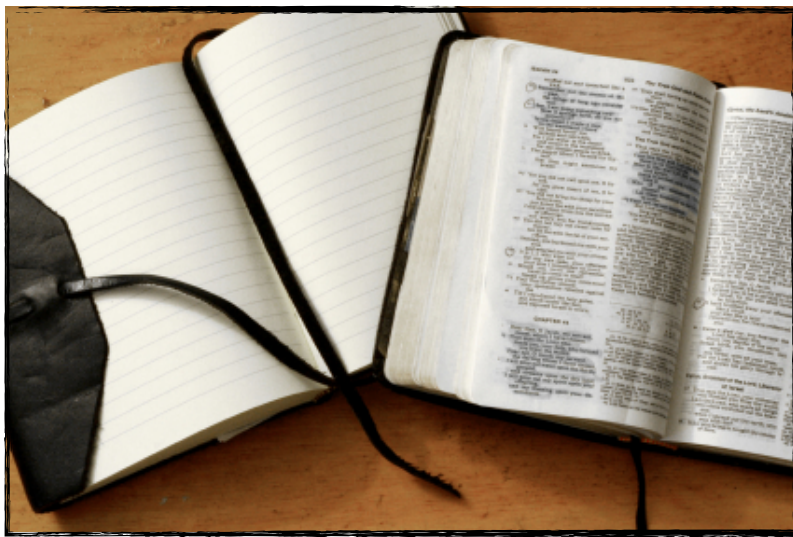


Hearing God Through His Word



“All Scripture is inspired by God and is useful to teach us what is true and to make us realise what is wrong in our lives. It straightens us out and teaches us to do what is right. It is God’s way of preparing us in every way. Fully equipped for every good thing God wants us to do.”

- 2 Tim 3:16-17 NLT

HOW DO WE HEAR GOD SPEAK THROUGH THE BIBLE?

1. Set aside a suitable time each day to do a daily 'devotion' where you can make time to hear from God. The best time is when you are at your best, whether this is in the morning or at night. But, remember, consistent habits produce consistent results!

2. *You will need:*

Bible - All Scripture is inspired by God (2 Tim 3:16)

Journal - To write notes about what God has said to you

Pen - To write out your devotion

Reading Plan - This booklet

Notepad or diary - Jot down anything that distracts you during your devotion

Time - Allocate increasing amounts as your habit develops

3. Open with a word of prayer. Ask God to speak to you today through the verses you read.

4. Read the allocated passages, but only focus on as much as you can manage that day. Don't feel guilty if you can't get through it all.

5. Keep an index in the front of your journal to record the date, the verse and the topic for future reference.

6. Write your devotional entry on one page using one verse that stands out from your reading, using the SOAP method described below. An example is shown at the end of this booklet. (Remember that when we wash ourselves with the Word of God according to Ephesians 5:26, it helps to use a little SOAP!).

Scripture - Write the specific verse out in full.

Observation - Write a sentence or two describing the context or specific points of interest. What is the verse saying in general?

Application - What can you do to apply this verse to your life? Write a sentence or two with specific action points.

Pray - Write a prayer of response to God based on what you are committing to do.

