

FAITH COMMUNITY CHURCH
DAILY BIBLE READING CHALLENGE 2025

Friendship with God

Daily Bible Reading Journal

My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
John 10:27

THIS GUIDE BELONGS TO:

Welcome!

We're so glad that you're holding this journal in your hands. That means you're ready (or at least curious!) to take a step toward spending time with God in his Word, and in prayer —and that's something worth celebrating.

Whether you've read the Bible for years or this is your very first time opening it up for yourself, this journal is designed to help you grow. We believe that God wants to meet with you personally. He has something to say to you, and through the Bible, you can begin to hear his voice and walk more closely with him every day.

To help you do that, we're using a simple and proven approach called SOAP. It's an easy-to-follow guide to help you slow down, listen, and interact personally with God in his Word. Here's how it works:

- **S – Scripture:** Write out a short verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in your reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today. Writing it down helps you slow down and focus.
- **O – Observation:** What observations can you make about the passage? This could be notes about the people in the passage, places, or what happens. It's also helpful to write down questions about anything that's initially confusing or that you don't understand. Then you can reflect on, explore, or examine those questions more deeply. If you aren't sure what to write, here are a few questions that are always helpful to ask when you're reading the Bible:

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?
- **A – Application:** What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need from God to respond in faith today?
- **P – Prayer:** Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

Don't worry about getting it perfect —just show up each day, read and respond to God. You don't have to be a Bible expert, just let God meet you here.

We're praying this journal becomes more than a daily habit—may it become a place where you grow in love and friendship with God.

Let's begin!

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How The Reading Plan Works

If this is the first time that you've attempted to read the Bible on a regular basis, this is our challenge: set aside 20 minutes every day. Find a place where you can:

- Sit down and not be disturbed.
- Put your phone and smart watch in another room.
- Have a Bible, your SOAP Journal and pen in hand.

Ideally, this is at a time in the day when you're reasonably "fresh" and awake. Get that first cup of coffee going, but don't open your newsfeed or phone yet. Let this be the first thing on your agenda. If your kids are old enough to understand, let them know that you need 20 minutes to spend time with the Lord and that this is important to you. This is a great opportunity to set an example that may encourage their own love for God's word.

We've created this journal with a daily (Monday-Saturday) reading. On Sundays, there will be a note page for the Sunday sermon. **If you miss a day, don't sweat it. Don't worry about "catching up."** This isn't a homework assignment or something to check off your to-do list. Meeting with God in his word is a gift – it's about a daily encounter with God. If you miss a day (or ten!), just pick up the reading for **that day**.

The Bible is a collection of books representing many kinds of literature (songs, stories, poems, prophecy, parables, teaching, letters). These are called "genres" – and each genre is unique. The reading for each week is meant to build on the teaching from that past Sunday.

Because each week will be unique, there will be a very short introduction at the start of each week's readings. There will also be a video from The Bible Project to introduce the book you're going to be reading from. We think you'll love these videos and that they'll be really helpful to you. So give those a look.

Finally, the best way to get the most out of this experience is to be sure that you have an opportunity to talk with a friend about it every week. This is typically the difference between people who "make it" and stick with a reading plan, and those who don't. If you're in a Missional Community or Small Group, bring your SOAP Journals and compare notes. If you're not, find a friend today, set a weekly meeting time and agree to get together during this reading challenge. You won't regret it.

WEEK 0

Sample Entry

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read this Psalm, would you help me to hear your voice? Open my heart to be honest with you today and to abide in you.

Read: Psalm 1

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want" (Psalm 23:1) What an awesome reminder that God is watching over me like a shepherd. It's comforting because I often feel like I need to figure everything out or carry everything on my own.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

God is personal and close—he leads, restores, protects, and provides. He isn't distant; He's a Shepherd who walks with his people even in the darkest places. We are like sheep—we get tired, afraid, and need guidance. We're not meant to do life alone. We need someone to lead us. I don't have to be in control or have it all together. God is with me, and he will take care of me. Even in the middle of stress or uncertainty, I'm not alone.

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

I want to pause today whenever I'm feeling out of control and remember – my Shepherd is near.

Prayer

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

Father, thank you for being my Shepherd. I love you for it. Give me grace today to remember that. Bring it to mind when I forget and help me to love _____ as you are loving me. Teach me how, through Christ. Amen.



WEEK 1

Life in the Vine

Reading through the Psalms

The Psalms are songs and prayers that give voice to every kind of human emotion—joy and gratitude, fear and anger, hope and sorrow. They remind us that we can bring our whole heart to God, just as we are. This week, you'll read a few selected Psalms to help you begin "abiding in Christ" with honesty, awe, and trust. As you read, try to notice how the writers speak to God and about God—and let their words help you find your own.

Tips for Reading the Psalms

- **Read with your heart, not just your head.** The Psalms are prayers and songs, not lectures. They're meant to stir your emotions and help you talk honestly with God.
- **Look for the tone.** Is the writer rejoicing? Crying out in pain? Reflecting quietly? The emotional tone will help you understand what's going on.
- **Make it personal.** Try reading the Psalm out loud—or even turning it into your own prayer. Use the psalmist's words to talk to God.
- **Watch how the writer turns.** Many Psalms move from pain to trust, from fear to praise. Notice how the writer moves toward God even in hard moments.

- **Jesus knew and prayed these words.** When you read the Psalms, you're stepping into prayers Jesus himself prayed, especially at key moments in his life. This is a place where he found language to talk with this heavenly Father.



For an awesome introduction to the beauty of the Psalms and why they are so relevant for today, check out this introduction from [The Bible Project](#), or just type “The Bible Project How to Read the Book of Psalms” into your search bar.

WEEK 1

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 1

Day 1

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read this Psalm, would you help me to hear your voice? Open my heart to be honest with you today and to abide in you.

Read: Psalm 23

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

WEEK 1

Day 2

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read this Psalm, would you help me to hear your voice? Open my heart to be honest with you today and to abide in you.

Read: Psalm 27

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 1

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read this Psalm, would you help me to hear your voice? Open my heart to be honest with you today and to abide in you.

Read: Psalm 63

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 1

Day 4

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read this Psalm, would you help me to hear your voice? Open my heart to be honest with you today and to abide in you.

Read: Psalm 90

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 1

Day 5

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read this Psalm, would you help me to hear your voice? Open my heart to be honest with you today and to abide in you.

Read: Psalm 139

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 1

Day 6

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read this Psalm, would you help me to hear your voice? Open my heart to be honest with you today and to abide in you.

Read: Psalm 145

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer



WEEK 2

The Love of God

Reading Romans Chapter 8

This week, in our daily reading challenge, we turn to one of the most powerful and hope-filled chapters in the Bible: Romans 8. In this chapter, the Apostle Paul unpacks what it means to belong to Jesus, to live by the Spirit, and to be caught up into something greater than any of us could dream of. This chapter concludes with some of the most incredible teaching in scripture about the love of God.

Tips for Reading Paul's Letters (Epistles)

- **Watch for the flow of thought.** Paul builds arguments step by step. If something feels confusing, look at the verses just before or after.
- **Look for truth about God and identity.** Epistles often remind us who God is and who we are because of Jesus.
- **Slow down and reread.** We're going to spend a whole week in just one chapter. Some parts are dense or complex—don't rush. Pause and let key phrases sink in.
- **Make it personal.** Remember these letters were written to real people with real struggles. Try to understand what Paul was saying to his original audience first. Then ask: What would this mean for someone like me?

- **Write down your questions.** You're going to have questions about this chapter as you read. It is dense. Write them down so you can talk about them with a friend, pastor, or your Missional Community.



Romans Part 1



Romans Part 2

When you're reading a letter (called an "Epistle") in the Bible, background and context are everything. [The Bible Project](#) has created two great videos on the background of Romans here, or just type "The Bible Project Romans" into your search bar.

WEEK 2

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 2

Day 1

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read Romans, would you help me to understand. Help me to see what you have done in Jesus more clearly. Help me to understand who I am because of Jesus more clearly. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:1-8

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

WEEK 2

Day 2

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 30, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read Romans, would you help me to understand. Help me to see what you have done in Jesus more clearly. Help me to understand who I am because of Jesus more clearly. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:9-11

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 2

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read Romans, would you help me to understand. Help me to see what you have done in Jesus more clearly. Help me to understand who I am because of Jesus more clearly. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:12-17

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 2

Day 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read Romans, would you help me to understand. Help me to see what you have done in Jesus more clearly. Help me to understand who I am because of Jesus more clearly. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:18–25

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 2

Day 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read Romans, would you help me to understand. Help me to see what you have done in Jesus more clearly. Help me to understand who I am because of Jesus more clearly. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:26–30

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 2

Day 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. As I read Romans, would you help me to understand. Help me to see what you have done in Jesus more clearly. Help me to understand who I am because of Jesus more clearly. Amen.

Read: Romans 8:31–39

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 3

When the World Hates You



Reading Acts 2–5

This week, we're reading Acts 2–5, where the early Church begins to live out the mission Jesus gave them. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, they proclaim the gospel with boldness, form a new kind of community, and begin to experience both fruitfulness and opposition. In John 15:18–16:4, Jesus warned that following him would bring resistance—but he also promised his Spirit would help them stand firm. As you read this week, notice how the early believers rely on God, stay united, and keep the message of Jesus front and center—even when it's costly.

Tips for Reading Acts

- **Notice the opposition.** The gospel always brings both transformation and resistance. Watch how the early Church responds when challenged or threatened.
- **Look for the Spirit's power.** Everything in Acts flows from the Spirit's presence. Notice how he gives words, guidance, unity, and strength.
- **Reflect on the mission and their courage.** Acts shows ordinary people speaking and living with extraordinary boldness because they trust God more than they fear people.

- **Don't confuse description with prescription.** Acts tells us what happened, not always what should happen in every case. Learn from their example, but also look for timeless principles, not just repeated actions.

Also note: some of the readings this week are going to be longer and you may not find that you have much time to journal. That's okay. Reading long sections of scripture is great and you can still walk through SOAP in your heart and mind, even if there isn't as much time to write.



Here's a great introduction to the first part of Acts from [The Bible Project](#) or just type "The Bible Project What Happened at Pentecost" into your search bar.

WEEK 3

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 3

Day 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for the church in the book of Acts. Fill me with courage and hope and teach me to walk in the way of Jesus today.

Read: Acts 2:1-47

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

WEEK 3

Day 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for the church in the book of Acts. Fill me with courage and hope and teach me to walk in the way of Jesus today.

Read: Acts 3:1–26

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 3

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for the church in the book of Acts. Fill me with courage and hope and teach me to walk in the way of Jesus today.

Read: Acts 4:1-22

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 3

Day 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for the church in the book of Acts. Fill me with courage and hope and teach me to walk in the way of Jesus today.

Read: Acts 4:23–31

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 3

Day 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for the church in the book of Acts. Fill me with courage and hope and teach me to walk in the way of Jesus today.

Read: Acts 4:32–5:11

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 3

Day 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for the church in the book of Acts. Fill me with courage and hope and teach me to walk in the way of Jesus today.

Read: Acts 5:12-42

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 4

The Mission of the Spirit



Reading Acts 13–20

In John 16:4–15, Jesus promised that the Holy Spirit would come to guide his followers into truth, give them words to speak, and glorify him in the world. This week in Acts 13–20, we see that promise fulfilled. As Paul and his companions carry the gospel to new cities and cultures, the Spirit is leading every step—opening hearts, directing decisions, and strengthening the Church in the face of pressure and persecution. As you read, watch how the Spirit empowers ordinary people to live boldly and faithfully in a complex world. And ask: What might it look like for me to trust the Spirit like that?

Tips for Reading Acts

- **Follow the movement.** These chapters cover Paul's missionary journeys—watch where he goes, who he meets, and how people respond. A map in your Bible can help you follow along.
- **Pay attention to the people.** Paul travels with others (like Barnabas, Silas, and Timothy). Notice how they work together, encourage believers, and face challenges as a team.

- **Notice how the gospel crosses cultures.** Paul speaks to Jews in synagogues and to Gentiles in public squares. Watch how he adapts his message without changing the truth.
- **Look for the Spirit's guidance.** Over and over, the Holy Spirit opens doors, closes others, strengthens believers, and leads the mission forward—just as Jesus promised in John 16.
- **Ask:** What do these stories show about God's mission—and my part in it? Acts is not just history—it's a window into how God still works today.

Also note: Some of the readings this week are going to be longer and you may not find that you have much time to journal. That's okay. Reading long sections of scripture is great and you can still walk through SOAP in your heart and mind, even if there isn't as much time to write.



Here's a great overview of Paul's missionary journeys from [The Bible Project](#) or just type "The Bible Project Paul's Missionary Journeys" into your search bar.

WEEK 4

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 4

Day 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 13, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for Paul's calling and his example. Would you help me to see the gospel just a little more clearly as I read today?

Read: Acts 13:1-12

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

WEEK 4

Day 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for Paul's calling and his example. Would you help me to see the gospel just a little more clearly as I read today?

Read: Acts 14:8-28

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 4

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for Paul's calling and his example. Would you help me to see the gospel just a little more clearly as I read today?

Read: Acts 16:11-40

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 4

Day 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for Paul's calling and his example. Would you help me to see the gospel just a little more clearly as I read today?

Read: Acts 17:16–34

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 4

Day 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for Paul's calling and his example. Would you help me to see the gospel just a little more clearly as I read today?

Read: Acts 19:1–41

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 4

Day 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Thank you for Paul's calling and his example. Would you help me to see the gospel just a little more clearly as I read today?

Read: Acts 20:17–38

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 5

Your Hearts Will Rejoice



Reading Habakkuk

As Jesus prepared his disciples for sorrow that would soon give way to joy (John 16:16–24), he pointed them toward a kind of hope that isn't based on quick fixes, but on God's unshakable faithfulness. This week, we'll read through the short but powerful Old Testament book of Habakkuk. This prophet cries out with raw honesty in the face of injustice and suffering, questioning God's timing and ways. But by the end, he's worshiping with deep, resilient joy—even though nothing around him has changed. If you've ever found yourself asking, "Where is God in this?" or "How long will this last?", Habakkuk offers a faithful and honest model of trust when things around us don't make any sense.

Tips for Reading Habakkuk

- **Read slowly and aloud if possible.** The book is poetic and prayerful in nature; hearing it can help you feel its emotional weight.
- **Watch the tone.** Habakkuk begins with complaint, moves through God's response, and ends in worship. Note how the tone shifts by chapter 3.
- **Don't rush past the questions.** This book gives you permission to ask hard questions and wait for God's answers.

- **Look for contrasts.** Sorrow and joy, waiting and fulfillment, judgment and mercy—all themes that echo Jesus’ teaching in John 16.
- **Linger in the final verses (3:17–19).** They’re a kind of declaration of joy in God that rings true no matter the season.

Additional Note: Old Testament prophets are one of the hardest types of Biblical literature to understand. That’s okay. Ask God for his help and give it a try. Remember that we’re just building our Bible-reading muscles. It will be especially helpful to watch the [Bible Project](#) video this week.



You can watch their introduction to Habakkuk [here](#) or just type “The Bible Project Habakkuk” into your search bar.

WEEK 5

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 5

Day 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Come and meet with me as I read Habakkuk today. Amen.

Read: Habakkuk 1:1–4

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

WEEK 5

Day 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Come and meet with me as I read Habakkuk today. Amen.

Read: Habakkuk 1:5-11

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 5

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Come and meet with me as I read Habakkuk today. Amen.

Read: Habakkuk 1:12–2:1

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 5

Day 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Come and meet with me as I read Habakkuk today. Amen.

Read: Habakkuk 2:2–20

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 5

Day 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 24, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Come and meet with me as I read Habakkuk today. Amen.

Read: Habakkuk 3:1–16

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 5

Day 6

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 25, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for this time and for your word. Come and meet with me as I read Habakkuk today. Amen.

Read: Habakkuk 3:17–19

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 6

The Overcomer



Reading Elijah's Story in 1 Kings

Elijah's story is a dramatic story of faith, courage, and God's sustaining power. His life is filled with dramatic scenes—fire from heaven, droughts, confrontations with kings, and quiet whispers from God. Through these miracles and moments of deep fear, Elijah experiences the highs and lows of following God in a world that often feels hostile and overwhelming. Like Jesus' promise in John 16:25–33 to “take heart” because he has overcome the world, Elijah's life shows us that true victory doesn't come from our own strength but from God's presence and faithfulness. As you read, notice how Elijah's friendship with God grows—and how God calls him to keep going, even when the path is hard.

Tips for Reading Old Testament Narrative

- **Slow down and enter the scene.** Old Testament narrative can be some of the most fun reading in the Bible if you slow down to take it in. Visualize what's happening. These stories are meant to work on our imaginations and emotions.

- **Pay attention to the characters' emotions and decisions.** In Old Testament narrative, we are invited to make judgements based on the emotions expressed, the dialogue and the actions of the characters. How do they change and grow over time?
- **Look for God's activity.** God is always the main character in these stories. What are the authors trying to show us? What do they want us to know about God?
- **Ask how Elijah's experience points forward to Jesus.** Both show God's power over evil and provide hope in the midst of hardship.



Here's a great introduction to the story of Elijah from [The Bible Project](#) or just type "The Bible Project Elijah" into your search bar.



If you'd like to learn more, here's a complete animated overview of the Old Testament and how it was brought together.

WEEK 6

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 6

Day 1

MONDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. You made this day; and you made me for this day. Thank you for your faithfulness to your people for so many years. Help me as I read about Elijah today. Amen.

Read: 1 Kings 17:1-16

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

Talk to God about what you've read. Ask for his help, thank him, or simply respond to what he's shown you.

WEEK 6

Day 2

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. You made this day; and you made me for this day. Thank you for your faithfulness to your people for so many years. Help me as I read about Elijah today. Amen.

Read: 1 Kings 17:17-24

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 6

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. You made this day; and you made me for this day. Thank you for your faithfulness to your people for so many years. Help me as I read about Elijah today. Amen.

Read: 1 Kings 18:1-19

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 6

Day 4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. You made this day; and you made me for this day. Thank you for your faithfulness to your people for so many years. Help me as I read about Elijah today. Amen.

Read: 1 Kings 18:20–40

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 6

Day 5

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 31, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. You made this day; and you made me for this day. Thank you for your faithfulness to your people for so many years. Help me as I read about Elijah today. Amen.

Read: 1 Kings 19:1-21

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 6

Day 6

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. You made this day; and you made me for this day. Thank you for your faithfulness to your people for so many years. Help me as I read about Elijah today. Amen.

Read: 2 Kings 2:1-14

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 7

Eternal Life

Reading Ephesians 1–3

Paul's letter to the Ephesians opens with a sweeping, breathtaking view of what God has done through Christ. In these first three chapters, Paul isn't issuing commands or offering life tips—he's unveiling a vision of spiritual reality: God's eternal plan, our new identity in Christ, and the cosmic victory of Jesus that unites heaven and earth. Ephesians 1–3 shows us that Christ is not just a personal Savior, but the reigning Lord over all—and that we are included in his triumph. As we reflect on Jesus' prayer in John 17:1–5—that the Father would glorify the Son so that the Son may glorify him—Paul helps us see what that glory looks like and what it means to share in it. Christ's glory is not self-serving; it is the radiant display of God's grace and power—and we are caught up in it.

Tips for Reading Paul's Letters (Epistles)

- **Read slowly, worshipfully.** Paul's language here is rich and elevated. Don't rush—read each phrase as if it were part of a hymn or a prayer.
- **Underline repeated words.** Watch for key themes like "in Christ," "grace," "mystery," "power," and "riches." These highlight the spiritual reality Paul wants you to grasp.

- **Turn Paul's prayers into your own.** When Paul prays for the church (1:15–23; 3:14–21), pause and pray those same words over yourself, your family, and your church.
- **Look for identity before action.** Paul emphasizes who we are in Christ before telling us how to live. Let this shape your understanding of the gospel's power.
- **Let awe lead to assurance.** These chapters are meant to anchor your heart in God's unshakable love and the radiant glory of Christ.



Here's an overview of Ephesians from [The Bible Project](#) or just type "The Bible Project Ephesians" into your search bar.



For a much deeper dive into the opening poem/hymn of Ephesians, here's a 16 minute lecture.

WEEK 7

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 7

Day 1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Open the eyes of my heart to see what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 1:1-14

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

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WEEK 7

Day 2

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Open the eyes of my heart to see what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 1:15–23

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 7

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Open the eyes of my heart to see what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 2:1-10

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 7

Day 4

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Open the eyes of my heart to see what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 2:11–22

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 7

Day 5

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 7, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Open the eyes of my heart to see what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 3:1–13

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 7

Day 6

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Open the eyes of my heart to see what Jesus has done for us. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 3:14–21

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 8

Holy Church



Reading Ephesians 4–6

The second half of Paul’s letter to the Ephesians moves from wonder to walking—from the glorious reality of who we are in Christ to how we are now called to live. Having rooted our identity in God’s grace (chapters 1–3), Paul now urges us to “walk in a manner worthy of the calling” (4:1). These chapters are intensely practical—offering wisdom for unity in the church, maturity in faith, purity in life, and love in our homes and workplaces. As we meditate on Jesus’ prayer in John 17:6–19, where he asks the Father to sanctify and protect his followers as they remain in the world, Paul shows us what that sanctified life looks like: grounded in truth, shaped by love, and clothed in the armor of God.

Tips for Reading Paul’s Letters (Epistles)

- **Read with the cross and resurrection always in view.** This half of Paul’s letter is loaded with commands. Some passages here may hit close to home—about anger, speech, marriage, parenting, or spiritual warfare. Remember: Paul writes to those already loved and sealed by grace (1:13–14). Let conviction lead you closer to Christ, not further away.

- **Pay attention to the "walk" language.** Paul uses this metaphor repeatedly—walk in unity, walk in love, walk in light, walk in wisdom. What kind of walk is God calling you to?
- **Look for community language.** Much of this section is about life together in the church. How might God be shaping not just you, but us?



Here's an overview of Ephesians from [The Bible Project](#) or just type "The Bible Project Ephesians" into your search bar.

WEEK 8

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 8

Day 1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Teach me to love my family and the church the way that you do. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 4:1–16

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

- What am I learning about God – his character, actions and glory?
- What am I learning about people – our character, struggles and needs?
- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

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WEEK 8

Day 2

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Teach me to love my family and the church the way that you do. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 4:17–32

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 8

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Teach me to love my family and the church the way that you do. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 5:1-21

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 8

Day 4

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Teach me to love my family and the church the way that you do. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 5:22–33

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 8

Day 5

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Teach me to love my family and the church the way that you do. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 6:1–9

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 8

Day 6

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025

Pray

Thank you God, for your word and for this time. Teach me to love my family and the church the way that you do. Amen.

Read: Ephesians 6:10–24

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 9

Perfect Love



Reading John 18–19

We end our reading challenge we return to the heart of the gospel—the arrest, trial, suffering, and death of Jesus Christ. John 18–19 invites us to slow down and witness the King of glory willingly surrender himself for our sake. These chapters are rich. As you read, remember that John wrote these things so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name (John 20:31). Let the weight and wonder of the cross lead you to worship.

Tips for Reading John 18–19

- **Read slowly and prayerfully.** These chapters are sacred ground—don't rush through them.
- **Pay attention to contrasts.** Notice how Jesus remains composed and sovereign while others (Peter, Pilate, the crowds) are confused or reactive.
- **Let the cross speak to you personally.** Ask: What does this say about Jesus? What does this say about me?
- **End with gratitude.** Each day, consider writing a short prayer of thanksgiving for what Jesus has done.

WEEK 9

Sermon Notes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025

SPEAKER: _____

SCRIPTURE PASSAGE: _____

MAIN POINTS OR IDEAS:

GENERAL NOTES:

REFLECTION AND DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:
What Did I Learn About God?

What Challenge, Encouragement or Invitation Did I Hear?

This is How God Is Asking Me to Respond Today:

WEEK 9

Day 1

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2025

Pray

Thank you Jesus for loving me as you have. Please help me to see it in your word today. Help me to love you as well. Amen.

Read: John 18:1-11

Scripture

Write out a verse, phrase or theme that stood out to you in the reading. Make a note about why you think that phrase or verse is impacting you today.

Observation

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- How is this good news?

Application

What is God speaking to me about today? Is there a command to obey? A promise to trust? A warning to heed? An encouragement to receive? What will I need to respond in faith today?

Prayer

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WEEK 9

Day 2

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025

Pray

Thank you Jesus for loving me as you have. Please help me to see it in your word today. Help me to love you as well. Amen.

Read: John 18:15–27

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 9

Day 3

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2025

Pray

Thank you Jesus for loving me as you have. Please help me to see it in your word today. Help me to love you as well. Amen.

Read: John 18:28–40

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 9

Day 4

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2025

Pray

Thank you Jesus for loving me as you have. Please help me to see it in your word today. Help me to love you as well. Amen.

Read: John 19:1-16

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 9

Day 5

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 2025

Pray

Thank you Jesus for loving me as you have. Please help me to see it in your word today. Help me to love you as well. Amen.

Read: John 19:16–27

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

WEEK 9

Day 6

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 2025

Pray

Thank you Jesus for loving me as you have. Please help me to see it in your word today. Help me to love you as well. Amen.

Read: John 19:28–30

Scripture

Observation

Application

Prayer

Thank you for joining us in this journey through God's word! Whether this was your first time reading the Bible daily or a renewed commitment, we're grateful you took these steps toward knowing Jesus more deeply. As we close with Jesus' final words on the cross in John 19:30—"It is finished"—remember that this moment is the foundation of our faith, the source of our hope, and the promise of new life. Keep reading, keep trusting, and keep walking with him. There is no greater gift than to be called "a friend of God."

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