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*100 Days*

# INTRO

*“Follow me.”*

(MATTHEW 6)

This is how Jesus calls his first disciples to a new life. There is no way these young men could have known the ways their lives would be changed. They were with Jesus. Jesus! God, as Jesus, had come to earth and called these men to join him in bringing his eternal Kingdom close to people in need. Jesus initiates the same call to us today. We get a chance to join with him in his continued ministry on Earth by loving as he loved, giving as he gave, and even suffering as he suffered. And we do all this remembering that he is with us the whole time.

*“Remain in me.”*

(JOHN 15)

These words of Jesus to his disciples so long ago are the same words he speaks to us today. His call to remain is beyond a physical sense — he desires a deeper relationship with us. So, how are we to “remain” in him if he is no longer present here on the earth? Through his Holy Spirit. Our relationship with Jesus is fostered and empowered by his Spirit to our hearts. Our connectedness to Jesus is infused with the same power and person that raised Jesus from the dead and gives us new life. We have access to Jesus through and by the Spirit. Jesus actually said it is better for him to go so the Comforter (Holy Spirit) could come and bring power to follow Jesus’ call. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to love, give, and suffer. Through the power of the Holy Spirit we are able to grow deeper and deeper into our relationship with God as beloved Sons and Daughters of the King (Galatians 4.4-7).

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## WHY DO THIS?

As children of God, we stand on two fundamental truths about his character. First, practically speaking, God is omnipresent. He inhabits all space and time simultaneously. He is the page upon which history is written. With this in mind, it seems a bit strange to talk about seeking God. God is literally everywhere . Add to this, the beautiful promises found throughout the Scripture telling us that God will always stand by His children and work everything for our good. He “will never leave us or forsake us” (Deuteronomy 31:6 ). He “is with us always, even to the end of the world” (Matthew 28:20). He “is our refuge and strength and ever-present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1). Though “we are faithless, He will remain faithful because He cannot deny who He is” (2 Timothy 2:13). So, if both of these attributes are true of God—that He is practically and covenantally omnipresent—why do we need to seek Him?

The answer, lies in us and not in God. The problem is not that God is absent or hiding but rather that we are. More often than we care to admit, we find that our thoughts and affections are focused on anything and everything but God, and as a result we find God to be absent in our lives. We, in our hearts, fail to perceive Him as supremely beautiful, valuable, and worthy, so it seems to us that He has altogether disappeared. God is not absent and God is not lacking or needy in any way shape or form. What is absent is our desire to pursue Him above all others. This is what it means to seek God. This is why we need to remain in Jesus.

Jonathan Edwards was a pastor, theologian, and missionary who understood what it means to remain in Jesus and to enjoy Him. And, what’s most fascinating about Edwards is that he found that the only way to actively nurture and cultivate this delight was through a life dedicated to the practice of the spiritual disciplines. In a work titled, *Religious Affections*, Edwards wrote:

“Who will deny that true religion consists, in a great measure, in vigorous and lively actings of the inclination and will of the soul, or the fervent exercises of the heart? That religion which God requires, and will accept, does not consist in weak, dull, and lifeless, wishes, raising us but a little above a state of indifference. ”

100 days is much more than simply a practice of spiritual disciplines although that is a great piece of the equation. 100 days is a means (among many) to a hopeful end. The goal and prayer behind 100 days is to be impacted, taught and changed by God through a daily encounter with him through prayer and scripture. This “vigorous and lively actings of inclination” Edwards describes is brought about by our remaining in Jesus. As we remain in him, our soul is inclined to know more about him — to hear him in new ways — to love him more. The idea is not to be discipled by a person, curriculum, or plan. Our hope is to be discipled by God alone. What would God have to say to you if you spoke and listened to him for 100 straight days? Ultimately, we believe it would be beautiful if our church was asking that same question about day 101, 102, 103.....

# 100 Days

## THE PRACTICALS .....

The plan you have in the following pages is designed to be a guide, an encouragement, and a resource. It is not designed to be your teacher – that is the Holy Spirit’s job! As we mentioned above, 100 days is built to equip you for day 101 and beyond. For the next 15 weeks you’ll be given tools to build your “spiritual repertoire” through Bible reading plans, a posture to promote hearing God’s call, ways to engage Scripture, and unique prayer methods.

At the beginning of each week we have provided a **Reminder**. The temptation will be to skip this section since it is the same every week, but this is intentionally repeated to provide a reset for each new week. This “reset” is as essential as anything else found in the packet. As we are lead and taught by God’s Spirit, it is imperative that we re-orient ourselves at least weekly (daily would be best) with a posture that is available to hear his call and respond accordingly. The reminder is a way for us all to be reconnected into the collective storyline of 100 days and also in the individual arena of being disciplined by God alone. Don’t skip it – you will miss out.

I’ve talked to numerous people over the years who ask the simple question, “How should I read the Bible?” They go on to explain that they can’t seem to get started or quickly lose interest in reading Scripture due to a lack of a solid plan and/or confidence in understanding. Many people describe some version of “Bible Roulette” in which they thumb along the edge of the pages, arbitrarily stop somewhere, open the page, close their eyes, and point to a verse and begin reading. It’s not that the Holy Spirit cannot speak to our hearts this way, but this is not the most accurate or sustainable method to read God’s love letter to us. To this end, we have provided several **Reading Plans** for you to choose from in order to help stay on track and provide guidance in reading. If you currently have a reading plan that works for you, please continue to use it. The plans provided are simply a way to read the Bible – they are meant to give a framework for those needing one. These reading plans range in length from a week, multiple weeks, a month, and even a year; if you’re newer to Christianity and/or the Bible, there are certain plans that will be especially helpful for you. If you pick one of the shorter plans that doesn’t last 100 days, finish it, pick a new plan, and keep going. If your plan extends past 100 days, then, well, you get the point. Don’t get hung up on the timeframe; pick something that interests you, or that you’ve never done before – the point is to pick something you can stick with to give God space to speak and teach. Also, if a plan isn’t working out, pick a new one – no harm, no foul.

Our Holy Scripture is rich, alive, insightful, relevant, useful for teaching, convicting, and so much more. The Bible is a book unequalled in its literary beauty and scope – not to mention it has been authored by the eternal God through the pen of mankind. Our approach to this text should include excitement, humility, and gratefulness. The God of the created universe has seen fit to provide a story of his love and redemption for us and the rest of mankind – truly it is an honor to engage such a manuscript. For the next 15 weeks you will be given a new **Reading Tool** at the beginning of each week for approaching God’s Holy Word. These may be useful for the reading plan you are currently doing, or the tool will be useful at some point during a different reading. Some of the tools will include how the Bible fits together, and others will briefly explain certain genres of Scripture. These 15 tools are designed to give you a basis for each area listed – they are not, nor are they meant to be, comprehensive. There are entire books written for many of the subjects we will cover; hopefully, what is provided piques your interest and curiosity to read and discover more. The goal is twofold: 1) to give you some new information about the Bible and how to read and approach it. These tools are meant to create a broader base by which God will speak, enlighten, teach, and cause you to be more deeply in love with him. 2) On day 101, 102, 103, and so on, you are better equipped to engage Scripture with greater appreciation for its depth. At the end of 100 days we hope these tools will assist you in continuing your daily engagement with God.

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As with Scripture, prayer is essential to our abiding relationship with Jesus and it is our avenue of communication to and with God. Prayer is most definitely a two-way street, and God desires to speak to us through our prayers and listening as well as through His written word. In the weekly prayer section you will again be given 15 unique **Prayer Plans** to help you. Often we associate prayer simply as a certain posture or certain words. 100 days will provide methods of prayer you may have never considered before, and they may even seem strange, confusing, or even unhelpful. Our hope is that you would try them all – even the ones that seem the least likely to minister to you. God can work in all situations; we are called to approach him with ears to hear and a humble heart. Some of the plans will require you to be active and others will ask you to actively listen yet be physically still. The unique prayer plans are, again, avenues for God to address your heart, soul, and mind. Ultimately, our desire is that God would tangibly interact through your prayer time with clarity or thought, purpose, and identity.

The final weekly section is a **Prayer Influence** to carry into each week. This piece of 100 days is our unifying element across our entire campus. We will be using different reading and prayer plans, but our prayer influence for the week will be our collective cry to God. There is excitement and encouragement knowing our whole campus will be praying with the same influence for an entire week. As we spend a week praying with each different influence in mind, our hearts can be connected in wonderful and mystical ways through the Holy Spirit's work. Our conversations with each other and the way we interact with people in our daily lives can be shaped by this unifying prayer influence.

If you have children, we have included a **Families** page for you. Your role as the spiritual leader of your children is key (Deuteronomy 6: 4-9), and the opportunity to experience 100 days with your child can be deeply profound and life altering for your entire family. We are asking that you not pick between the adult path and the families page; we want you to do both. Yes, it is a significant commitment, but we are unapologetic in our call to raise godly parents who instruct their children in the way they should go. God is faithful and will honor your commitment to him and your children. What an incredible way to spend 100 days with your kids!

