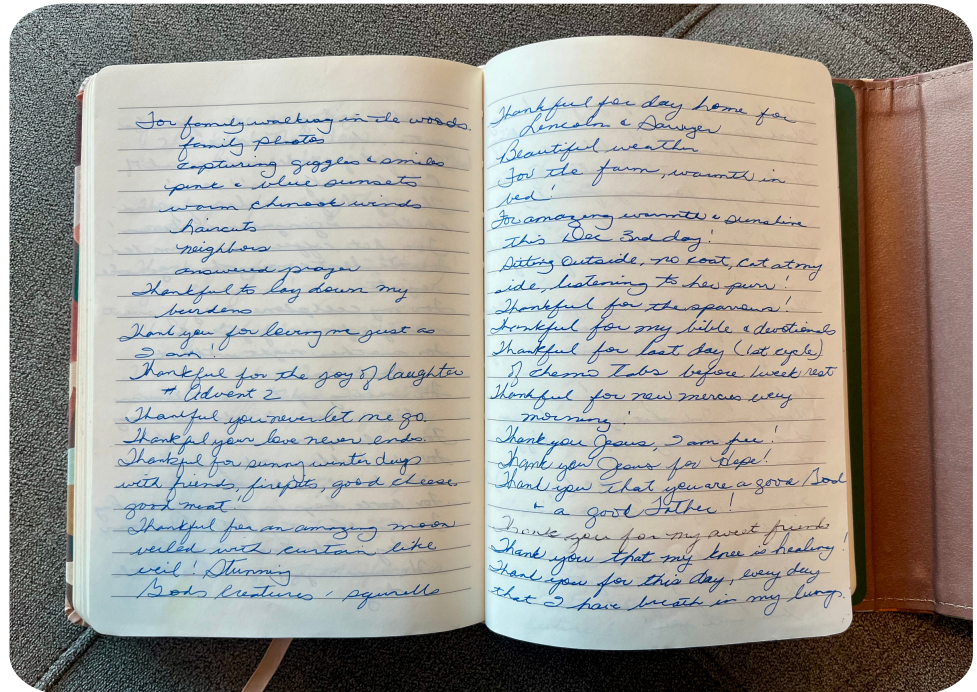
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Bible Journaling - Bev's Journal

A glimpse at Bev's journals



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Bible Journaling Steps

As you read each day's 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 use them in any way that suits you.

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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.**

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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.

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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.

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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.

Y

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

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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.”

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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.”

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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.”

Y

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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Romans 8:37

No, in all these things we are
more than conquerors through
him who loved us.