

HIGHLIGHTS

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MON GENESIS 1-3	Creation Story, Days 1-7Adam & Eve Before the FallFall of Man	In Chapter 3, Satan accused God of lying. How else could Eve have responded?
TUE GENESIS 4-7	 Cain Kills Abel Birth of Seth, Adam's Third Son Genealogy, Adam to Noah Existence of the Nephilim Noah's Ark 	Notice Cain's sarcasm. How did humanity fall so far in just one generation?
WED GENESIS 8-11	 Noah's Ark (Cont.) Genealogy, Noah's Three Sons Tower of Babel Genealogy, Shem to Abraham Introduction to Abraham 	Here are two more tracings of the generations of God's people. Why are they so important?
THU JOB 1-6	 God allows Devil to Test Job Job Shares His Feelings Job's Friends Share Theses Job Responds 	Read 2:10 again. Think of times you could use Job's question instead of a complaint.
FRI JOB 7-9	Eliphaz SpeaksJob RepliesBildad SpeaksJob Replies	Where do you see faulty reasoning in either Eliphaz's or Bildad's thinking?
SAT JOB 10-13	• Zophar Speaks, Job Replies	Where do you see faulty reasoning in Zophar's thinking?
SUN JOB 14-16	• Eliphaz & Job Visits	What strikes you most deeply about Job's response to his friends?

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MON JOB 40-42	The Lord Continues SpeakingJob Replies to the LordEpilogue: Restoration for Job	•	Job's answer seems incredibly humble. What can we learn from it?
TUE GENESIS 12-15	 God Calls Abram Abram Tells a Half-Truth Abram & Lot Melchizedek & Abram God Promises Abram Blessings 		Melchizedek is considered one of the more intriguing characters in the Old Testament. Why?
WED GENESIS 16-18	 Abram, Hagar & Ishmael Abram Renamed Abraham Sarai Renamed Sarah Isaac is a Promise from God Abraham Sees the Lord, Intercedes for Sodom 		How did God show compassion toward Hagar & Ishmael?
THU GENESIS 19-21	 Sodom & Gomorrah Lot Seduced by Daughters Abraham's Half-Truth Again Birth of Isaac Hagar & Ishmael, a Blessing Abraham & Abimelech Agree 		People are often surprised to find that stories like that of Lot & his daughters are included in the Bible. Why was it important to be honest & truthful?
FRI GENESIS 22-24	Abraham's Sacrifice of IsaacDeath of SarahSearch for Rebekah		Look at the servant's dedication in finding Rebekah. In what areas of life can we apply this same dedication?
SAT GENESIS 25-26	 Abraham's Wife Keturah Abraham's Death Birth of Esau & Jacob Esau Sells his Birthright Isaac's Adventures 		What are some of the differences between Esau & Jacob—physically, as well as intellectually & spiritually?
SUN GENESIS 27-29	Jacob Steals Esau's BlessingJacob's Ladder DreamJacob Marries Leah & Rachel		Jacob had to learn patience in the marriage game. What in your life requires patience?

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MON GENESIS 30-31	Jacob has More ChildrenJacob Deceives Father-in-LawJacob Flees Father-in-Law	Was Jacob right to deceive Laban? How would you have handled it?
TUE GENESIS 32-34	Jacob Prepares to Meet EsauJacob Renamed IsraelJacob Meets EsauJacob's Daughter Attacked	Did you find Esau's response to Jacob surprising? Why or why not?
WED GENESIS 35-37	 Rachel Dies in Childbirth Genealogy: Jacob's Sons Genealogy: Esau's Sons Joseph's Dreams Joseph Sold by His Brothers 	Per Joseph's brothers, why is jealousy such a dangerous & destructive force? What or who have you been jealous of?
THU GENESIS 38-40	 Treacherous Family Joseph is Sexually Harassed & Jailed Joseph Interprets Two Dreams 	Joseph wound up jailed for doing the right thing. When have you been treated unfairly for doing good? How did God help?
FRI GENESIS 41-42	 Joseph Interprets Pharaoh's Dream Joseph Succeeds as Leader Joseph's Brothers Go to Egypt 	Joseph's help was not immediate. What do you think he learned in the meantime that we can also learn?
SAT GENESIS 43-45	A Second Trip to EgyptJoseph Ensnares His BrothersJoseph Reveals His Identity	What combination of emotions must Joseph have felt upon seeing his brothers?
NII2	• The Tribe Moves to Egypt	Joseph's forgiveness of his brothers was important to his own success.

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 Joseph Provides Well for All
- Joseph Helps Many Survive

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Whom do you need to forgive?

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MON GENESIS 48-50	 Jacob Blesses Ephraim & Manasseh Jacob Blesses Each of His Sons Deaths of Jacob & Joseph 	What strikes you as most interesting about Jacob's blessings of his sons?
TUE EXODUS 1-3	 Between Joseph & Moses Israel Oppressed Birth of Moses Moses Murders & Flees Moses at the Burning Bush 	Look at what questions Moses asked God. Do you ever feel afraid to ask God about things? What are you afraid he will say?
WED EXODUS 4-6	 Moses Questions God Moses Returns to Egypt Double Work for Slaves God Promises Redemption Genealogy: Moses & Aaron Aaron to Speak for Moses 	Moses was obedient, yet it looked like all he got was double work for the slaves. Have you ever obeyed God and it looked at first like things got worse? What happened?
THU EXODUS 7-9	Aaron's Staff Becomes a SnakePlagues 1-7	Which plague so far would you least like to experience in your area?
FRI EXODUS 10-12	Plagues 7-10Passover TraditionThe Exodus BeginsPassover Rules	Put yourself in Pharaoh's shoes. He's visualizing the loss of his slave labor; what else do you think went through his mind?
SAT EXODUS 13-15	God's Guiding PillarsCrossing the Red SeaSong of CelebrationWater Turned Drinkable	Moses had to pray at the sea all night before God parted the water. What has made you pray continuously?
SUN EXODUS 16-18	 Food from Heaven Water from a Rock Hebrews' First War: Amalekites Moses' Father-in-Law Visits 	The people thought God would let them die in the wilderness. Have you ever felt a lack of faith? What happened?

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MON EXODUS 19-21	God Appears at Mt. SinaiThe Ten CommandmentsRules: Servants & Personal Injuries	Have you ever felt the sight of something would make you faint? What do you think Moses felt upon seeing God?
TUE EXODUS 22-24	 Protection of Property Social Responsibility Laws of Justice & Mercy Sabbath Laws Three Annual Festivals God's Angel Sent Ahead Covenant Confirmed 	Name a couple of these laws that strike you most deeply and reflect on why.
WED EXODUS 25-27	 Instructions for Building the Tabernacle 	Why do you think God was being so precise?
THU EXODUS 28-29	Tabernacle Instructions Continued	What instructions struck you most deeply and why?
FRI EXODUS 30-32	 Tabernacle Instructions Continued Sabbath Instructions Golden Calf Idol 	Why do you think ancient people were so driven to worship objects? What are some modern idols we worship?
SAT EXODUS 33-35	 God is Not Going Tent Meeting Moses & God's Glory New Stone Tablets Moses' Face Shines 	When Moses' face shone, do you think the people wished they'd have been able to experience that? How would you feel if you saw a piece of God?
SUN EXODUS 36-38	 Moses Assigns Jobs The Curtains Made Ark of the Covenant Created Tabernacle Detailed 	What struck you as most memorable in these passages and why?



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LEVITICUS 16-18

Rules about Sexual Relations

each other.

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MON LEVITICUS 19-21	 Miscellaneous Laws Punishments for Severe Sins Marriage Rules for Priests	Pick some laws and describe how God was protecting the heartbroken & abused.
TUE LEVITICUS 22-23	Behavior around SacrificesDefining Festivals	What stands out in this passage and why?
WED LEVITICUS 24-25	Oil & BreadSins Worthy of DeathInstructions InvolvingSabbatical Years	The law highlighted good behavior, but had no power to influence behavior. Reflect on the need for the Holy Spirit.
THU LEVITICUS 26-27	Rewards & PunishmentsVows, Dedications to the Lord	Reflect on a few rules herein that prevent people from hurting each other.
FRI NUMBERS 1-2	• Rules for Locating Tribes in Camp	Well over 2 million people left Egypt. Reflect on the ways God and Moses tried to contain their behavior.
SAT NUMBERS 3-4	• Rules for Locating Tribes in Camp (Cont.)	An important component of order was giving people an identity. How did these rules help?
SUN NUMBERS 5-6	Rules for CleansingThe Nazirite Vow	It is now known that fermented food/ beverages can cause inflammation in the digestive track & even the brain. Why should holy people try to be healthy?

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MON NUMBERS 7	• Tabernacle Dedication Offering	•	The Jews were extraordinary record keepers. Why is this fact important?
TUE NUMBERS 8-10	 Setting Apart of the Levites Celebrating Passover Cloud above the Tabernacle Silver Trumpets Leaving Sinai 		If God brought a cloud over a certain part of your neighborhood each day, how would it improve your faith?
WED NUMBERS 11-13	Fire & Quail from GodMiriam & Aaron RebelSpies Find Nephilim in Canaan		God becomes infuriated at the final report in Ch. 13. Try to count the miracles the people had seen to this point and reflect on his anger.
NUMBERS 14-15; PSALM 90	Lack of Trust Angers GodVarious RulesPsalm Written by Moses		In 14:13 Moses raises a compelling argument. Would you ever try to reason with God, and if so, what about?
FRI NUMBERS 16-17	Three Foolish Young MenAaron's Staff Sprouts		Look at the behavior in 16:12-14. What would have happened to the Exodus if lots of people acted this way?
SAT NUMBERS 18-20	 Duties of Priests & Levites Water for Cleansing Moses' Sin, Hitting the Rock Death of Aaron 		Per Chapter 20, what emotions likely made Moses hit the rock twice?
SUN	 Moses Makes Bronze Snake Moab, Sihon, & Og Balaam's Donkey Speaks 	•	How is the raising of the bronze snake a foreshadowing of the crucifixion?

NUMBERS 21-22

Balaam's Donkey Speaks

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS Three Messages of Balaam What were the reasons for God's • Four More of Balaam's Messages displeasure with Balaam? Men Sin with the Moabites NUMBERS 23-25 TUE Numbers 27:8-11 is typical in its detail Moses Takes a Second Census of the early laws. • Five Sisters Receive Property • Joshua Will Succeed Moses What in their nature made God want NUMBERS 26-27 laws to be so specific? • More Rules about Offerings, Which of these stands out to you and Festivals, and Vows whv? **NUMBERS 28-30** • Moses Carries Out Revenge Why was revenge considered on the Midianites acceptable for a nation establishing • The Reubenites & Gadites itself? NUMBERS 31-32 What do you see in this reading that is • Israel's Journey Laid Out most hopeful? Borders of Canaan Established NUMBERS 33-34 • Towns for the Levites Cities of Refuge Why is a city of refuge important? • Limitations on Female Property Owners NUMBERS 35-36 Have you ever given someone a gift and they were ungrateful for your time • Israel Wanders the Desert & effort?

DEUTERONOMY 1-2

How did you feel?

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DEUTERONOMY 3-4	Israel's Wanderings EndGod's Words to Israel	What are some things these people learned while wandering for 40 years?
TUE DEUTERONOMY 5-7	• God's Words to Israel (Cont.)	God was being very stern and almost redundant. Why?
DEUTERONOMY 8-10	God's CommandsTablets RecreatedRepeat of Golden Calf Story	If a person destroyed a gift you made with lack of gratitude, under what circumstances would you recreate it?
THU DEUTERONOMY 11-13	Obey & Love GodOne Place of WorshipIdolatry Warnings	After Jesus sent the Holy Spirit, people could worship God anywhere. Why was the one place of worship important back then?
DEUTERONOMY 14-16	 Clean & Unclean Food Tithing Seven-Year Debt Cancellation Freeing Servants First-Born Animals The Festivals, Judges 	These rules sound a bit strange. But how can you apply the principles to your life today?
SAT DEUTERONOMY 17-20	 Sacrifices Without Defects Law Courts Whether Israel Wants a King Occult Practice Forbidden Prophets God Raises 	In 18:14-21, God promises to raise prophets to tell the people his words. How much do you feel prophets are needed today?
DEUTERONOMY 21-23	• Various Laws	Reflect on one law & how it shows love for God or others.

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DEUTERONOMY 24-27

- Miscellaneous Rules
- First Fruits & Tithes
- Follow God's Commands
- Altar on Mount Ebal
- Cursed is Anyone Who...

God is being very strict with these people one last time before giving them power.

Did his strict words end up making a difference? Keep reading to find out...

TUE

• Blessings for Obedience

- Curses for Disobedience
- Renewal of the Covenant

Some religions only focus on the positive.

Why does ours focus on the negative as well?

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DEUTERONOMY 30-31

DEUTERONOMY 28-29

- When God Restores
- Choose Life or Death
- Joshua Will Succeed Moses
- Prediction of Rebellion

Apply Deuteronomy 31:23 to something occurring in your own life.

DEUTERONOMY 32-3

DEUTERONOMY 32-34; PSALM 91

- Song of Moses
- Moses to Die on Mount Nebo
- Moses' Blessing on the Tribes
- Death of Moses
- A Psalm of Protection

How do the blessings of the tribes make you think about how God has blessed, or will bless, your family?

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JOSHUA 1-4

- Joshua Installed as Leader after Moses' Death
- Rabab & the Spies in Jericho
- Miracle at Crossing the Jordan

What was amazing about Rahab's insight into the God of the Hebrew people?

JOSHUA 5-8

- Circumcision at Gilgal
- Fall of Jericho
- A Whole Family is Punished for a Father's Sin
- The Attack on Ai

To conquer Jericho, Israel had to do some things that must have looked ridiculous to the people watching.

Why was this important?

JOSHUA 9-12

- Deception of the Gibeonites
- Miracle: Sun Standing Still
- All the Kings Defeated

The sun standing still is often considered the most stunning miracle of the Old Testament.

Write your feelings on it.

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JUDGES 6-8

What was God trying to demonstrate?

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS • 6th Judge: Abimelek Like Abimelek, think of some people • 7th-9th Judges: Tola, Jair, today who have been enticed to evil by Jephthah power. JUDGES 9-11 Samson was seduced by surface Jephthah (Cont.) beauty. • 10th Judge: Ephraim • 11th-14th Judges: Ibzan, Elon, Reflect on a circumstance wherein & Abdon this has happened, or could have **JUDGES 12-16** 15th Judge: Samson happened, to you. Micah's idol infested an entire community eventually. Micah's Idols The Danites How do some of our sins affect those **JUDGES 17-18** around us? How did the people respond to this gang rape? • First Mutilation in Israel • Israel Punishes Tribe of Why do we shrug off some violence Benjamin **JUDGES 19-21** today? • Naomi's & Ruth's Predicament • Boaz is Kind to Ruth What would it be like to move to a • The Threshing Floor different country, to people whose Boaz & Ruth Marry, Produce ways are very different from yours? **RUTH 1-4** David's Grandfather Think of the biggest sacrifice you • Hannah Dedicates Samuel in would be willing to make out of Gratitude gratitude. Eli the Priest Has Wicked Sons Samuel as a Boy Hears God 1 SAMUEL 1-3 How would God respond? Samuel and God were sad when the • The Philistines, the Ark, & Eli's people asked for a king. Death • The Ark is Returned to Israel

1 SAMUEL 4-8

Samuel & God Prevent Attack

Israel Asks for a King

a king?

Why? How is Christian fixation on

American politics a little like wanting

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS • Samuel Anoints Saul What struck you deepest about Samuel's Saul Becomes King farewell speech? • Saul is the Hero at Jabesh Samuel's Farewell Speech 1 SAMUEL 9-12 Saul Makes Early Mistakes What mistakes did Saul make? Why • Trouble with the Philistines were they bad? 1 SAMUEL 13-14 God often appoints the youngest, God Rejects Saul as King weakest, or least likely. Samuel Anoints the Youngest David & Goliath Why do you think that is? 1 SAMUEL 15-17 Have you ever been falsely accused and persecuted? Saul Pursues David in Jealousy • Two Early Psalms of David How is it like or different from David's 1 SAMUEL 18-20; persecution? **PSALMS 11, 59** • Saul Continues His Pursuit How can we spend time waiting for God's deliverance? 1 SAMUEL 21-24 Think of words that describe • Psalms of David David & these psalms. PSALMS 7, 27, 31, 34, 52 What personal anxieties do you have Psalms of David that David's prayers can help quell? PSALMS 56, 120, 140-142

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS David is gathering depth of character. • David Marries Abigail • David Spares Saul's Life Again Name some specific virtues that he is • David Lives Among Philistines learning. 1 SAMUEL 25-27 TUE David is not afraid to reason with God when he wants something. Psalms of David What are some examples? PSALMS 17, 35, 54, 63 What did Samuel say to Saul about Saul & the Witch of Endor speaking to the dead? What were David Leaves the Philistines the consequences? • David Destroys the Amalekites • Death of Saul & his Sons Why do you think God hates this so 1 SAMUEL 28-31; much? PSALM 18 The psalms have changed tone from the ones read last week. Psalms of Worship & Reverence How have David's circumstances PSALMS 121, 123changed? 125, 128-130 In 1 Samuel 13, God calls David "a man after his own heart." • David Finds Out Saul is Dead • Problems Between David & Describe David's heart towards this Saul 2 SAMUEL 1-4 enemy King Saul. How can we use some of these Psalms of Reflection s verses in our anxious lives? PSALMS 6, 8-10, 14, 16, 19, 21 Genealogies can seem boring. • Genealogy: Adam to Abraham • 12 Tribes of Israel, Names However, what does the inclusion of • Descendants of Judah Adam tell you about his authenticity in 1 CHRONICLES 1-2 history?

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PSALMS 43-45, 49, 84- 85, 87	• Psalms by Sons of Korah	Pick one psalm and reflect on how it applies to our nation today.
TUE 1 CHRONICLES 3-5	 Descendants of Judah (Cont.) Kings of Judah Royal Line after the Exile Other Clans of Judah Descendants of the Tribes 	What does a list of names mean? How do these lists vouch for the intentions of the writers? What would they like to prove about their own credibility?
WED PSALMS 73, 77-78	• Psalms of Asaph	As you did Monday, pick a psalm and reflect on how it applies to our nation today.
THU 1 CHRONICLES 6	• Descendants of Levi	The Levites were the only tribe not given a location, being priests. What does this tell you about how God wants people treated when they don't own much?
PSALMS 81, 88, 92-93	• Psalms Mixture, Authors/ Moods	Pick a psalm and reflect on how it applies to your life.
SAT 1 CHRONICLES 7-10	 Descendants of the Tribes (Cont.) Sons & Chief Men of Benjamin Who Returned from Exile The Death of King Saul 	Jews were exacting record keepers. Did they know so many people would end up reading their work, and if so, what were they trying to accomplish?
SUN PSALMS 102-104	• Three Very Different Psalms	Name some differences between these three psalms. When could each be useful to you?

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2 SAMUEL 5:1-10; 1 CHRONICLES 11-12	David Becomes KingKing David CapturesJerusalem Warriors	What are the differences between these two passages covering the same event?
PSALM 133	• Psalm of Praise & Unity	David likely wrote this psalm for or after his coronation. What does it mean to you?
PSALMS 106-107	• Psalms of Praise	Name several lines in succession that you relate to the most.
2 SAM. 5:11-25; 2 SAM. 6:1-23; 1 CHRON. 13-16	David Gets the Promise, Conquers JerusalemArk Comes to Jerusalem;	David was as excited as we've ever seen anyone when the Ark came home. What would excite you this much?
PSALMS 1-2, 15, 22- 24, 47, 68	• Variety of Psalms	Which psalms resonate with you more and why—the happy or the suffering?
PSALMS 89, 96, 100, 101, 105, 132	• Psalms of Praise	What can you take from these psalms into your personal worship?
SUN	David Will Plan the Temple A Chronicles Poserds this Story	How do these stories differ?

2 SAMUEL 7; 1 CHRONICLES 17 • 1 Chronicles Records this Story

What's important in each?

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PSALMS 25, 29, 33, 36, 39	• Various Psalms	 David wrote Psalm 33 after being forgiven for adultery. What has God forgiven you for? What can you learn David?
2 SAMUEL 8-9; 1 CHRONICLES 18	David's Military VictoriesDavid is Kind to Saul's Relative1 Chronicles of David's Victories	Saul chased David for 15 years. Why would David seek out a relative of Saul to be kind to? What can we learn from this?
WED PSALMS 50, 53, 60, 75	• Various Psalms	Which psalm strikes you most deeply and why?
2 SAMUEL 10; 1 CHRONICLES 19; PSALM 2	• David Defeats the Amorites	"Paranoid" is a good word to describe King Hanun. How can we keep from being paranoid today?
PSALMS 65-67, 69-70	• Various Psalms	Which psalm strikes you most deeply and why?
SAT 2 SAMUEL 11-12; 1 CHRONICLES 20	David & BathshebaDavid Takes PlunderGoliath's Relatives Killed	David is still winning, but starts to get careless. What can we learn and apply to winning stages of our lives?
SUN PSALMS 32, 51, 86, 122	• Various Psalms	Which psalm strikes you most deeply and why?

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2 SAMUEL 22-23;

PSALM 57

• David's Song of Praise to God

Last Words of DavidList: David's Warriors

A Psalm of Fear of Death

of dying.

2 Samuel, whereas Psalm 57 records

the words of a younger David, afraid

How are his words different?

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MON PSALMS 95, 97-99	• Various Psalms		Which psalm provides the most comfort in your personal life and why?
2 SAMUEL 24; 1 CHRON. 21-22; PSALM 30	David's Counts Fighting MenDavid Builds an Altar		Why did David's census show an incredible lack of faith? How does vain & ambitious leadership affect the people?
PSALMS 108-110	• Psalms of Protection & Victory		How does the tone of the last psalm change from the ones before it?
THU 1 CHRONICLES 23-25	Division: The LevitesDivision: Descendants of AaronMusicians Hired for the Temple		David knew he would be long dead by the time these details were carried out. What was going on in his mind?
PSALMS 131, 138- 139, 143-145	• Psalms of David		David had a wealth of passionate feelings. Name some you see in these psalms.
SAT 1 CHRONICLES 26-29; PSALM 127	 Gatekeepers, Officials Hired List of Military Commanders David Gives Solomon the Plans Temple Donations David's Prayer A Psalm of Solomon 		Why did Solomon inherit such royalty and splendor? Name some ways parents can help assure their children's spiritual growth and blessings.
SUN PSALMS 111-118	• Anonymous Psalms	•	Which lines resonate best with your current life situations?

1 KINGS 1-2;

PSALM 119:1-88

PSALM 72

SONG OF SOLOMON 1-8

HIGHLIGHTS **PROMPTS** Solomon Made King God truly blessed a son because of his Various Psalms father. How can we win God's favor on our children? PSALMS 37, 71, 94 Which verses resonate with you the most? • Manual of Devotion by Ezra • Solomon's Prayer for Wisdom Write out a personal prayer for God's Solomon Discerns the Mother wisdom in your own circumstances. • Solomon's Officials, Provisions, 1 KINGS 3-4; 2 CHRONICLES 1; Wisdom A favorite is verse 105. Devotion by Ezra (Cont.) Why is it so important in these times? PSALM 119:89-176 How might this book reflect Christ's Preparation for the Wedding love for the Church? A Couple Professes Love



Fear of the Lord, Meaning

• Being United in Love

- Fear & Wisdom Combined
- Trust is Wisdom

Write out your own definition of fearing the Lord.

PROVERBS 4-6

- Choose Wisdom, Not Wickedness
- Sexual Temptations

How does your definition of fear of the Lord help you resist some of these temptations?

HIGHLIGHTS **PROMPTS** Sexual Temptations Verse 8:30 is allegedly prophetic. Prophetic Passage on Christ • Choose the Right Banquet List the traits that describe Christ. PROVERBS 7-9 Name a theme that stands out & state • Solomon's Two-Line Proverbs why it's meaningful to you. PROVERBS 10-12 Why is Solomon's recurring theme of • Solomon's Two-Line Proverbs humility so important? PROVERBS 13-15 Name a theme that stands out and • Solomon's Two-Line Proverbs state why it's meaningful to you. PROVERBS 16-18 How do the recurring themes of humility & fear of the Lord relate to Solomon's Two-Line Proverbs each other? PROVERBS 19-21 Name a theme that stands out Solomon's Two-Line Proverbs and state why it's meaningful to you. PROVERBS 22-24 We now know that people worship • Solomon Begins Building God in Spirit and in Truth. the Temple Why was this physical building so 1 KINGS 5-6; 2 important? CHRONICLES 2-3

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS Ornate churches are often chastised for not using the money to serve the poor. • Building the Temple (Cont.) *Is this building different? Why or why* 1 KINGS 7; 2 CHRONICLES 4 Why are the tablets in the Ark • The Ark Comes to the Temple important, if their words were already well-known? 2 CHRONICLES 5 Reread 2 Chronicles 7:13-14. Solomon's Prayer • Dedication of the Temple How does it apply to our nation? God Appears to Solomon 2 CHRONICLES 6-7; **PSALM 136** We are called "temples" in the New • Temple Dedication Psalms Testament. How can we keep this type of praise in our hearts? PSALMS 134, 146-150 What did God tell Solomon to do? • God Appears to Solomon How do these things translate into what we can do? 1 KINGS 9; 2 CHRONICLES 8 Jesus says if we call someone a fool, we become foolish. • Solomon's Wisdom, Longer Much to Say about the Fool How does Solomon use the word

PROVERBS 27-29

PROVERBS 25-26

• Addendum: 2-10 Line Sayings

Some say these proverbs were added later or were an afterthought.

What verses resonate with you?

differently?

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ECCLESIASTES 1-6

- Meaninglessness Without God
- •A Time for Everything
- Trust God & Enjoy Your Work
- More Things Meaningless
- Fulfill Vows to the Lord
- Riches are Deceitful

Is all of Ecclesiastes true so far?

Where might Solomon have succumbed to depression or negativity that could have temporarily blinded him?

ECCLESIASTES 7-12

- Chapter Similar to Proverbs
- In an Unfair World, God is Fair
- You Can Still Find Wisdom
- Contentment in Darkness
- The Conclusion of the Matter

What is Solomon's conclusion of the matter, and how does it apply to you & yours?

1 KINGS 10-11; 2 CHRONICLES 9

- Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon
- Solomon's Problems: Wives, Adversaries
- Death of Solomon

In what way did Solomon become greedy, and what problems did it cause?

PROVERBS 30-31

- The Sayings of Agur
- Sayings of King Lemuel
- Traits of a Good Woman

Proverbs 31:10-31 seems to come out of nowhere.

Why was it included?

1 KINGS 12-14

- Solomon's Son is King
- Jeroboam Sets Up False Idols
- A Prophet Speaks Truth
- Jeroboam Seeks a False Prophet
- Rehoboam Does Evil

Do you know any very devout Christians whose children have strayed from God?

How do you think that happens?

2 CHRONICLES 10-12

- The Rebellion Against Solomon's Son
- Jerusalem is Attacked

Things can go from good to bad quickly.

When has your life changed quickly, bad or good?

1 KINGS 15:1-24; 2 CHRONICLES 13-16

· Kings Abijah, Asa

How did these kings differ in their behavior?

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	NGS 15:25-34; 1 KINGS -34; 2 CHRONICLES 17	Kings Nadab, BaashaKings Ela, Zimri, Omri, AhabKing Jehoshaphat of Judah	•	In what main way was King Jehoshaphat different from these other kings?
	TUE 1 KINGS 17-19	 Prophet Elijah Calls a Drought Ravens Feed Elijah Elijah Raises the Widow's Son Elijah Defeats Prophets of Baal God Speaks to Distressed Elijah Introducing Elisha 		Elijah could have wound up dead at the scene with the prophets of Baal. What can we take away from his faith and confidence in God?
	WED 1 KINGS 20-21	Ahab Defeats Ben-HadadAhab Commits Murder & Repents		Often a small godly army defeats a huge one. What does this tell you about God's loyalty?
	THU 1 KINGS 22; 2 CHRONICLES 18	Death of King AhabKings Jehoshaphat & AhaziahProphet Micaiah & King Ahab	•	The false prophets were bringing fake news before the king in Chronicles. Do we have false prophets today? Do they usually predict good news?
2	FRI CHRONICLES 19-23	 Continued King Jehoshaphat Bio of King Jehoram of Judah Bio of King Ahaziah of Judah Bio of Queen Athaliah Queen Athaliah Overthrown 		Two of the biggest temptations are power & riches. How can we keep our thoughts from being infected by these, like Queen Athaliah's were?
	SAT OBADIAH; PSALMS 82-83	A Prophecy Against EdomPsalms of Justice		Are you waiting for God to bring justice to you? How do these passages help?
	SUN 2 KINGS 1-4	 Elijah Calls Fire from Heaven Elijah Taken up to Heaven Moab Sacrifices a Baby Elisha Raises a Son, Feeds a Multitude 		Elijah is one of only two people who went to heaven without dying. The other is Enoch of Genesis 5. Why do you think God chose to do that?

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS How is Naaman being asked to exercise Naaman Healed of Leprosy humility? Elisha Performs Miracles • Ben-Hadad's Murder What can we learn for our own journey 2 KINGS 5-8 Kings Jehoram & Ahaziah toward humility? • King Jehu & Violence Are you awaiting justice in an unfair situation? • Death of Queen Jezebel Ahab's Family & Servants Killed What does the death of Queen Jezebel • Wicked Oueen Athaliah tell you in this time? 2 KINGS 9-11 Faith is said to inspire action. • King Joash Repairs the Temple How does this saying apply to King • King Jehoahaz Hears Elisha Jehoahaz & Elisha? 2 KINGS 12-13; 2 CHRON, 24 • King Amaziah & Jeroboam II What do these passages tell us about King Amaziah of Judah marrying for money? 2 KINGS 14; 2 CHRON, 25 Jonah was acting out of prejudice • God Directs, Jonah Runs toward the people of Nineveh. · Jonah's Prayer in the Fish Nineveh Repents How did God feel about his snobbery? Jonah's Wrong Feelings JONAH 1-4 How did the most common Seven Kings of Judah & Israel temptations, greed & power, affect these kings? 2 KINGS 15; 2 CHRON. 26 A Stubborn Nation God balances judgment & mercy. • Mountain of the Lord • Day of the Lord

Salvation

ISAIAH 1-4

Judgment of Israel & Judah

How does it show here?

HIGHLIGHTS **PROMPTS** The Vineyard Woes & Judgments Commission of Isaiah Read Isaiah 6:8 again. How does it Sign of Emmanuel inspire you? Assyria Used in Judgment ISAIAH 5-8 Warnings on the Occult Judgment: Nearby Countries A lot of atrocities are listed here. • Sins of Moab, Judah, Israel • An Enemy Will Arise Compare & contrast them to modern-• God's Punishments day atrocities. **AMOS 1-5** Prophesy: Impending Exile • Zion, Mt. Samaria Struck First • God Will Stir Up a Nation Which modern-day country does Three Disasters Diverted Amos 6:1-7 remind you of and why? Death & Restoration Predicted **AMOS 6-9** Bio of King Jotham Jesse was King David's grandfather Prophecies About Judah & and an ancestor of Jesus. Jerusalem, Others • Messianic Prophecy: Jesse What does Isaiah 11 mean to you? 2 CHRONICLES 27; Praise Songs ISAIAH 9-12 • Prophecy: Assyrian Invasion Read Micah 5:2. Promise of Eventual Delivery • Jerusalem's Demise What does it mean to you that snippets God Will Reestablish about the life of Christ arise all over the MICAH 1-7 God's Power Over the Nations Old Testament prophecies? Ahaz King of Judah Why were the Israelites unable to • King Ahaz Defiles the Temple hear the prophets' warning per King Hoshea: Assyrian Invasion the Assyrian invasion? 2 CHRONICLES 28; 2 KINGS 16-17

ISAIAH 13-17

• Prophecies About the Nations

Some say Isaiah 14:12-17 is about

Satan. What did you learn from it?

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS By this point, God is really angry. Prophecies Against Nations Prophecy Against Judah What sins are so upsetting him? **ISAIAH 18-22** Prophecies Against Nations, What sins are still being committed Planet around the globe today? Redemption **ISAIAH 23-27** What good works like King Prophet Elijah King Hezekiah Hezekiah's are being done in the A Psalm of Praise world today? 2 CHRONICLES 29-31; PSALM 48 Have you or anyone you know been in Hosea Told to Marry an adulterous relationship? Hosea Told to Reconcile God's Charge Against Israel How do you relate to God's heartache God's Judgment expressed in Hosea? HOSFA 1-7 srael Refuses to Repent Judgment & Sins Described Having read through all these • God's Love in Spite of Sins atrocities, how do you feel about God Final Charges still giving them a chance to repent? Call to Repent **HOSEA 8-14** Which of these sins do you see · Woe to Ephraim, Judah, still going on in our world today? **Jerusalem ISAIAH 28-30** Besides God, where do you see people Deliverance is Found in God seeking protection and help today?

ISAIAH 31-34

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 MON ISAIAH 35-36	Joy of the RedeemedAssyria Threatens Jerusalem		Have you ever been in a situation so frightening you thought God couldn't rescue you? How were you wrong?
TUE H 37-39; PSALM 76	Jerusalem's Deliverance ForetoldHezekiah's PrayerFall of Assyria's King		Have you ever had an emotional or physical battle that you felt like God was fighting for you? Reflect on it.
WED ISAIAH 40-43	Comfort to God's PeopleHelper of IsraelServant Coming		What circumstances does the servant in chapter 42 have in common with Jesus?
THU ISAIAH 44-48	Choose God, Not IdolsJerusalem Will RecoverFall of BabylonIsrael is Stubborn, Freed		How do these grievances and pleas from God apply to today's world?
FR GS 18:9-37; 2 KINGS PSALMS 46, 80, 135	 Kings Hezekiah & Sennacherib Psalms of Protection, Victory 		Have you ever felt in the same position as the writer of Psalm 80? What happened?
SAT ISAIAH 49-53	 Servant of Israel Restoration of Israel Israel's Sin Servant's Obedience 		Have you ever felt that God deserted or ignored you? How does Isaiah 48:14-18 make you feel?
NII2	Future Glory of Zion Invitation to the Thirsty Salvation & Justice	•	Which of the rewards for good works

ISAIAH 54-58

Salvation & Justice

Judgments Against the WickedComfort to the Contrite

and faith resonate best with you?

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS • To the End of Days for God's How do chapters 59 & 60 differ? Chosen People **ISAIAH 59-63** TUE • The End of Days for God's Reflect on hope while rereading Chosen People (Cont.) chapter 66. **ISAIAH 64-66** Reflect on the good deeds of King King Hezekiah's Life Extended Hezekiah. Kings Manasseh & Amon 2 KINGS 20-21 • Bio of King Hezekiah Reflect on the differences between • Bios of Kings Manasseh & Amon Hezekiah & Manasseh. 2 CHRONICLES 32-33 God Threatens Nineveh Jonah preached repentance to Nineveh • Fall of Nineveh Predicted 150 years earlier, and they repented. • Woes on Nineveh Due to **Assyrian Cruelty** What is going on this time? NAHUM 1-3 King Josiah Tries to Stop Idolatry Why was Josiah's good response • Death of Josiah and reformation unable to stop • Kings Jehoahaz, Jehoiakim the Babylonian invasion? 2 KINGS 22-23: 2 CHRONICLES 34-35 The End of Times Description • A Call for Judah to Repent Fate of the Four Surrounding What in the first half of Zephaniah 3 reminds you of modern times? Sins of Jerusalem God's Forgiveness & Great End ZEPHANIAH 1-3

for Israel

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MON JEREMIAH 1-3	Call of Jeremiah During King Josiah's ReignCharges Against Judah	God often compares adultery to idolatry. How are they the same?
TUE JEREMIAH 4-6	Trouble LoomingNot One is UprightInvasion Prophesied	Read 8:6 again. How does it happen that God is so angry and yet people are so clueless?
WED JEREMIAH 7-9	False Religion is WorthlessSin & Punishment	Why do you think graven idols were so appealing to people in ancient times?
THU JEREMIAH 10-13	 God, Description of Idols Broken Covenant Jeremiah & God Exchange Jeremiah's Linen Belt 	How might peer pressure have affected God's people back then?
FRI JEREMIAH 14-17	Drought, Famine, Wars Predicted	No one listened to the prophecies of Jeremiah at the time. Why do you think that is?
SAT JEREMIAH 18-22	 At the Potter's House Jeremiah & Pashhur Jeremiah's Complaint Babylon is Coming Judgment on the Kings 	Jeremiah's complaint rehashes his years as a prophet. Why do people blessed by God sometimes suffer so deeply?
SUN JEREMIAH 23-2 5	Righteous BranchFalse ProphetsComparing the Figs70-Year Exile Prophesied	Why did people find it so easy to listen to the false prophets? What were they telling the people?

HIGHLIGHTS **PROMPTS** Jeremiah Threatened Many don't like today's leadership. Nebuchadnezzar Served How can we learn how to live from • False Prophet Hananiah Jeremiah's famous letter to the exiles? JEREMIAH 26-29 Famous Letter to Exiles What does the note of hope in these Promises from God chapters tell us about God's love? JEREMIAH 30-31 Jeremiah Buys a Field What sins did the people commit Promise of Restoration here, and why was God so horrified? Zedekiah's Warning • Slaves Freed, Retaken JEREMIAH 32-34 Jeremiah was imprisoned over a lie. • The Rekabites: An Example • Jehoiakim Burns a Holy Scroll What are some lies that circulate in our Jeremiah Imprisoned media today?. JEREMIAH 35-37 Thrown into a Cistern Zedekiah seeks Advice Why were the officials afraid to • The Fall of Jerusalem seriously injure or kill Jeremiah? Jeremiah Freed JEREMIAH 38-40; Gedaliah Rules **PSALMS 74, 79** Jehoiakim & Zedekiah Kings Was God controlling King Cyrus, Fall of Jerusalem and if so, does he control us all? King Cyrus Moved by God 2 KINGS 24-25: 2 CHRONICI FS 36 Habakkuk Cries out to God Have you ever cried out to God about • God's Reply: About Babylon the wrong behavior of groups of Habakkuk's Worship Reply people? • Habakkuk Calls to God

Greed, Sins

HABAKKUK 1-3

• God Gives Woes for Extortion,

• Habakkuk's Beautiful Worship

anguish?

How would God's reply to Habakkuk

be comforting to people in social

HIGHLIGHTS **PROMPTS** God warned Baruch because it is so easy Gedaliah's Assassination to be distracted by greed. God Speaks to Jews in Egypt What do we get distracted by in our • A Word Against Greed JEREMIAH 41-45 culture? These nations hurt God's people. • Words to Egypt, Philistines, Why would it make sense that God Moab wants to avenge Judah whom he just sent into exile? JEREMIAH 46-48 Which of these passages leaves the • Ammon, Edom, Damascus, Kedar & Hazor. Elam, Babylon biggest impression on you and why? JEREMIAH 49-50 Some say Nebuchadnezzar feared the Further Words Against God of Judah. Babylon Final Fall of Jerusalem How does that show up here? JEREMIAH 51-52 • The Desolation of Jerusalem The opening is beautiful, but so sad. Described What imagery strikes you of this once-• The Destruction of the Temple Jeremiah's Sadness bustling city? LAMENTATIONS 1-2, Why did no one listen to Jeremiah's Hope Jeremiah until disaster struck? • A Description of the Siege Judah's Condition What can we learn from this? LAMENTATIONS 3:37-66, Peruse Ezekiel 2 again. Have you • Vision of Ezekiel's Wheel ever feared saying or doing what God • Ezekiel's Call wanted you to? • Ezekiel's Task: Watchman

Sin

EZEKIEL 1-4

Symbolically Taking on Israel's

How could the first eight verses help?

HIGHLIGHTS **PROMPTS** Ezekiel Told to Shave Do you think that God is likely to bring • God Foretells Cannibalism our world today under judgment? Jerusalem's Ongoing Hardships If so, what would it look like and for what • God Takes Ezekiel in the Spirit EZEKIEL 5-8 reasons? • Back to Jerusalem Vision: Marks on Heads Look again at the beginning of chapter 9. • Glory of the Lord Departs If a nation is coming under judgment, but Judgment on Leadership certain people repent, how does God treat • Those in Exile Will Return them? • Ezekiel's Symbols EZEKIEL 9-12 • God Promises Swift Fulfillment Condemned What are the hearts of these people • Escape from Judgment is like, that they are still worshipping Through Personal Righteousness idols? •Symbol of the Wooden Vine EZEKIEL 13-15 Jerusalem has Played the What do you make of the last image in Adulterer the readings? Symbol of Two Eagles & a Vine F7FKIFI 16-17 Personal Accountability Find your own words for the personal Outlined for Sin accountability God is looking for, per • Two Israel Symbols: Lions & chapter 18. Vines EZEKIEL 18-19 Read 20:32 again. Is this another mark Rebellious Israel will be Purged of peer pressure? • Israel will be Forgiven Prophecy Against the South No Good News for Israel How is our nation pressured? EZEKIEL 20-21 More, God's Wrath & Lament How can we be sure to not upset God • Northern, Southern Kingdoms this badly? Compared to Lewd Women

EZEKIEL 22-23

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MON EZEKIEL 24-27	 Jerusalem is a Stew Pot Ezekiel's Wife Dies Prophecies Against Ammon, Moab, Edom, Philistia Prophecies Against Tyre 	What comparison is made with Ezekiel's deceased wife?
TUE EZEKIEL 28-31	Prophecies Against Tyre's KingProphecy Against SidonProphecies Against Egypt	Do you think today's world rulers think of themselves as gods?
WED EZEKIEL 32-34	Prophecies Against EgyptPersonal AccountabilityPeople Do Not LoveGod will Heal their Hearts	Look at God's plea in 33:11. Why do you think the people didn't listen?
THU EZEKIEL 35-37	Prophecy Against EdomProphecies of Hope for IsraelVision of the Dry Bones	Vision of the Dry Bones is famous for noting the rebirth of Israel in 1948. Express your feelings on the passage.
FRI EZEKIEL 38-39	Vision of Gog & MagogDetails of the Temple & City at the End of Days	The Gog & Magog vision is about the end of days. Do you think the end of days will be soon? Why or why not?
SAT EZEKIEL 40-41	• Vision of the Restored Temple	What details of the Temple resonate with you, and why?
SUN EZEKIEL 42-43	Rooms for PriestsGod's Glory ReturnsGreat Altar Restored	During the Millennial Kingdom, God will still visit the Temple in memoriam. Why might that be?

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	MON EZEKIEL 44-45	• The Priesthood Restored		Why would the future temple include priests and sacrifices if Jesus died for our sins?
	TUE EZEKIEL 46-48	Details of the Temple & City at the End of Days		Ten of the Tribes of Israel have been lost. How can DNA testing help descendants identify themselves?
	WED JOEL 1-3	 A Call to Awaken, Mourn A Locust Invasion Not Too Late Visions of the End of Days God's Judgment on the Nations A Good End for Israel 	•	Joel often uses the term, "Day of the Lord." Describe what it means to you.
	THU DANIEL 1-3	 Daniel's Training in Babylon Daniel Interprets Nebuchadnezzar's Dream Three Friends in the Fiery Furnace 		Who was the fourth person in the fiery furnace with the three friends? Why would someone join them there?
	FRI DANIEL 4-6	 Daniel Interprets Second Dream The Handwriting on the Wall Daniel in the Lions' Den 	•	Focus on the sins committed in the Handwriting on the Wall story. Describe God's feelings.
	SAT DANIEL 7-9	 Daniel's Vision: Four Beasts Vision of the Ram & Goat Gabriel Confirms the Vision Pleading for Mercy for Israel Gabriel Gives "62 Sevens" 		Daniel receives numbers in his visions that are, to this day, very mysterious. Which number do you find most intriguing?
	SUN DANIEL 10-12	 Daniel Sees a Terrifying Vision Angel Detained by Prince Kings of the North & South Order to Roll Up the Seals Final Details on the End of Days 		Daniel was told to seal the scrolls (their meaning) until the End of Days. How soon do you think the End of Days will occur?

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MON EZRA 1-3	King Cyrus of Persia Helps IsraelRecord of Exile ReturneesRebuilding the Temple	Why would a foreign, pagan king help God's people?
TUE EZRA 4-6; PSALM 137	Rebuilders Face OppositionPsalm of Mourning in Babylon	Why was God not taking away more struggles from the returning remnant?
WED HAGGAI 1-2	 A Call to Rebuild A Blessing on the New Temple God Corrects Behavior Belief/Hard Work Encouraged 	Reread 1:5-6, known in lore as the Curse of Haggai. Have you ever experienced it or known anyone who did?
THU ZECHARIAH 1-7	 Return to God's Comfort Two Visions God Will Protect Five Visions Justice/Mercy Tops Fasting 	Zechariah prophesied at the same time as Haggai. How is Zechariah's overall tone or message different?
FRI ZECHARIAH 8-14	 Blessings for Jerusalem Judgment on Israel's Enemies Prophecy of the 2nd Coming God's Care for Judah Multiple Visions Vision of the Day of the Lord 	Much of these passages visualize the Messiah's First and Second Coming. What passage struck you most meaningfully?
SAT ESTHER 1-5	 Queen Vashti Disobeys Esther is Made Queen Haman Plots to Destroy Jews Esther Prepares a Banquet; Haman Rages 	As an exiled Jew, Esther hid her identity. Have you ever wanted to hide something about yourself, or your faith especially? Why?
SUN ESTHER 6-10	 Mordecai Honored by Xerxes Esther Exposes Haman's Plot Xerxes Acts The Jews Strike Back The Final Tribute to Mordecai 	The saying "you reap what you sow" applies here. What happens when you plot evil?

ESTHER 6-10

• The Final Tribute to Mordecai

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MON EZRA 7-10	Ezra Comes to JerusalemList of Families ReturningThe ReturnPeople Put Away Foreign Wives	Is it surprising that God would condone the putting away of wives? Why or why not?
TUE NEHEMIAH 1-5	 Praying for God's Attention Nehemiah Returns Contributors to the Wall Opposition to Rebuilding Nehemiah Helps the Poor 	Nehemiah was very inspired, or driven by the spirit, to fix the wall. Have you ever felt inspired by the spirit to do something? If so, what?
WED NEHEMIAH 6-7	The Opposition SpreadsList of the Remnant Returning from Exile	Bible lists and geneologies can seem dull. With the discoveries of DNA tracing, how could this all change?
THU NEHEMIAH 8-10	 Ezra Leads the Reform The People Confess to a History of Sins The People Sign Their Pledge 	The returnees could get sidetracked very easily. How can we keep understanding God's desires and path?
NEHEMIAH 11-13; PSALM 126	 Leaders of Jerusalem Listed Naming the Priests Dedication of Wall Final Reforms of Nehemiah Psalm of Petition 	This is the only Bible book written in first person narrative, or with an "I" voice. How did it make Nehemiah's journey ver personal to you?
SAT MALACHI 1-4	 A Problem with Sacrifice What Wearies the Lord When the Lord Responds Withholding Tithes Arrogance vs. Faith 	This book ends with a promise to put the spirit of Elijah the Prophet into John the Baptist. What makes prophecy so hard to understand?
SUN	• Early stories of John the	What passage struck you most deeply

LUKE 1; JOHN 1:1-14

• Early stories of John the Baptist & Jesus

and why?

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MON	The Legal Genealogy of JesusJoseph's Dream	Many say the Lord speaks to them when they're sleeping, as the mind is more relaxed.
MATTHEW 1; LUKE 2:1-38	• зозерн з Бтеані	Have you ever had a dream you felt God inspired?
THE	• The Magi • Flight to Egypt	The Bethlehem genocide likely took around 20 baby boys.
MATTHEW 2;	Bethlehem Genocide & EgyptReturn to Nazareth	How corrupt can religious leaders become?
LUKE 2:39-52	Jesus Disappears at Age 12	Describe Herod's corruption.
- WFD	 Ministry of John the Baptist Baptism of Jesus	Luke 3 holds one of four genealogies to include Adam.
MATTHEW 3; MARK 1; LUKE 3	Genealogy from Jesus to Adam	What does this say about his historicity?
THII	First DisciplesThree Temptations	Jesus was tempted with food, power, & riches.
MATTHEW 4; LUKE 4-5; JOHN 1:15-51	Early Ministry & Miracles John the Baptist	What are the biggest temptations you face?
- FRI	Jesus' First Miracle & Healing First Trip to Jerusalem	This reading contains some of the most popular scriptures in the Bible.
JOHN 2-4	 Jesus & Nicodemus John the Baptist's Ministry Ends Jesus with the Woman at Well 	Write out a couple that are most special to you.
SAT	 Paralytic through the Roof Matthew/Levi Called to Follow Jesus' Disciples Pick Grain 	People are surprised Jesus was not more annoyed when the paralytic came through the roof.
MARK 2		Why wasn't he?
SUN	Jesus' Second Trip to JerusalemHealing at the Pool	Jesus said he came to save, not to judge.
JOHN 5	• Early Lessons on Jesus' Thinking	How should we act toward non-

JOHN 5

believers?

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS • Disciples Pick Grain on Sabbath Withered Hand Healed What are some areas of your life where • Jesus Heals on the Sabbath you need to be careful to "build on the Rest of the 12 Chosen rock?" Sermon on the Mount (Luke) MATTHEW 12:1-21; • Parable: House on the Rock MARK 3; LUKE 6 Which edict from the Sermon on the Sermon on the Mount Mount do you need to work on now? MATTHEW 5-7 Miracle: Widow's Son Raised Reflect on a time when you received God's forgiveness but didn't want • Jesus Confirms John the Baptist • Woman Washes Jesus' Feet to forgive another for something • Parable: The Two Debtors similar. **MATTHEW 8:1-13;** LUKE 7 • Go Tell John What You Hear Acting out your faith is not an easy life. • Jesus' Tribute to John • Woe to Unrepentant Cities What does Jesus mean by saying that he will give us rest? • Come to Me, Weary & Laden MATTHFW 11 The Unpardonable Sin Jesus mentions the story of Jonah, Pharisees: Brood of Vipers implying it actually happened. • A Desire for Signs is Evil Who are Brothers & Sisters? Why do even Christians have trouble Lord's Prayer/How to Pray MATTHEW 12:22-50; believing this miracle? Jonah Actually Happened LUKE 11 Parables & Miracles Which is your favorite parable of those • Tares at the End of Time you've read so far and why? Jesus Visits Nazareth MATTHEW 13; LUKE 8

MATTHEW 8:14-34; MARK 4-5 Parables & Miracles

Which is your favorite miracle of those

you've read so far and why?

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MATTHEW 9-10

Paralytic Healed

Calling of Matthew

Old & New Wineskins

Miracles: Miscellaneous

• 12 Disciples Named, Instructed

Read 9:12-13 again. Some people think of themselves as righteous.

How do you see them?

MATTHEW 14; MARK 6; LUKE 9:1-17

• Beheading of John the Baptist

• Feeding the 5,000

• Jesus, Peter Walk on Water

• The Transfiguration

• I Will Follow You

Reflect on how you would have felt to be at the Transfiguration.

JOHN 6

• 5,000 Fed

• Miracle: Jesus Walks on Water

• I am the Bread of Life

Peter's Confession of Faith

Read 6:36-40.

What does it mean to you?

MATTHEW 15; MARK 7

• Canaanite Woman's Faith

• Feeding the 4,000

Rebuke of Religious Leaders

• Jesus' Spit Heals Blindness

Read of the Canaanite woman's faith and tenacity.

If you had a need like this, reflect on what you'd say to Jesus.

MATTHEW 16; MARK 8;

LUKE 9:18-27

Beware of Scribes & Pharisees

• Peter Confesses Jesus

Take Up Your Cross Daily

• Jesus Tells Who He Is

Peter was one of Jesus' closest disciples but also most likely to get in trouble.

What did he do wrong in this reading?

MATTHEW 17; MARK 9; LUKE 9:28-62

• The Transfiguration

• Disciples Can't Exorcise

Jesus Takes Tax from Fish

Jesus Foretells his Death

Look again at Luke 9:46-48.

How do we become like children?

MATTHEW 18

• Talk of Children

• Parable: Wandering Sheep

• Parable: Unmerciful Servant

Have you ever been an unmerciful servant or seen one in action?

What happened?

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MON JOHN 7-8	 Jesus in Judea People Are Divided Over Jesus Jesus & Adulterous Woman I am the Light of the World 	Reflect on 8:2-11 and how we can be less judgmental to those outside of the church.
JOHN 9:1-41; JOHN 10:1-21	 Who Sinned? Healed Blind Man & Pharisees I Am the Door, Good Shepherd	Of Jesus' two I AM statements (the Door & Good Shepherd) which resonates most & why?
WED LUKE 10-11; JOHN 10:22-42	 The Good Samaritan Martha & Mary Lord's Prayer You are the Light Identity of Jesus 	After reading about the Good Samaritan, think of some people who are your neighbor, whom you might not have thought of as such before.
THU LUKE 12-13	 Fear Not, Confess Me I Came to Bring a Sword Fruitless Tree Mustard Seed Leaven of Bread 	Jesus never seemed to care about what money can buy. What can you do to lessen any "first- world problems" you have?
FRI LUKE 14-15	 Man with Dropsy Guests Who Sit in the Back Invite the Underprivileged Who Can Be My Disciple? Lost Sheep, Prodigal Son 	Read again 14:7-15, thinking of ways to bring one of these two edicts to pass in your life.
SAT LUKE 16; LUKE 17:1-10	The Unrighteous StewardThe Rich Man & LazarusInstructions to Disciples	Which of the two stories listed resonates with you right now & why?
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JOHN 11

• Resurrection of Lazarus

• "Better for One Man to Die..."

not intending to.

Caiaphas actually prophesied, though

What does that say about prophecy?

HIGHLIGHTS

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 Healing the 10 Lepers Which of the End Times prophecies is • End Times Prophecies most memorable to you & why? • The Persistent Widow LUKE 17:11-37: Pharisee & the Publican LUKE 18:1-14 Divorce/Remarriage Read again Matthew 19:16-27. • Jesus Blesses the Children Can the Rich Get Into Heaven? Will it be harder for Rich Christians to The First will be Last get into heaven, compared to poverty-MATTHEW 19; stricken ones? Marriage & Divorce MARK 10 Whoever Is First will be a Slave • Healing Two Blind Men Why was the buying & selling in the Triumphal Entry temple so appalling to Jesus? • Jesus Cleanses the Temple **MATTHEW 20-21** Jesus Curses the Fig Tree How is Luke 18:29-30 heartening to • The Rich Young Ruler Zacchaeus in the Tree Triumphal Entry What have you sacrificed for belief in • Jesus Clears the Temple LUKE 18:15-43; Jesus? LUKE 19:1-48 Triumphal Entry Per John 12:35-36, we don't always Jesus Curses a Fig Tree FEEL like we have light. • Jesus Cleanses the Temple Mary Anoints Jesus How can we cope with this feeling? **MARK 11; JOHN 12** • Gentiles Want to See Jesus The Marriage Feast Per the widow's offering, how can we The Vine-Growers increase our giving to those who are Responses to Religious Leaders less fortunate? • The Poor Widow Gives Big MATTHEW 22; **MARK 12** Jesus' attitude toward Rome was • Crimes of Scribes & Pharisees always a shrug. Jesus Laments Over Jerusalem

MATTHEW 23; LUKE 20-21 • The Messengers & the Heir

How involved should we be in politics?

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MON MARK 13	 Jesus Describes End Times Take Heed; Watch	Which of the included passages affected you most and why?
TUE MATTHEW 24	 Signs of Christ's Return The Abomination of Desolation The Second Coming Described Know the Signs of the Times 	Jesus tells us to know the signs of the times. Are we in the last days? Why or why not, based on what he said?
WED MATTHEW 25	 Parable: Ten Virgins Parable: Different Measures of Talents For the Least of These 	In your mind's eye, what does the oil symbolize in the ten virgins' lamps?
THU MATTHEW 26; MARK 14	 Plot to Kill Jesus Judas & 30 Pieces of Silver The Last Supper Jesus' Betrayal & Arrest Peter Denies Jesus Three Times 	We've probably all denied Jesus at some point. Reflect on a denial in your own life and what you would do differently.
FRI LUKE 22; JOHN 13	 Satan Enters Judas Washing Disciples' Feet Garden of Gethsemane Jesus Heals an Ear Jesus Before the Sanhedrin 	When Peter sliced off the servant's ear, what does Jesus' healing it say about exercising pacifism?
SAT JOHN 14-17	 Philip: Show Us the Father The Holy Spirit Promised I am the Vine Greater Love Has No One Resurrection Foretold 	How prepared would you be to die for the faith? Ask God to give you more of anything you feel you are missing.
SUN MATTHEW 27; MARK 15	 Judas' Suicide Jesus Before Pilate Simon Carries the Cross The Crucifixion The Resurrection 	Matthew 27:51-54. What do you think was God's point in allowing these miracles to happen?

MARK 15

HIGHLIGHTS **PROMPTS** Jesus Before Pilate & Herod See Pilate's question in John 18:38. Simon Bears the Cross Peter cuts off Malchus' Ear Jesus Before Annas Why did people then, and still today, Peter's Denials argue about the existence of absolute **LUKE 23:** Crucifixion truth? JOHN 18-19 Death of the Criminals & Burial Per the Great Commission in Matthew • The Resurrection 28:16-20, what is the difference • The Great Commission between getting people saved & creating disciples? MATTHEW 28; MARK 16 The Resurrection What passage struck you most • Appearances: Risen Christ deeply and why? • The Ascension **LUKE 24**; JOHN 20-21 The Ascension Acts 1:10-11 has long been a very • The Upper Room exciting passage to many people. • Matthias Replaces Judas Pentecost What does it mean to you? ACTS 1-3 Peter Heals a Lame Beggar • Peter & John Face Tribulation How can we keep the spirit of 4:32-36 • Believers Share All today without being cult-like? Death of Ananias & Sapphira ACTS 4-6 Look at Stephen's declaration in 7:56. • The First Martyr: Stephen Philip Supernaturally Taken How does it make you feel about to the Ethiopian Eunuch martyrdom? ACTS 7-8 • The Conversion of Saul Peter Raises Dorcas In Acts 9:40-42, why do you think Peter • Peter's Vision on the Roof cleared the room? • Gentiles Receive the Holy Spirit **ACTS 9-10**

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS Why did God allow one disciple to be • Peter Reports on the Gentiles martyred and one to be led out of Growing the Church at Antioch prison? Martyrdom of James Angels Deliver Peter from Jail ACTS 11-12 We know God doesn't play favorites. Paul's First Missionary Journey Paul's speech starting at 13:16 is the • Jews Upset the Gentiles gospel or Good News summed up. • People Try to Worship Paul • Stoning, Deliverance of Paul What parts stand out to you? ACTS 13-14 Testing of Your Faith James is considered a book where Be a Doer of the Word every line is very valuable. • Bridling Your Tongue God Chose the Poor Reflect on which parts meant the • Faith Without Works is Dead JAMES 1-5 most to you and why. Draw Near to God Reflect on the argument and solution Settling Disputes on the Laws Paul's Second Journey in Chapter 15:1-35. A Convert after a Deliverance A Jailer is Converted How does it apply to you? ACTS 15-16 Paul says he is no longer under the A Warning to Legalists Paul's Bio & Defense law, but is saved through faith. • Paul's Opposition to Cephas Defining Faith & the Law What does faith mean to you and the **GALATIANS 1-3** Defining the New Covenant way you see God's commands? Because of Jesus we can talk directly to From Slaves to God's Children God, and the Spirit helps us bear good Isaac vs. Ishmael Fruit of the Spirit & Flesh Upright Behavior How does prayer help you bear good GALATIANS 4-6 A New Creation fruit in your life? What passage in these readings

ACTS 17: ACTS 18:1-18 Paul at Four Churches

resonated most with you and why?

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1 THESSALONIANS 1-5: 2 THESSALONIANS 1-3 ACTS 18:19-28; ACTS 19:1-41

- Paul Authenticates
- Encouragement to Behave Well
- Second Coming Described
- Stay Sober & Watchful

Paul says to be watchful, ready, and living in the light until the day Jesus returns.

What does that mean to you, in your life?

- Priscilla, Aquila, Apollos
- Paul at Ephesus

Acts 19:1-7 has caused a great commotion in recent years.

What is its meaning to you?

1 CORINTHIANS 1-4

- Call to Stop Divisions
- True Nature of Wisdom
- Division is Immaturity
- Building a Temple Together
- Arrogance at Corinth

What does this reading tell us about judgment?

What does that look like with other Christians in your life?

1 CORINTHIANS 5-8

- A Case of Incest
- Lawsuits Discouraged
- Flee Sexual Immorality
- Principles of Married Life
- Food Sacrificed to Idols

Reflect on the passage about food sacrificed to idols.

What does it mean to be careful with your freedom and not cause others to

1 CORINTHIANS 9-11

- Run to Win the Prize
- Flee from Idolatry
- Social Norms, Gender Roles
- Abuses at Church Gatherings

Read 9:24-27, which is about hard work to receive the prize.

What practices can you adopt to run a stronger race?

1 CORINTHIANS 12-14

- Same Spirit, Different Gifts
- Definition of True Love
- Proper Worship Instructions

These chapters talk about how we are all different but are all valuable.

How can we offer each other true love?

1 CORINTHIANS 15-16

- A Defense of Our Faith
- The Resurrection is Factual
- A Description of Resurrection

Apply 15:33, "Bad company corrupts good morals," to your life.

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 Forgiveness • Paul's Life & Credentials In what ways can you apply the lessons about forgiveness in 2:5-11 to your life? New Covenant Crushed on All Sides 2 CORINTHIANS 1-4 • A New Body What did this passage teach you about • If Anyone is in Christ sharing? On Hardheartedness What can you incorporate into your • Warnings Against Idolatry daily life? 2 CORINTHIANS 5-9 Finish What You Started *In the final greetings, Paul encourages* • Not Works, But God the church to be of one mind and live in Paul Discusses False Apostles peace. • Paul's Thorn in the Flesh • Fears for the Believers 2 CORINTHIANS 10-13 What do this mean to you? Consequences of Idolatry Reflect on Paul's words about faith. • Don't Judge: You Do the Same • The Law Cannot Save What impact does this have on your Faith is the Only Law spiritual life? **ROMANS 1-3** • The Testimony of Abraham • Christ vs. Adam Reflect on 6:15-23 and being a slave to • Under the Law of Grace righteousness. Wages of Sin is Death **ROMANS 4-7** Two Natures Described What do you think it means to live The Flesh is Put to Death according to the Spirit? Waiting for Our Adoption God's Mercy Extends to All How does that play out in your daily Salvation by Faith ROMANS 8-10 life?



- Branches Grafted In
- The Jews Are Still Beloved
- Be a Living Sacrifice
- Find Joy in Diversity

What did you take away about love from 12:9-21?

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS Living in Diversity of Belief What does chapter 14 tell you about your • Deny Self Above Others interaction with other Christians? Words of Encouragement **ROMANS 14-16** What resonated with you most deeply • Paul's Travels, Adventures, about these passages? Arrest, Escape, and More ACTS 20:4-38; ACTS 21; ACTS 22; ACTS 23:1-35 Paul was chronically having to defend himself and the faith. Paul Defends the Faith Three Times What part of his defenses did you **ACTS 24-26** find most heartening? Paul's Shipwreck through How was the gossip at Malta (28:1-6) similar to what happens today? Two Years in Rome ACTS 27-28 Definition of Christ How can setting your mind on things • Who Are the Gentiles? above make you truly free? What God did through Christ Be Free of Human Rules What are some truths about God or • Description of Renewal scriptures that help you make good COLOSSIANS 1-4; Admonitions for All choices when things are tough? **PHILEMON** By Grace You are Saved God's Plan: Gentiles How would you describe a mature Don't Be Tossed To and Fro Christian after reading chapter 4? • Instructions to Households EPHESIANS 1-6 Armor of God Why is it so important that Christians be Rejoicing Under Pain loving and peaceful? Humility, Being Like Christ Stand Out as Lights in the Dark What does it show the world? Press on Toward the Win

Whatever is True, Noble, Pure...

How does being loving impact your own

heart when you make it a priority?

Rejoice Always

PHILIPPIANS 1-4

HIGHLIGHTS PROMPTS • One God, One Mediator What did you learn about the things you Instructions for Leadership should strive to achieve in life? Warning About the Latter Days How does this differ from the message • Show Persistence in a Calling 1 TIMOTHY 1-6 we get in our culture? More Instructions Power & Persistence Reflect on the passage. Be Strong in the Good News • Steer Clear of False Doctrine What are some ways you can protect • Difficult Times in the Last Days yourself from false teachers and live in 2 TIMOTHY 1-4 the light during stressful times? • The End Times Titus 2 covers doing what is good. What parts did you find particularly Qualities of Church Leaders motivational? TITUS 1-3 Think of a time when you had to do the A Chosen Race & Royal right thing even when it was difficult. Priesthood Godly Living Defined How did that experience help you grow? Testing of Faith 1 PFTFR 1-5 • Be Humble for God's Molding What did you learn? Did you learn anything new about How Shall We Escape... Jesus in this segment? • Position of the Son of Man Holding Fast to Faith How does it affirm your faith as a • Those Who Love God HEBREWS 1-6 Christian? Chapter 10 covers perseverance. Christ & Melchizedek New vs. Old Covenant How does being a part of a church The New Way community help you persevere? HEBREWS 7-10 When you read about the Bible heroes, what story stuck out to you the most? Faith Testimonials from History So Great a Cloud of Witnesses How does that person's faith inspire **HEBREWS 11-13** vou?

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 Assurances of Calling What did you learn about godliness from this reading? • Eyewitnesses to Christ • Description of False Prophets How can you practically apply that to Promises for the End of Days 2 PETER 1-3; JUDE your life? • Reality of the Word • Walk in the Light Reflect on the passage and come up • The Antichrist with some practical examples of what • Test the Spirits it means to walk in the light, and what it means to walk in the darkness. • God's Love, Our Love 1 JOHN 1-5 Sin that Leads to Death List some of your gifts that help What It Means to Love God people recognize you as Christian • Ignore Bad Teaching (You do have them!). • Diotrephes vs. Demetrius 2 JOHN; 3 JOHN *In the seven letters, what letter* John Sees Christ appears to be closest to having been Letters to the Seven Churches written to you personally? • The Lamb Can Open Scroll **REVELATION 1-5** • Six Seals: Four Horses, Martyrs This imagery is stirring up great 144,00 anxiety today. • Seventh Seal: Trumpets 1-6 • The Two Witnesses While waiting patiently for the Lord, Seventh Trumpet: Kingdom what do you do to prevent feelings of **REVELATION 6-11** Come worry?

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 REVELATION 12-16
- Red Dragon Pursues Woman
- Beast from the Sea:
- Beast from the Earth, 666
- Seven Plagues & Seven Bowls

Write out a prayer about these images, asking God for help, protection, direction, etc.

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REVELATION 17-22

- Fall of Babylon
- Thousand Years
- Judgment
- New Heavens & Earth
- I Am Coming Soon...

Babylon fell in 539 BC. Jeremiah 50:39 predicted it will never be rebuilt.

Reflect on where you think this new Babylon may be & why.