6. Pray for other needs too, but include some praise and thanksgiving.

7. Review your devotions weekly to check your application progress and any answers to prayer.

READ THE BIBLE THROUGH IN A YEAR - YOUR DAILY READING SCHEDULE

JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
1. Gen. 1,2; Luke 1	1 ☐ Ex. 30-32; Acts 8	1. Num. 28,29; Mark 8
2. Gen. 3-5; Luke 2	2. Ex. 33,34; Ps. 16; Acts 9	2. Num. 30,31; Mark 9
3. Gen. 6-8; Luke 3	3. Ex. 35,36; Acts 10	3. Num. 32-33; Mark 10
4. Gen. 9-11; Luke 4	4. Ex. 37,38; Ps. 19; Acts 11	4. Num. 34-36; Mark 11
5. Gen. 12-14; Luke 5	5. Ex. 39,40; Ps. 15; Acts 12	5. Deut. 1,2; Mark 12
6. Gen. 15-17; Luke 6	6. Lev. 1-3; Acts 13	6. Deut. 3,4; Ps. 36; Mark 13
7. Gen. 18,19; Luke 7	7. Lev. 4-6; Acts 14	7. Deut. 5,6; Ps. 43; Mark 14
8. Gen. 20-22; Luke 8	8. Lev. 7-9; Acts 15	8. Deut. 7-9; Mark 15
9. Gen. 23,24; Luke 9	9. Lev. 10-12; Acts 16	9. Deut. 10-12; Mark 16
10. Gen. 25,26; Ps. 6; Luke 10	10. Lev. 13,14; Acts 17	10. Deut. 13-15; Gal. 1
11. Gen. 27,28; Ps. 4; Luke 11	11. Lev. 15-17; Acts 18	11. Deut. 16-18; Ps. 38; Gal. 2
12. Gen. 29,30; Luke 12	12. Lev. 18,19; Ps. 13; Acts 19	12. Deut. 19-21; Gal. 3
13. Gen. 31-33; Luke 13	13. Lev. 20-22; Acts 20	13. Deut. 22-24; Gal. 4
14. Gen. 34-36; Luke 14	14. Lev. 23,24; Ps. 24; Acts 21	14. Deut. 25-27; Gal. 5
15. Gen. 37,38; Ps. 7; Luke 15	15. Lev. 25; Ps. 25-26; Acts 22	15. Deut. 28,29; Gal. 6
16. Gen. 39-41; Luke 16	16. Lev. 26,27; Acts 23	16. Deut. 30,31; Ps. 40; 1 Cor. 1
17. Gen. 42,43; Ps. 5; Luke 17	17. Num. 1,2; Acts 24	17. Deut. 32-34; 1 Cor. 2
18. Gen. 44-46; Luke 18	18. Num. 2,4; Acts 25	18. Josh. 1,2; Ps. 37; 1 Cor. 3
19. Gen. 47,48; Ps. 10; Luke 19	19. Num. 5,6; Ps. 22; Acts 26	19. Josh. 3-4; 1 Cor. 4
20. Gen. 49,50; Ps. 8; Luke 20	20. Num. 7; Ps. 23; Acts 27	20. Josh. 7,8; Ps. 69; 1 Cor. 5
21. Ex. 1,2; Ps. 88; Luke 21	21. Num. 8,9; Acts 28	21. Josh. 9-11; 1 Cor. 6
22. Ex. 3-5; Luke 22	22. Num. 10,11; Ps. 27; Mark 1	22. Josh. 12-14; 1 Cor. 7
23. Ex. 6-8; Luke 23	23. Num. 12,13; Ps. 90; Mark 2	23. Josh. 15-17; 1 Cor. 8
24. Ex. 9-11; Luke 24	24. Num. 14-16; Mark 3	24. Josh. 18-20; 1 Cor. 9
25. Ex. 12,13; Ps. 21; Acts 1	25. Num. 17,18; Ps. 29; Mark 4	25. Josh. 21,22; Ps. 47; 1 Cor. 10
26. Ex. 14-16; Acts 2	26. Num. 19,20; Ps. 28; Mark 5	26. Josh. 23,24; Ps. 44; 1 Cor. 11
27. Ex. 17-20; Acts 3	27. Num. 21-23; Mark 6,7	27. Judg. 1-3; 1 Cor. 12
28. Ex. 21,22; Ps. 12; Acts 4	28. Num. 24-27; 1 Cor. 13	28. Judg. 4,5; Ps. 39,41; 1 Cor. 13
29. Ex. 23,24; Ps. 14; Acts 5		29. Judg. 6,7; Ps. 52; 1 Cor. 14
30. Ex. 25-27; Acts 6		30. Judg. 8; Ps. 42; 1 Cor. 15
31. Ex. 28,29; Acts 7		31. Judg. 9,10; