ABIDE

365 DAYS IN THE WORD





"It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."

The mission for every follower of Christ is to be with Jesus and become like Him—for the sake of the world. That all starts in one place: God's Word. To be with Jesus, we have to first spend time with Him. God wants us to know Him—not just know about Him—and studying Scripture is one foundational way that we grow in our relationship with Him.

And so, we embark on Abide—a year-long Bible reading and reflection plan. Our hope is that this next year of studying together is marked with a hunger for God's Word and a deeper faith with every passage read.

Here are some thoughts to remember as you jump in:

- Stay with it. As with any reading plan, it's important you stick it out! If you miss a day or fall behind, don't be discouraged! Pick your Bible back up and keep going!
- Dive deeper. Challenge yourself to dive deeper into the reading in a guided journal—reading, examining, applying, and praying through the Scripture each day. See more about this method on the next page.
- Don't do this alone! You'll read this truth a few times in Scripture this year, but God has made us for community! As you take His Word in and allow it to transform you, share the journey with others and tell them how God is at work!

Matthew 4:4 says this: "It is written, "Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Here we see that Scripture serves so great a purpose in our lives as believers that it's both life-giving and life-sustaining. We can take in a lot of things during our days, but nothing so transformative as the very Word of God.

We look forward to reading through the Bible with you. We pray that God uses this journey through Scripture to lead you to be and become more like Him for the sake of the world.





P

PAUSE to be still. Meditate on what you've just read, allowing it to sink in.

R

REFLECT on Scripture. What was God saying to you today through His Word? Speak aloud a verse to remember, and maybe even write it down.



ASK for God's help. The challenge is to be with Jesus and become more like Him. How does today's Word challenge you to do that?

Y

YIELD to His will in your life. God lovingly invites you into the beautiful plan He has for you, His church, and the world. Take up His invitation to live differently, understanding His plan is beyond anything we could ask or imagine.

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Intimacy with God involves the Scripture, but true intimacy is never a one-sided conversation. When we sit down to take in what God says through His Word—God's primary way of speaking to us—we respond, and we do so in prayer. This opportunity to commune with the God of the Universe is an incredible gift, but so often, it's the last thing we carve out time for in our busy days.

Maybe this is where you're at—if so, you're not alone. Many times, we don't know how or what to pray. Sometimes, we feel like our prayers are the same, day in and day out, and prayer can begin to seem dull or meaningless. But have you ever tried praying the Bible?



Praying through Scripture is one method that Jesus himself and his earliest followers used (Matthew 27:46, John 15:25, John 13:18, Matthew 23:39), and it's exactly how it sounds: **we pray what the Scriptures say.**

Not only does this guide and refresh our prayers, but it helps us to focus as we pray and do so in a way that aligns with God's heart. We stop only taking our needs to Him (which we should always do) and start also praying for the greater scope of what God is doing in our world.

- Find a particular section of the Bible to pray through each day. It's easiest to start with the Psalms, because, with 150 psalms, there is the full range of human emotion. Once you get into this practice, you'll see how most of Scripture can be prayed this way.
 - Take it line by line, and as you read, pray whatever comes to your mind. Most times, something will come to mind. If nothing does right away, move to the next line.
- Work your way through the Scripture, and finish with other things you need to bring to God in prayer that didn't correlate with the Scripture you prayed through.

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalm 46:1

PRAY: "God, today I am feeling weak and I'm facing a difficult situation. Thank you that I can trust you are present with me and will be a source of strength for me. You never forsake me-you are always there."

EXAMPLE



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

There is so much more you can learn about this method, and this particular resource is based on the book Praying the Bible by Donald S. Whitney. It is a short read that dives into this practice with resources you can use to make this a daily practice.

To dive even deeper, check out some of these devotionals we recommend

1. "Morning & Evening" - Charles H. Spurgeon
2. "New Morning Mercies: A Daily Gospel Devotional" - Paul David Tripp
3. "Truth For Life: 365 Devotions" - Alistair Begg