Lastly, an **Appendix** has been provided so you can dig deeper. It is impossible to unpack the concepts and models in a paragraph, so we have included books, references, and other material to learn more about a given topic. The listed materials are not a comprehensive list either, but it will give you additional information.

It is truly our hope that these next 100 days would be revolutionary and life changing. God has so much to give us, and if we are willing to listen, be taught by His Spirit, and act on what we know and believe, our lives WILL be changed. The trap with 100 days, as well as any other study guide, is to use it only as an access point to new and/or additional information. The weeks could become academic and even routine. However, our greatest prayer is that this exercise would not be relegated to a mental assent; our prayer is that you will be fundamentally changed and further shaped into the image of Christ.

*Remain in Jesus,  
& be made new.*

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## *John 15:4-5*

**“REMAIN IN ME, AS I ALSO REMAIN IN YOU. NO BRANCH CAN BEAR FRUIT BY ITSELF; IT MUST REMAIN IN THE VINE. NEITHER CAN YOU BEAR FRUIT UNLESS YOU REMAIN IN ME. ‘I AM THE VINE; YOU ARE THE BRANCHES. IF YOU REMAIN IN ME AND I IN YOU, YOU WILL BEAR MUCH FRUIT; APART FROM ME YOU CAN DO NOTHING.’”**

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# READING PLANS



**There are many different ways to approach reading and studying God's Word.** And though we always want to look at any plan or approach in the context of the overall story of Scripture, there are still many different ways to go through the greatest book ever written. This is not an exhaustive list; it is meant to provide a basis to begin your 100 days. Many of these plans were taken from a website listing over 150 different plans. If you don't see something on this list that interests you, or if you're just curious, go to [Youversion.com](http://Youversion.com) for plans ranging in both length and topic. **Most of the plans you see below are designed to be less than 100 days.** When you're done with one of them, simply pick another that will continue your reading toward or beyond our 100 days together.

## **New to Christianity and the Bible? Read the Gospels and Acts – (60 days – 2 chapters per day)**

If you are newer to Christianity, or you want a solid base in who Jesus is and what he's about, begin reading the Gospel of John, followed by Matthew, Mark, and Luke. After you have read the Gospels, move to Acts to discover how the early church told and lived out the message of Jesus.

## **30 Days for New Christians**

This plan provides readings for the broad scope of the whole Bible. It gives a quick tour of main passages and important events.

Day 1: The Fall of Humanity Genesis 3:1–19

Day 2: A People for God Genesis 28:10–15; 32:22–28

Day 3: The Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1–17

Day 4: Sacrifices Required Under Law Leviticus 5:14–19

Day 5: Punishments for Sin Under Law Leviticus 20:7–27

Day 6: Obedience From Love Deuteronomy 11:13–21

Day 7: Cycles of Disobedience Judges 2:10–19

Day 8: The People Demand a King 1 Samuel 8

Day 9: Saul Fails and Is Rejected 1 Samuel 15:17–23

Day 10: Many Kings Fail Jeremiah 1–17

Day 11: The Sin of the People Ezekiel 20:5–26

Day 12: An Eternal King Promised Jeremiah 23:1–6; Isaiah 9:6–7; Zechariah 9:9–10

Day 13: The Promised King Is Born Luke 2:1–20

Day 14: The Word Became Flesh John 1:1–18

Day 15: Signs and Miracles of Authority Matthew 9:1–8; Luke 13:10–17

Day 16: Jesus Fulfills the Law Matthew 5:17–20; Romans 8:1–4

Day 17: Jesus Teaches About New Life John 3

Day 18: Jesus Willingly Taken John 18:1–11

Day 19: Jesus' Death and Resurrection Luke 23:44–24:12

Day 20: Christ, a Sacrifice for All Hebrews

Day 21: God's Wrath Explained Romans 1:18–32

Day 22: God's Judgment Explained Romans 2:5–11

Day 23: Righteousness by Faith Romans 3:9–26

Day 24: Life Through Christ Romans 5:12–21

Day 25: Life by the Spirit Romans 8:1–17; Galatians 5:16–26

Day 26: Living Sacrifices Romans 12

Day 27: Walking in the Light 1 John 1–2

Day 28: Living for God 1 Peter 1–11

Day 29: Love for one Another 1 John 3:11–24

Day 30: Promise of Eternity 2 Corinthians 5:1–10; Revelation 21:1–4

## **One chapter of Proverbs a day for a month (31 days)**

The Proverbs are wise sayings collected in one book. This plan would provide a great devotional read to start your day for a whole month.

## **Wisdom literature (40 days – 2 chapters per day)**

Proverbs, Job, and Ecclesiastes make up the wisdom literature in Scripture. Spend 40 days discovering how God would have you live and what ancient people had to say about God.

## **Paul's letters (29 days – 3 chapters per day)**

Paul's letters give us a view of the early church – both the good and bad. These letters show his heart for the church and passion for Christ, as well as his different voice to each unique community.

First Timothy

Second Timothy

Philemon

Philippians

1 Thessalonians

2 Thessalonians

1 Corinthians

2 Corinthians

Galatians

Ephesians

Colossians

Titus

Romans

### History books (106 days)

The story of God and his people is rich and, at times, wild. This plan provides the history of the Bible and how God has been working throughout time. Choose this entire plan or pick a book or two.

Genesis and Exodus (3 weeks; read it as a story – 4 chapters a day)  
Deuteronomy and Joshua (3 weeks – 3 chapters per day)  
Judges (1 week – 3 chapter per day)  
Ruth (1 day- all chapters)  
1 Samuel and 2 Samuel (2 weeks – 4 chapters a day)  
1 Kings and 2 Kings (2 weeks – 3 chapters a day)  
1 Chronicles and 2 Chronicles (3 weeks – 3 chapters a day)  
Ezra and Nehemiah (1 week – 3 chapters a day)

### Three Psalms a day for 50 days

The Psalms are filled with poetry, songs of hope and sorrow, shouts of God's greatness, and prayers for His protection. Spend half of your 100 days reading all 149 Psalms.

### Two Psalms a day for 75 days

The Psalms are filled with poetry, songs of hope and sorrow, shouts of God's greatness, and prayers for His protection. Spend three-quarters of your 100 days reading all 149 Psalms.

### Two Weeks in the Life and Teachings of Jesus

Spend two weeks getting a brief synopsis of Jesus' ministry through some of His main teachings.

Day 1. Luke 1: Preparing for Jesus' arrival.	Day 8. John 3: A conversation with Jesus.
Day 2. Luke 2: The story of Jesus' birth.	Day 9. John 14: Jesus' final instructions.
Day 3. Mark 1: The beginning of Jesus' ministry.	Day 10. John 17: Jesus' prayer for his disciples.
Day 4. Mark 9: A day in the life of Jesus.	Day 11. Matthew 26: Betrayal and arrest.
Day 5. Matthew 5: The Sermon on the Mount.	Day 12. Matthew 27: Jesus' execution on a cross.
Day 6. Matthew 6: The Sermon on the Mount.	Day 13. John 20: Resurrection.
Day 7. Luke 15: Parables of Jesus.	Day 14. Luke 24: Jesus' appearance after resurrection.

### Two Weeks in the Life and Teachings of Paul

Paul wrote much of the New Testament, and is an integral figure in the early church. This two week study provides a quick history of his life and fundamental teachings.

Day 1. Acts 9: The conversion of Saul.	Day 8. Romans 7: Struggle with sin.
Day 2. Acts 16: Paul's Macedonian call and a jailbreak.	Day 9. Romans 8: Life in the Spirit.
Day 3. Acts 17: Scenes from Paul's missionary journey.	Day 10. 1 Corinthians 13: Paul's description of love.
Day 4. Acts 26: Paul tells his life story to a king.	Day 11. 1 Corinthians 15: Thoughts on the afterlife.
Day 5. Acts 27: Shipwreck on the way to Rome.	Day 12. Galatians 5: Freedom in Christ.
Day 6. Acts 28: Paul's arrival in Rome.	Day 13. Ephesians 3: Paul's summary of his mission.
Day 7. Romans 3: Paul's theology in a nutshell.	Day 14. Philippians 2: Imitating Christ.

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# READING PLANS (CONTINUED)

## Two Weeks in the Old Testament

Spend two weeks reading some of the key stories in an overview of the Old Testament.

- Day 1. Genesis 1: The story of creation.
- Day 2. Genesis 3: The origin of sin.
- Day 3. Genesis 22: Abraham and Isaac.
- Day 4. Exodus 3: Moses' encounter with God.
- Day 5. Exodus 20: The gift of the Ten Commandments.
- Day 6. 1 Samuel 17: David and Goliath.
- Day 7. 2 Samuel 11: David and Bathsheba.
- Day 8. 2 Samuel 12: Nathan's rebuke of the king.
- Day 9. 1 Kings 18: Elijah and the prophets of Baal.
- Day 10. Job 38: God's answer to Job.
- Day 11. Psalm 51: A classic confession.
- Day 12. Isaiah 40: Words of comfort from God.
- Day 13. Daniel 6: Daniel and the lions.
- Day 14. Amos 4: A prophet's stern warning.

## Two Weeks on Prayers of the Bible

Prayers are recorded throughout Scripture. Read how others prayed and the reason for their prayers.

- Day 1. Genesis 18: Abraham's plea for Sodom.
- Day 2. Exodus 15: Moses' song to the Lord.
- Day 3. Exodus 33: Moses meets with God.
- Day 4. 2 Samuel 7: David's response to God's promises.
- Day 5. 1 Kings 8: Solomon's dedication of the temple.
- Day 6. 2 Chronicles 20: Jehoshaphat prays for victory.
- Day 7. Ezra 9: Ezra's prayer for the people's sins.
- Day 8. Psalm 22: A cry to God for help.
- Day 9. Psalm 104: A prayer of praise.
- Day 10. Daniel 9: Daniel's prayer for the salvation of Jerusalem.
- Day 11. Habakkuk 3: A prophet's prayer of acceptance.
- Day 12. Matthew 6: The Lord's prayer.
- Day 13. John 17: Jesus' prayer for his disciples.
- Day 14. Colossians 1: Paul's prayer of thanksgiving.

## Two Weeks on the Holy Spirit

Spend two weeks reading about the Holy Spirit and how He has worked in people's lives. This is not meant to be a complete teaching on the Holy Spirit, but will provide readings to show His involvement in our world.

- Day 1. Judges 14: The Spirit gives Samson strength.
- Day 2. 1 Samuel 10: King Saul's experience.
- Day 3. Matthew 3:1—4:10: Role in Jesus' baptism and temptation.
- Day 4. John 14: Jesus promises the Spirit.
- Day 5. John 16: The work of the Spirit.
- Day 6. Acts 2: The Spirit comes at Pentecost.
- Day 7. Acts 10: The Spirit guides Peter to accept Gentiles.
- Day 8. Romans 8: Christians' victory in the Spirit.
- Day 9. 1 Corinthians 2: Wisdom from the Spirit.
- Day 10. 1 Corinthians 12: Gifts of the Spirit.
- Day 11. 1 Corinthians 14: Gifts of tongues and prophecy.
- Day 12. Galatians 5: Life in the Spirit.
- Day 13. Ephesians 4: Unity and gifts.
- Day 14. 1 John 4: Signs of the Spirit.

## Two Weeks on Women of the Bible

We see women playing powerful roles in God's story. Here is a brief list of some key women in Scripture.

- Day 1. Genesis 2: Eve, the first woman.
- Day 2. Genesis 18: Sarah laughs at God's promise.
- Day 3. Genesis 24: Rebekah's marriage to Isaac.
- Day 4. Genesis 27: Rebekah, the manipulative mother.
- Day 5. Judges 4: Deborah's leadership frees her people.
- Day 6. Ruth 1: Ruth and Naomi's deep friendship.
- Day 7. 1 Samuel 1: Hannah prays for a son.
- Day 8. 1 Kings 17: A poor widow and the prophet Elijah.
- Day 9. 1 Kings 21: Jezebel, an emblem of wickedness.
- Day 10. Esther 2: Esther is chosen as queen.
- Day 11. Esther 4: Esther's courage at the risk of death.
- Day 12. Luke 1: Mary and Elizabeth receive great news.
- Day 13. Luke 2: Mary gives birth to Jesus.
- Day 14. John 11: Mary and Martha and their brother's death.

# Character Studies

Spend two weeks reading about one person in the Bible. Discover how God used these people in amazing ways.

## Two weeks on David:

Day 1: 1 Samuel 16	Day 8: 2 Samuel 6
Day 2: 1 Samuel 17	Day 9: 2 Samuel 7
Day 3: 1 Samuel 18	Day 10: 2 Samuel 11
Day 4: 1 Samuel 20	Day 11: 2 Samuel 12
Day 5: 1 Samuel 21	Day 12: 2 Samuel 13
Day 6: 1 Samuel 22	Day 13: 2 Samuel 15
Day 7: 1 Samuel 24	Day 14: 2 Samuel 18

## Two weeks on Abraham, Isaac and Jacob:

Day 1: Genesis 12	Day 8: Genesis 24
Day 2: Genesis 13	Day 9: Genesis 27
Day 3: Genesis 15	Day 10: Genesis 28
Day 4: Genesis 17	Day 11: Genesis 29
Day 5: Genesis 18	Day 12: Genesis 31
Day 6: Genesis 19	Day 13: Genesis 32
Day 7: Genesis 22	Day 14: Genesis 33

## Two weeks on Moses and the exodus:

Day 1: Exodus 2	Day 8: Exodus 19
Day 2: Exodus 3	Day 9: Exodus 32
Day 3: Exodus 4	Day 10: Numbers 14
Day 4: Exodus 7	Day 11: Deuteronomy 1
Day 5: Exodus 12	Day 12: Deuteronomy 2
Day 6: Exodus 14	Day 13: Deuteronomy 4
Day 7: Exodus 16	Day 14: Deuteronomy 31

## 30 days with Jesus

This is a longer reading plan giving a bit more reading about Jesus, his life, and teachings.

Day 1: Jesus Foretold Isaiah 53	Day 15: Healing by Faith Mark 9: 14–32
Day 2: The Birth of Jesus Matthew 1:18–25	Day 16: Teachings and Parables Matthew 17:24—18:20
Day 3: John the Baptist Prepares the Way and Baptizes Jesus Matthew 3:1—4:11	Day 17: Teachings and Parables Matthew 18:21—19:15
Day 4: Water to Wine and the Samaritan Woman John 2:1–11; John 4:1–26	Day 18: The Rich Young Ruler Mark 10:17–31
Day 5: Jesus Rejected in his Hometown Luke 4:14–30	Day 19: Disciples Sent Out Luke 10:1–24
Day 6: Jesus Calls his Disciples Luke 5:1–11; Matthew 9:9–13	Day 20: The Good Samaritan Luke 10:25–37
Day 7: Sermon on the Mount Luke 6:17–46	Day 21: Jesus Teaches how to Pray Luke 11:1–13
Day 8: A Centurion, a Widow's Son and a Sinful Woman Matthew 8:1–13; Luke 7:11–17; 7:36–50	Day 22: Jesus Revives Lazarus John 11:1–44
Day 9: Encounters With the Pharisees Matthew 12:1–13; 22–45	Day 23: Jesus Comes to Jerusalem Matthew 21:1–27
Day 10: Parable of the Sower, Weeds and Seeds Matthew 13:1–43	Day 24: The Last Supper John 13:1–17; Matthew 26:17–35
Day 11: Jesus Calms the Storm and Later Walks on Water Luke 8:22–25; Mark 6:45–56	Day 25: Comfort for the Disciples John 14–15
Day 12: Jesus Heals a Man, Woman and Girl Mark 5:1–43	Day 26: Jesus Arrested and Disowned Matthew 26:36–75
Day 13: Feeding of the 5000 John 6:1–14	Day 27: Jesus' Trial John 18:19—19:16
Day 14: Peter Identifies the Christ and the Transfiguration Luke 9:18–27; Luke 17:1–8	Day 28: Jesus Crucifixion and Death John 19:17–42
	Day 29: Jesus' Resurrection and Appearances John 20–21
	Day 30: The Great Commission and the Ascension of Jesus Matthew 28:16–20; Luke 24:50–53

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# READING PLANS (CONTINUED)

## Bible through in one year.

With the following three plans, you would have our “100 days” be the first one hundred of your year.

### A. Chronological

The Blue Letter Bible “Chronological” plan is compiled according to recent historical research, taking into account the order in which the recorded events actually occurred. This is a fantastic plan to follow if you wish to add historical context to your reading of the Bible. If the schedule provided is followed, the entire Bible will be read in one calendar year. Youversion.com

### B. M’Cheyne Plan

This plan is based on the M’Cheyne reading system, featuring four different readings for use in both family and personal devotions. Each day has two passages from the Old Testament, one from the New Testament, and one from either the Psalms or the Gospels. In one year, you will have read the Old Testament once and the New Testament and Psalms twice. Youversion.com

### C. OwnIt365

The OWNIt365.com plan takes you through the entire Bible in one year, with two readings per day, six days per week. The acronym “OWN” represents one daily reading from the Old Testament, along with one from the Wisdom Books or New Testament. Each day’s reading is designed to balance both the amount you read as well as provide a section which is easier to understand and apply to your life. Youversion.com

## 60 day overview of the Bible

This is a 2 month overview with more reading and more specific events and people.

Day 1: In the Beginning Genesis 1:1—2:25  
Day 2: Sin Enters the Picture Genesis 3:1—24  
Day 3: Water, Water Everywhere Genesis 6:1—8:22  
Day 4: God’s Promise to Abraham Genesis 12:1—5; 17:1—22; 21:1—7  
Day 5: Goodbye, Sodom and Gomorrah Genesis 18:16—19:29  
Day 6: Isaac Loves Rebekah Genesis 24:1—67  
Day 7: Between Brothers Genesis 25:19—34; 27:1—40  
Day 8: The Deceiver Comes Home Genesis 32:1—33:20  
Day 9: Joseph’s Egyptian Adventure Genesis 37:1—36; 41:1—57  
Day 10: Family Reunion Genesis 42:1—38; 45:1—28  
Day 11: A Man Named Moses Exodus 2:1—3:22  
Day 12: Escape from Egypt Exodus 12:1—42; 13:17—14:31  
Day 13: Life in the Wilderness Exodus 15:22—17:16  
Day 14: Ten Commandments Exodus 20:1—21  
Day 15: Calf Worship Exodus 32:1—35  
Day 16: Moses Loses His Cool—and More Numbers 20:1—29  
Day 17: Joshua Takes Command Joshua 1:1—18; 3:1—17  
Day 18: Conquering the Promised Land Joshua 8:1—35; 11:1—23  
Day 19: Gideon, the Reluctant Leader Judges 6:1—7:25  
Day 20: The Weak Strong Man Judges 13:1—25; 16:1—31  
Day 21: Calling Samuel 1 Samuel 1:1—28; 3:1—21  
Day 22: Israel Gets a King 1 Samuel 8:1—10:1  
Day 23: God Rejects Saul 1 Samuel 15:1—35  
Day 24: David versus Goliath 1 Samuel 17:1—58  
Day 25: King David Rules 2 Samuel 5:1—6:23  
Day 26: Solomon, the Wise Guy 1 Kings 3:1—28; 4:29—34  
Day 27: Building the Temple 1 Kings 6:1—38; 8:1—66  
Day 28: Elijah and the Battle of Baal 1 Kings 18:16—19:18  
Day 29: The Exile of Israel 2 Kings 17:1—41  
Day 30: The Fall of Jerusalem 2 Kings 25:1—30

Day 31: Rebuilding the Temple Ezra 1:1—11; 6:1—22  
Day 32: Rebuilding the Walls of Jerusalem Nehemiah 2:1—20; 6:1—19  
Day 33: Esther Saves Her People Esther 3:1—4:17; 7:1—10  
Day 34: Job, the Noble Sufferer Job 1:1—2:10; 42:1—17  
Day 35: Psalms of Comfort and Confession Psalm 23:1—6; 51:1—19  
Day 36: The Coming Messiah Isaiah 52:13—53:12  
Day 37: A Night in the Lions’ Den Daniel 6:1—28  
Day 38: The Ultimate Fish Story Jonah 1:1—4:11  
Day 39: The First Christmas: Jesus Is Born Matthew 1:18—2:23; Luke 2:1—52  
Day 40: The Sermon on the Mount Matthew 5:1—7:29  
Day 41: Miracle after Miracle Matthew 8:1—9:38  
Day 42: Parable after Parable Matthew 13:1—58; 18:1—35  
Day 43: The Lord’s Prayer Luke 11:1—13  
Day 44: The Raising of Lazarus John 11:1—44  
Day 45: The Passion of the Christ John 18:1—19:42  
Day 46: He Lives! John 20:1—21:25  
Day 47: Welcome, Holy Spirit Acts 2:1—47  
Day 48: The First Martyr Acts 6:8—7:60  
Day 49: Saul Sees the Light Acts 9:1—31  
Day 50: Good News for Gentiles Acts 10:1—11:18  
Day 51: Hit the Road, Paul Acts 13:1—14:28  
Day 52: Sin and Salvation Romans 3:1—31; 8:1—39  
Day 53: The Most Excellent Way 1 Corinthians 12:1—13:13  
Day 54: Children of Light Ephesians 5:1—6:4  
Day 55: Jesus Is Coming Again 1 Thessalonians 4:13—5:11  
Day 56: The Faith Hall of Fame Hebrews 11:1—40  
Day 57: Just Do It James 1:2—27  
Day 58: Love, Love, Love 1 John 3:1—4:21  
Day 59: Judgment Day Revelation 20:1—15  
Day 60: Forever and Ever Revelation 21:1—22:21

## 90 day overview of the Bible

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- Day 1: The Universe Is Created Genesis 1-2  
Day 2: Adam, Eve and a Slimy Serpent Genesis 3-4  
Day 3: Noah and the Flood Genesis 6-9 Genesis 11:1-8  
Day 4: Job: Faithful in Affliction Job 1-2 Job 42  
Day 5: Abraham: Father of a Nation  
Genesis 12:1-8 Genesis 15-16 Genesis 18:1-15  
Day 6: Isaac: A Promise Come True Genesis 21-22  
Day 7: Jacob: A Man on the Move  
Genesis 25:19-34 Genesis 27-30:1-24 Genesis 32:22-31  
Day 8: Joseph: Dreamer Turned King Genesis 37 Genesis 39-41  
Day 9: A Family Reunited Genesis 42-45  
Day 10: Israel in Egypt Genesis 46-47 Exodus 1  
Day 11: Moses: A Born Leader Exodus 2-4  
Day 12: The Passover & the Exodus: Exodus 11-12 Exodus 13:17-14  
Day 13: The Israelites Covenant With God Exodus 19-20 Exodus 24  
Day 14: Instructions for the Tabernacle Exodus 25-27  
Day 15: Numbering & Shortcomings of Israel Numbers 1 Numbers 11-14  
Day 16: Moses' Farewell Speech Deuteronomy 1:1-2:23  
Day 17: Reminders to the People Deuteronomy 4-7  
Day 18: The Golden Calf Deuteronomy 8-10  
Day 19: Instructions on Worship Deuteronomy 11-16  
Day 20: Laws for Living Deuteronomy 17-20  
Day 21: Deuteronomy 21-25  
Day 22: Moses' Final Words Deuteronomy 28-31  
Day 23: Joshua 1-4  
Day 24: The Battle of Jericho & Other Victories  
Joshua 5:13-7:26 Joshua 8 Joshua 10-12  
Day 25: Division of the Land & Failed Conquests Joshua 13-15  
Day 26: Joshua 16-19  
Day 27: Ruth: A Story of Love Ruth 1-4  
Day 28: The Judges: Cycles of Sin Judges 3 Judges 6-7  
Day 29: Samson: Strength Misused Judges 13-16  
Day 30: Samuel: The Final Judge 1 Samuel 1-4  
Day 31: Saul: Ruined by Jealousy 1 Samuel 8-10  
Day 32: David: Beloved of God 1 Samuel 15-20  
Day 33: 2 Samuel 7 2 Samuel 11-12  
Day 34: Psalms: Bearing it All Psalm 1, 8, 16, 27  
Day 35: Psalm 51, 63, 84, 139  
Day 36: Solomon and the Temple 1 Kings 2-3, 1 Kings 6  
Day 37: 1 Kings 8-11  
Day 38: The Writings of Solomon Ecclesiastes 1, 3, 12:9-14, Proverbs 10  
Day 39: Israel and Judah: The Divided Kingdom 1 Kings 12, 1 Kings 14:21-31  
Day 40: Elijah and Elisha 1 Kings 18-19, 2 Kings 2-4  
Day 41: Jonah and the . . . Fish? Jonah 1-4  
Day 42: Evil Kings of Israel 1 Kings 21, 2 Kings 14:23-16  
Day 43: Israel Warned Amos 5-6, Joel 2  
Day 44: Israel Taken Into Captivity Hosea 1-4, 2 Kings 17  
Day 45: A Few Good Kings 2 Chronicles 14-16, 32, 34  
Day 46: Isaiah Warns Judah & Promises a Savior Isaiah 3, 8-9, 13  
Day 47: Comfort & Judgment Nahum 1, Habakkuk 1-2, Zephaniah 1  
Day 48: Jeremiah: Final Warnings Jeremiah 7, 11, 25  
Day 49: Fall of Jerusalem & Deportation 2 Chronicles 36, Jeremiah 52  
Day 50: Lament of Jeremiah & Judgment Explained  
Ezekiel 11, Lamentations 1, Ezekiel 16:1-42, Ezekiel 20  
Day 51: Daniel: Faithfulness in Captivity Daniel 1, 3, 6  
Day 52: Esther: Beauty Queen or Secret Agent? Esther 1-5  
Day 53: Esther 6-10  
Day 54: Return to Jerusalem & Rebuilding the Temple Ezra 1, 3-5  
Day 55: Ezra 6-7, 8:15-10:17  
Day 56: Jerusalem Rebuilt Nehemiah 1-3  
Day 57: Complications & Success Nehemiah 4-6  
Day 58: Encouragement for the Builders Zechariah 1, 8  
Day 59: Jerusalem Restored Nehemiah 7-13  
Day 60: Malachi: Continued Sin Malachi 1-4  
Day 61: The Birth of Christ Matthew 1:18-2:23  
Day 62: Practical Instructions for Living Matthew 5:1-16, 6:1-7:12  
Day 63: Jesus Feeds 5000 People Matthew 14:13-36  
Day 64: The Healer Calls Mark 2:1-17  
Day 65: A Parable & a Prayer Luke 10:29-37; 11:1-4  
Day 66: More Parables Luke 15:1-32  
Day 67: The King Comes to Town Luke 19:28-48  
Day 68: Jesus Betrayed Luke 22:1-23  
Day 69: Being Born Again John 3:1-21  
Day 70: Spirit & Truth John 4:1-42  
Day 71: Jesus Revives a Friend John 11:1-44  
Day 72: The Comfort of a Promise John 14:1-31  
Day 73: The End . . . ? John 19:1-20:10  
Day 74: Arrival of the Spirit Acts 2:1-47  
Day 75: Someone to Explain Acts 8:26-40  
Day 76: Saul Becomes Paul Acts 9:1-31  
Day 77: Jail Break Acts 16:11-40  
Day 78: More than Conquerors Romans 8:1-39  
Day 79: Living Sacrifices Romans 12:1-21  
Day 80: The Ways of Love 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
Day 81: Resurrection of Christ 1 Corinthians 15:1-58  
Day 82: Life in Christ Ephesians 2:1-22; 6:10-20  
Day 83: Press on Toward the Goal Philippians 3:1-4:9  
Day 84: Holy Living Colossians 3:1-4:1  
Day 85: Eagerly Awaiting 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18  
Day 86: By Faith Hebrews 11:1-40  
Day 87: Faith and Deeds James 1:1-27; 3:1-18  
Day 88: Living Hope 1 Peter 1:3-25  
Day 89: The Word of Life 1 John 1:1-2:17  
Day 90: The Alpha and Omega Revelation 21-22

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#### Understanding the Big God Story

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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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### Pray out loud

Have you ever said something and then thought to yourself, “I can't believe that came out of my mouth”? Think about saying the words – I love you. It's one thing to think it, but very different to speak it. Praying out loud will not allow God to hear you better or pay closer attention, but it might make you pay a little more attention to what you say. Spend a week praying out loud and pay attention to what YOU hear.

### Prayer Influence

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### Gratitude

We often say— “It would take hours to thank God for all the things He's done and given us”. But, how often do we actually take hours to thank Him? We are greatly blessed. We know that. We could all be more grateful – we know that too. Through whatever method you have chosen, spend this week seasoning your prayer life with gratitude. It's okay to be thankful for what God has done for you, but try to also spend significant time being thankful for ways he's blessed and provided for others around you. How would you pray in gratitude for your neighbor, co-worker, friend, or enemy?



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#### Praying out loud

Have your child say their prayers out loud, you will be surprised what your kids say! This might be hard, but don't correct them. As you know, there isn't a "right" way to pray. Prayers are simply a conversation between your child and God. Use this time to listen to what God has put on your child's heart.

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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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#### A.C.T.S. – Adoration. Confession. Thanksgiving. Supplication

Prayer is one of our main forms of communication with God. It's a conversation between a child and a loving Father. It is meant to be unique, organic, and completely relational. Sometimes our prayers become stale and lack any sense of real, deep communication. Prayer methods give us guard rails to help focus our prayers and provide them with new life. The ACTS model provides this structure. **Adoration** – to begin your prayer, spend some time “adoring” God. Let him know how much you love him and the reasons why. **Confession** – this is straight forward; acknowledge your sin and humbly ask forgiveness. **Thanksgiving** – consider your love for God and His grace in forgiving you. Praise Him for all He is and all He does. **Supplication** – now is the time to ask for what you need. Too often we begin our prayers with supplication, and have not postured our heart to truly ask for things on God's heart.

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#### Integrity

Integrity can be defined as who we are when no one is watching. In Psalm 139, the Psalmist asked God to search him for any areas where he lacked integrity. This is a great model for us as well. Throughout the week, ask the Holy Spirit to expose and remove any areas of half-truths, indiscretions, or compromise in your heart. Follow this up by asking for God's strength to be a person of full integrity in the marketplace, school, home, and church.



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#### Drawing a picture

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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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### Write out your prayers

There is something very different about writing out your prayers versus just speaking them. Occasionally, our spoken words fall from our mouths almost without thinking of what we are saying. However, writing or typing your prayer requires additional consideration; in some ways written prayers may seem more real, more thoughtful, more relational. Take a week or maybe a month to write out at least one prayer a day. Notice how it changes your prayer life – are you more honest on paper or are you more reserved? Maybe, try writing your prayers in the form of sonnet or song like David did throughout the Psalms.

### Prayer Influence

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### God as Father

The model prayer Jesus gave His disciples begins with, “Our Father” (Abba). Jesus uses a term of deep intimacy to address the creator of all existence. There is an ‘otherness’ to God that is outside our comprehension, yet Jesus instructs us to talk with Him like our dad or papa. This week, converse with God as a father who wants the very best for you and will give you as much love, grace, peace, and hope as your heart can hold. Allow Him to speak gently, quietly to your soul.



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#### Sitting in quiet

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“Historical Context: What was happening at that time and setting? What was the political climate, geography, etc.? What was the occasion for the book? What prompted the book / letter / poem to be written? (2)Literary Context: Primarily, this looks at what is being said before / after the passage you’re reading. It also includes things like whether the author is addressing a group as a whole, or is speaking to an individual. Context helps answer that question.” [Doyle and Ward, RHU Bible Interpretation] The 100 days appendix includes sources to assist in getting contextual information for Scripture.

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### Pray Outside

In 1869, John Muir wrote for the Atlantic Monthly, “No synonym for God is so perfect as Beauty. Whether as seen carving the lines of the mountains with glaciers, or gathering matter into stars, or planning the movements of water, or gardening - still all is Beauty!” There is just something about praying outside that changes our prayers. God’s creation is a testament to his beauty and grandeur. How would God speak louder or more quietly in his Beauty of nature? Spend time in his creation praying and listening.

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### Worship

Spend the week acknowledging God’s character and his greatness through whatever method you have chosen... Don’t simply worship him for what he does for you, but focus on his holiness, justice, grace – worship him for WHO he is. Let your prayers be shaped by relentless, unencumbered worship of our God! ( **Read Psalm 33:1-9**)

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## SCRIPTURE

Reading Plan - Reading “The Jesus Storybook Bible” in 100 days

<b>Sunday</b>	God to the Rescue! Pg. 84
<b>Monday</b>	God to the Rescue! Pg 85-89
<b>Tuesday</b>	God Makes a Way pg. 92-95
<b>Wednesday</b>	God Makes a Way pg. 96-100
<b>Thursday</b>	Ten Perfect Ways pg. 100-103
<b>Friday</b>	Ten Perfect Ways pg. 105-107
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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

#### Written Prayers

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# week 5

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#### What does it mean to me?

Now that we have a proper understanding of what comes first when we read Scripture, you are ready for application! After we have a proper understanding of what a passage is saying and what it means, we pray and ask the Spirit to guide us to a response that's appropriate and Kingdom minded. Our starting point for how we apply the text must be a proper interpretation, which was discussed last week. Ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in a response to the text – he will always guide in a way that is in complete agreement with his character. Ask him what to think, consider or do in light of what you have just read. One's response to Scripture should never contradict who God is or how He acts and loves. Application is essential to reading the Bible; we must place it in the proper context of our study.

## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

Here is a suggestion on how you might pray in a new or different way throughout your week.

### Don't use words

Our world is a noisy place. We are noisy people. Often times, our prayers are just as noisy. Take some time (maybe 10 minutes to start with and increase it over a period of days) to be still, quiet, and listen. Don't attempt this in a coffee shop with the espresso machine going and people bustling about. Place yourself in a quiet, still environment to eliminate distractions. Ask one simple question, "God, what do you have for me?" and then, simply wait. Don't try to conjure up a response – just relax and listen for His voice. It may take several times, days or weeks doing this to hear anything at all, so don't get discouraged; we have to train our minds and hearts to be still and listen. Keep putting yourself in a place to hear from Him, and our God, who is faithful, will make Himself known.

### Prayer Influence

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### The Cross

Paul writes to the Corinthian church, "For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.'" Spend this week considering Jesus' sacrifice – His commitment to us – His love – His steadfast desire to do His Father's will – His passion. With the cross in mind this week, what would God say to you through your prayers? How will your week be different? What emotions are brought to the surface as you pray while considering the cross? Give God space in your heart to teach you so that you can love Him more.



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## SCRIPTURE

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<b>Sunday</b>	The Warrior Leader pg. 108-halfway down 111
<b>Monday</b>	The Warrior Leader pg. second half of 111-1115
<b>Tuesday</b>	The tennie, weenie... true king pg. 116-117
<b>Wednesday</b>	The tennie, weenie... true king pg. 118-120
<b>Thursday</b>	The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant pg. 122-125
<b>Friday</b>	The Young Hero and the Horrible Giant pg. 126-129
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#### Ask God a question

Often times, kid's don't know they are allowed to ask God questions. Remind your child that they can ask God anything! Model for your kids first by sharing a question you might have. Remember, you don't need to have the answer, just the question. Ask your kids what question they have for God. As a parent, you might want to rush to answer it, but leave space for God to answer the question for them. It's important for children to learn that sometimes you have to wait for the answer. Of course, if you feel God is leading you to answer, then don't hesitate to come alongside your child.

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#### Genres of the Bible

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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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### Praying prayers from Scripture

Throughout the Bible we see people praying. While these prayers may not be our exact prayers, the Spirit can use prayers of Scripture to illuminate areas in our lives by which we need to call out to God. Here are some examples of prayers to read, meditate on, and seek God: Dan 9, Habakkuk 3:2-19, Psalm 51, Acts 2, Matt 6, John 17, Luke 18:13, Eph 3, Mark 15, Eph 1, Col 1. There are many more prayers recorded for us to gain a deeper understanding of who God is and how His children relate to Him. The Psalms contain many prayers.

### Prayer Influence

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### Hope

Hope filled prayers define us, when we invite Jesus to enter our existence and become Lord of our lives. We love differently, we engage people differently, we grieve differently; in all these areas we have hope. Spend this week praying that Jesus would be known to those who have no hope – that the Holy Spirit would restore broken hearts and broken relationships. Just as Jesus came to Earth, pray he would come to people and meet them in their need. As hope and faith are inseparably tied, our prayers of hope place us in a posture that anticipates answers. Luke chapter 1 provides a beautiful account of hope and faith. Read and meditate on this chapter and then allow your prayers to be filled with the hope of Jesus.

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<b>Monday</b>	The Good Shepherd pg. 134-135
<b>Tuesday</b>	A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General pg. 136-139
<b>Wednesday</b>	A Little Servant Girl and the Proud General pg. 140-143
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#### Kneel while praying

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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

Here is a suggestion on how you might pray in a new or different way throughout your week.

#### Pray one prayer all week

We can get really spread out in our prayer lives. We start our prayers with specific thoughts and by the end of our prayer we are asking God to bless ALL the missionaries, ALL the children of the world, and so on. There is nothing wrong with this at all! We should pray with a global perspective, but there is also great power in praying one prayer for a significant length of time (Luke 18:1-8). Begin your prayer in silence asking God what he wants you to really focus on for the day, a week, or even longer. Once you feel you have clear direction, start praying that prayer. It may morph as time progresses and the Spirit enhances your focus, but keep after the heart and intent of the original prayer and ask God to teach you, change you, and embolden you through your single prayer.

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#### God as Jesus

In John's Gospel, we see Jesus present at the dawn of creation. In Luke's Gospel, we see Him sent to Earth as a fragile infant to a faith-filled teenage girl. Mark's Gospel begins with John the Baptist paving the way of Jesus' ministry ushering in the Kingdom of God. Jesus' lineage, provided at the beginning of Matthew's account, gives confirmation for His earthly authority. Spend the week praying in light of these truths about Jesus. Be impacted by his love, his humility, his compassion, his heart. Jesus is: God come to us, the author and finisher of our faith, our friend, Messiah, chief priest, cornerstone of the Church, our hope, our salvation. “His divine power has given us everything we need for a godly life through our knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. Through these he has given us his very great and precious promises, so that through them you may participate in the divine nature, having escaped the corruption in the world caused by evil desires.” (2 Peter 1:3-4)



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<b>Wednesday</b>	God's Messenger pg. 166-169
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## PRAYER

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### Fast

There is a dependence and emptying that takes place when food is absent that can become a special place of connection with God. If you've never tried to go without food and want to start with a couple of meals, no problem, but our encouragement is to give it a shot for a whole day. There isn't anything extra holy about removing food in and of itself. Simply put, by omitting food from your day, you have the opportunity to spend that time in communion with Christ, to immerse yourself in Him and receive sustenance and strength from Him. Our hunger pains both remind us to pray and that our deepest needs are not met by this physical world.

### Prayer Influence

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### Joy

“Joy to the world, the Lord is come. Let Earth receive her King!” We sing this song to celebrate our Messiah's birth, but it is also a joyful look to Jesus' second coming. Isaac Watts wrote the lyrics to this beautiful hymn using Psalm 98 as inspiration – “... The ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth; break out in praise and sing for joy! ...” Joy is unique in that it is not determined by circumstance. Our joy is found in Jesus who gives us life and relationship with God the Father. Joy can be exuberant when we experience the faithfulness of God, or pure delight as He expresses His love. Joy should never be determined by how we feel, but on who God is. The joy of the Lord can thrill us or make us resolute in the secure knowledge of God's presence. Paul tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:16 to be joyful always. As you pray this week, “may your joy be complete”. (1 John 1:4)



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<b>Tuesday</b>	The Light of the World pg. 184-186
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Light of the World pg. 188-191
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#### Write a Letter to God

Some kids express themselves better through writing. For older kids, they might want to keep an on-going journal to write all their letters to God in. If that's the case, take them shopping and let them pick one out. Target and Michael's have some great ones. Or, instead of keeping separate journals, keep a family journal. For younger kids, help them write their letter to God.

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#### Genre: Epistle

Although inspired by the Holy Spirit for all people in all times, Epistles were letters initially written to address specific needs within specific communities at specific times. Therefore, some work must be done to properly interpret the meaning of these letters. 1) read the letter as a letter in one sitting; remove all the chapter and verse markings as well as all the editor's notes. Actually try to place yourself in a first-century church taking in the words as someone read them aloud. 2) think in paragraphs and whole thoughts – not sentences and brief ideas. 3) make sure to factor the audience and author first. Application of the epistles should include the essentials of Scripture and not become bogged down with non-essential, culturally specific passages. There are teachings that are timeless, always applicable, and grounded in God and His character, not in culture. Some of these include: Areas related to the core message of the Bible (sin, redemption, eternity). Also, love as a Christian's basic ethical response.

## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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### Change your posture

Body language matters in communication – we all know this. It also matters in prayer. Certain occasions demand we lift our hands in praise, while other times praying from our knees seems best. There is nothing overly special about how we position our body for prayer, but our physical posture can influence and lead our hearts and spiritual approach to prayer. Experiment with standing, kneeling, or even lying face down to pray and see if you are lead to pray differently.

### Prayer Influence

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### Confession

Confession is used powerfully by God multiple places in Scripture both corporately and personally. (Nehemiah 9, Ezra 10, James 5:16) Confession of sin, however, is not the end game for God – His end game is transformation. True, biblical confession leads to turning away from sin and wrongdoing toward Jesus and His restoration. What are some areas of your life where you need confession to rule? As you pray this week, allow confession to lead the way to forgiveness, to heart change, to worship.



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<b>Monday</b>	Heaven Breaks Through pg. 204-207
<b>Tuesday</b>	Let's Go! Pg 208-209
<b>Wednesday</b>	Let's Go! Pg 210-213
<b>Thursday</b>	A Little Girl and a Poor Frail Lady pg. 214-217
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#### Prayer of release

A Prayer of Release is a time for us to pause, be still, and ask God to quiet our hearts and minds. As you pray, encourage your kids to hold their hands out in front of them as if releasing their worries and distractions. This posture also shows they're open to receive what the Holy Spirit might have for them.

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# week 10

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*The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.  
Day after day they pour forth speech;  
night after night they display knowledge.*

A common genre error is to press the poetic language of emotion and symbol too far and use them literally as the basis for doctrine. For example, in the psalm above, the skies do not literally speak with language. The psalmist uses metaphor to declare God’s glory through his visible creation. A helpful principle for interpretation is to allow more concrete teachings of Scripture from other places to assist interpretation of Scriptural poetry. Next week we will address how to approach the Psalms specifically.

## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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### Set an alarm on your phone or computer

By and large, we are a people who are “on task”. We have little or no time to be interrupted or diverted from our plan. However, the Spirit may have an alternate plan for you in the middle of your “ordered” day. Set an alarm on your phone or computer for a random piece of your hectic day and be “interruptible” to pray and receive from the Spirit. Take 30 seconds, a minute, or 10 minutes to pray right in the midst of what you’re doing. How could this reminder shape the conversation you’re having at that moment? Could this interruption rewrite the email you’re about to send?

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### Wisdom

Wisdom can be defined as the proper use of the knowledge given to us by God. Solomon is our classic example of God being pleased with someone asking for wisdom. Solomon knew even with all the wealth and prestige possible, God delighted in giving him wisdom. In what areas of your life would you best leverage godly wisdom? Spend some time considering what praying wise prayers might look like. Ask God to guide your week with eternal wisdom that confuses the “wisdom” of our culture.



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<b>Sunday</b>	How to Pray pg. 222-227
<b>Monday</b>	How to Pray pg. 222-227 (practice a different way to pray)
<b>Tuesday</b>	The Singer pg. 228-233
<b>Wednesday</b>	The Singer pg. 234-235
<b>Thursday</b>	The Captain of the Storm pg. 236-241
<b>Friday</b>	The Captain of the Storm pg. 242
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#### Prayers of Declaration

Praise God by declaring who HE is. You can use single words or sentences. Get ready, you are going to be blown away by who your kids say God is. Remember, this isn't the time to correct them, but rather listen.

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# week 11

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### Psalm

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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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### Sing your prayers

Make a joyful noise to the Lord! Fortunately, God is not listening to the sound of our voice as much as the cry of our heart in worship. In the car, in the shower, on a jog, wherever you feel comfortable, sing your prayers. A lot of our worship songs can and should be sung as prayers. Get your favorite playlist and sing all the songs as prayers by engaging both your heart and your mind. It might seem weird at first, but give it a shot and see how God might inhabit your praise of prayer.

### Prayer Influence

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### Sacrifice

What would it cost you to sacrifice for Jesus this week? Would it cost some of your free time this week? Maybe the cost would be NOT winning an argument and trying to be “right”. What could you give up for the sake of your call to discipleship? Ask God to show you areas in your life you need to sacrifice to fully surrender your life to him. Also, ask about the places or things you could sacrifice to expand the ministry he's given you. Take a posture of sacrifice as you pray this week and see whom you might serve.



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## SCRIPTURE

Reading Plan - Reading “The Jesus Storybook Bible” in 100 days

<b>Sunday</b>	Filled Full! Pg. 244-246
<b>Monday</b>	Filled Full! Pg. 247-249
<b>Tuesday</b>	Treasure Hunt! Pg. 250-252
<b>Wednesday</b>	Treasure Hunt! Pg. 253-255
<b>Thursday</b>	The Friend of the Little Children pg. 256-258
<b>Friday</b>	The Friend of the Little Children pg. 259-263
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#### Make a song with your prayers

You are probably thinking, “Yah, right! I don't have a musical bone in my body!” Well, ok, you might not. But still give it a try. Our preschool age kids do this exercise every so often and it's incredible what they come up with. Have each person in your family write a line. This will be your song. Get pots and pans, guitars, water bottles with rocks in them, etc., make music and sing your prayers to God!

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# week 12

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#### Lectio Divina

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Read a small passage numerous times (try at least 3) and pay attention to words, verses or ideas that stand out to you each time. Spend some time waiting for God to speak between each reading to confirm or change what you think he may be directing you toward. You should try this multiple days with the same passage and ask God what he has for you. Some suggested passages: Genesis 12:1-9, Genesis 18:1-14, Psalm 23, Psalm 27, Psalm 42, Psalm 46, Psalm 63, Psalm 84, Psalm 91, Psalm 131, Isaiah 30:15-21, Matthew 11:25-30, Matthew 17:1-13, Mark 6:30-44, Mark 16:1-8, Luke 1:26-38, Luke 5:1-11, Luke 6:12-20, John 3:1-8, John 4:4-26, John 5:1-15, John 6:1-15, John 10:4-15, John 12:1-8, Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-10; 12:1-3

## PRAYER

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### Five Finger Prayer

Symbols, props, and guides have all been used to guide prayers of the Church since the beginning. You can even use your hand as a guide to direct your prayers: **Thumb** - pray for those closest to you. **Pointing finger** - pray for those who guide us: teachers, doctors, pastors, counselors, parents, social workers, mentors. **Middle finger** (tallest one) - pray for those who stand tall: government, civic, and business leaders, police and firefighters. **Ring finger** (your weakest finger) - pray for those who are weak: the poor, sick, infirm, infants, homeless, and the powerless. **Pinkie** (the smallest, the least) - humbly pray for your own needs.

### Prayer Influence

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### God as Holy Spirit

“Powerful. When is the last time someone used that word to describe you? It doesn't make sense that Almighty God would have children characterized by fear and insecurity. He put His Spirit in us so we could be known for our power (Acts 1:8; 2 Tim. 1:7). Sadly, most believers and churches are known for talent or intellect rather than supernatural power. What's worse is that we're okay with it.” (Francis Chan, *Forgotten God*) How would your day, week, or month look if you prayed to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to live the life God called you to live? The Holy Spirit is our strength, our guide, our comforter, our advocate. In light of all this, pray that God's Spirit would be apparent in you for others to see and praise God.



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<b>Sunday</b>	The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (none) pg 264-267
<b>Monday</b>	The Man Who Didn't Have Any Friends (none) pg 268-271
<b>Tuesday</b>	Running Away pg. 272-275
<b>Wednesday</b>	Running Away pg. 276-279
<b>Thursday</b>	Washed with Tears pg. 280-282
<b>Friday</b>	Washed with Tears pg. 284-285
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#### A.C.T.S.

Adoration. Confession. Thanksgiving. Supplication.

Walk your child through each of these. Ask them to adore God by saying all the things they know are true about God. Have them ask forgiveness for anything they need to be forgiven for. Spend time being thankful. Lastly, take time to ask God for something. This can be for healing, for an answer to a question they might have or for help in school. As always, model each section for them.

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#### Diagram a Passage

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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

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### Lord's Prayer

The model Jesus gave his disciples as a way to pray can lead us into a deep abiding relationship with him. Separate the prayer into phrases or even a word and ask the Holy Spirit to speak to you about each of these sections. Spend a day or even a week on each phrase or word praying, meditating, and/or journaling. The beginning word, "Our" can be powerful as we understand how our faith is not lived alone. God has blessed us with others to share joys and pains – we "do" Christianity with others...

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### Evangelism –share your story

D.L. Moody was an evangelist, author, and person God used in great ways for his Kingdom. Throughout his ministry he carried a list of 100 people he prayed for everyday to come to saving faith in Jesus. At his death, 96 of the people were followers of Christ and the other 4 gave their life to Jesus at his funeral. Praying for the lost makes a difference. Who do you know who needs salvation? As a body, let's lift up those who need Jesus this week. Pray for the Lord of the Harvest to empower us all to share our continuing story of following him and how others can begin their own story of following Jesus.



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<b>Tuesday</b>	A Dark Night in the Garden pg. 294-297
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**Prayer Bracelet** (you will need some yarn for this method of prayer.)

People often times wear a bracelet to remind them to pray for something specific. As a family, pick one person, place, or thing to pray for all week. Then make a bracelet out of yarn. Each time you look at the bracelet it will remind you to pray for

If you don't get to this part on Sunday, make sure you begin this practice by Monday so you are praying this prayer all week long.

### Prayer Influence

Share with your child how you used the prayer attitude to help you shape your prayers this week.

# week 14

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Begin each week by considering what Jesus is saying in this passage.

- What does it mean to remain?
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## SCRIPTURE

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### Worship

Several of our previous approaches to Scripture have involved detailed, rigorous study. However, we hope that reading the Bible also engages our hearts. Literary genres, contextual elements, and the like, play key roles in assisting our reading and study of Scripture, but our hearts must be tuned to hear God's communication to us. Without this posture, we are in danger of simply feeding our mind and not our soul. Mining a passage for its contextual and theological significance is certainly helpful and may lead to a desire to dig even deeper, but we also want to engage that same passage with a posture of worship toward our Creator. The Psalms, the story of Jesus' birth, chapter 8 of Romans, the creation story, or many other passages provide theological rocks of our faith and also offer God's narrative for how he is restoring all things. Read for worship's sake; get caught up in who God is and how he chooses to interact with us through his holy Scripture.

## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

Here is a suggestion on how you might pray in a new or different way throughout your week.

### Prayer posts

We need to be reminded to pray. Our minds are filled with information, dates, web addresses, and so many other things that it's helpful to give ourselves tangible, physical reminders to pray and also how to pray. Find a way to post prayers or topics for prayer all over your life's landscape. Write a prayer on your mirror with an oil pen to read and pray as you get dressed each day, change your computer's desk top to a prayer, leave a note next to your speedometer as a reminder, tie a string on your finger, etc. Pray every time you see your reminders. Pray the same prayer or pray new ones – just pray.

### Prayer Influence

Below is a suggestion for a focus that might influence your prayers this week. We encourage you to use this focus in whatever method of prayer you have chosen.

### Purity

Purity is a very different attribute than simply "not doing wrong". This week, beg God to make us pure and holy for his service; let's make Psalm 51 our corporate prayer for the week. Please read it every day - multiple times a day. How would God shape us together and individually if we prayed for purity?



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## SCRIPTURE

Reading Plan - Reading “The Jesus Storybook Bible” in 100 days

<b>Sunday</b>	God's Wonderful Surprise pg. 310-313
<b>Monday</b>	God's Wonderful Surprise pg. 314-317
<b>Tuesday</b>	Going Home pg. 318-321
<b>Wednesday</b>	Going Home pg. 322-324
<b>Thursday</b>	God Sends Help pg. 326-329
<b>Friday</b>	God Sends Help pg. 330-332
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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

#### Pray for what you see

It's important for kids to know they can pray for the world around them. As a family go to a public park, coffee shop, mall, or your neighborhood. Sit and watch. Take turns praying for everything you see and hear. Remind them that they can do this anywhere they go.

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## PRAYER

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### Observe and respond

How many people do you pass on your morning commute? How many stories are being told in your local coffee shop while you order your drink? How many needs do you pass in one trip to the mall? Jesus didn’t simply recognize needs – he wasn’t merely about an awareness campaign. He recognized where the Kingdom could advance, and he responded with love, compassion, peace, and healing.

Begin your day asking the Holy Spirit to give you eyes to see and ears to hear the needs around you. Pray for an observant heart during your daily routine and pray for those crossing your path. Or create the space to go on a prayer adventure with God: Spend an hour walking on the streets praying for the people and things you see. Go to the mall and pray for the people God makes stand out to you...

### Prayer Influence

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### Identity

From where do you receive your queues and information regarding who you are? Do you get them from the media, co-workers, siblings, roommates, performance reviews, and status updates? Or do you find your identity in Jesus through his Holy Spirit?

Prayers offered from a false identity are laden with fear, self-loathing, doubt, bitterness, guilt, and the list goes on. However, our prayers prayed from an identity in Christ are packed with grace for others, peace of mind, hope for eternity, joy for today and an unquenching desire to know Christ, the sharing of his sufferings, and the power of his resurrection. Rest assured of your place in the Vine. Know your security in Jesus and pray with complete confidence that you are a dearly loved son or daughter of the Most High God. “Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God.” Colossians 3



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<b>Monday</b>	A New Way to See pg. 338-341
<b>Tuesday</b>	A Dream of Heaven pg. 342-345
<b>Wednesday</b>	A Dream of Heaven pg. 346-348
<b>Thursday</b>	pg. 351 Use this night to talk about your part in the Big God Story. If your child hasn't asked Jesus to lead his/her life, this might be a good time to ask if they want to be a part of the Big God Story. Lead them through a simple prayer.
<b>Friday</b>	Remember & Celebrate*
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## PRAYER

### Prayer Plan

Go back through the past 14 weeks and have each person in your family chose a way to pray. Ask you child why he/she chose that particular practice. Affirm them in their choice.

### Remember & Celebrate

You did it! You just spent the last 100 days answering the call God gave you of being the primary nurturer of your child's faith. Take Friday night to have a special feast and remember what God did in your family the last 100 days! Be sure to take pictures & have FUN!!!

### Prayer Influence

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**DAY**

*You did it!*

# 101

Well done. Whether you were able to read and pray every day or if you missed a few, be assured that it was valuable and meaningful even beyond what your eyes can and have already seen.

Our desire is to continue to grow as a community to love more, read the Bible with greater desire, and pray more passionately! Hopefully, 100 days is not the end of your daily walk with God through prayer and Scripture reading. From the beginning, the plan was for 100 days to be a launching pad and catalyst for day 101 and beyond. Praying and reading for 100 days as a community is a wonderful thing, and we trust that so much has happened. But, day 100 was never designed to be our stopping point...

So let's keep going! Remain in Jesus and He will remain in you. Keep reading, continue to pray, and if you have children continue to pursue Jesus wholeheartedly as a family.

Lord, may our campus continually be marked by people who desire a daily encounter with you through prayer and reading your Word.

*Amen.*

# APPENDIX



The resources below will provide more expansive information about themes or topics covered in 100 days. The books and study material provide extra depth and breadth to your study of Scripture and time with God. This is clearly not an exhaustive list, but hopefully a helpful starting point or addition to your 100 days.

## Meta-narrative (over-arching story of the Bible):

*The Drama of Scripture, Finding Our Place in the Biblical Story*  
– Craig G. Bartholomew and Michael W. Goheen

*Life with God*  
– Richard Foster

*The God Who Is There*  
– D.A. Carson

*The Jesus Storybook Bible* tells the Story beneath all the other stories in the Bible. “At the center of the Story is a baby, the child upon whom everything will depend. Every story whispers his name. From Noah to Moses to the great King David—every story points to him. He is like the missing piece in a puzzle—the piece that makes all the other pieces fit together. From the Old Testament through the New Testament, as the Story unfolds, children will pick up the clues and piece together the puzzle.” [jesusstorybookbible.com](http://jesusstorybookbible.com)

## Different versions of the Bible:

NASB – New American Standard Bible  
ESV – English Standard Version  
RSV – Revised Standard Version  
KJV – King James Version  
NIV – New International Version  
NLT – New Living Translation  
CEV – Contemporary English Version  
[Biblegateway.com](http://Biblegateway.com)

## Understanding the Bible:

*The IVP Introduction to the Bible*  
– Philip S. Johnston

*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*  
– Gordon D. Fee, Douglas Stuart

*How to Read the Bible Book-by-Book*  
– Gordon D. Fee, Douglas Stuart

## Contextual Resources and Commentaries:

*The Expositor's Bible Commentary Revised Edition.* This commentary series is expository, obviously, but also takes into account an exegetical approach to time period and textual analysis. It does a good job of combining scholarship with commentary.

*The NIV Application Commentary Series* helps bring both halves of the interpretive task together. This unique, award-winning series shows readers how to bring an ancient message into our post-modern context. It explains not only what the Bible meant, but also how it speaks powerfully today.

*Ancient Christian Commentary on Scripture* is a collection of early Church Fathers' writings about Scripture. It is basically the best information from sermons, writings, and councils during the first several centuries of the Church.

*Tom Wright's For Everyone Series* is regarded as one of the best commentary series for the New Testament.

*Evangelical Dictionary of Biblical Theology*  
– Elwell

*Vine's Expository Dictionary of Biblical Words*

## Books on worship:

*Whatever Happened to Worship?*  
– A.W. Tozer

*The Beauty of God, Theology and the Arts*  
– Daniel J. Treier, Mark Husbands, Roger Lundin

*Thin Places: An Evangelical Journey into Celtic Christianity*  
– Tracy Balzer

*The Heart of Praise*  
– Jack Hayford

## Study Approaches/Genre Resources:

*How to Read the Bible for All Its Worth*  
– Gordon D. Fee, Douglas Stuart

*How to Read the Bible Book-by-Book*  
– Gordon D. Fee, Douglas Stuart

*Literary Approaches to Biblical Interpretation* (Vol. 3)  
– Tremper Longman III

*An Introduction to the Old Testament*  
– Raymond B. Dillard, Tremper Longman

*An Introduction to the New Testament*  
– D. A. Carson, Douglas J. Moo

*Expository Nuggets from the Epistles*  
– D. Stuart Briscoe

*The Message of the Psalms*  
– Walter Brueggemann

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*How to Read the Psalms*

– Tremper Longman III

*Working the Angles*

– Eugene Peterson

### **Jesus and the Cross:**

*The Incomparable Christ*

– John Stott

*More Than a Carpenter*

– Josh McDowell

*The Imitation of Christ*

– Thomas a` Kempis

*Scandalous*

– D.A. Carson

### **Holy Spirit and Prayer:**

*Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit*

– Francis Chan

*The Grace Outpouring: Blessing Others through Prayer*

– Roy Godwin, Dave Roberts

*Fresh Wind Fresh Fire*

– Jim Cymbala

*Prayer*

– Richard Foster

*Hearing God*

– Dallas Willard

### **Evangelism:**

*Evangelism and the Sovereignty of God*

– J. I. Packer

*How to Give Away Your Faith*

– Paul E. Little

*The Celtic Way of Evangelism*

– George G. Hunter

### **Holiness and Identity:**

*Rediscovering Holiness*

– J. I. Packer

*The Holiness of God*

– R.C. Sproul

*Life of the Beloved*

– Henri Nouwen

*The Practice of the Presence of God*

– Brother Lawrence

*Invitation to a Journey*

– Robert Mulholland Jr.

*The Divine Conspiracy*

– Dallas Willard

*Renovation of the Heart*

– Dallas Willard

*Bernard of Clairvaux /On Loving God*

– An Analytical Commentary by Emero Stiegman

*Thomas a`Kempis / The Imitation of Christ*

– Translated by John Rooney

### **Books on Serving and Loving Others:**

*When Helping Hurts: How to Alleviate Poverty Without Hurting the Poor... and Yourself*

– Steve Corbett, Brian Fikkert

*Interrupted*

– Jen Hatmaker

*Generous Justice*

– Timothy Keller

*The Irresistible Revolution*

– Shane Claiborne

*Seeking God / The Way of St. Benedict*

– Esther DeWaal

*Life Together*

– Dietrich Bonhoeffer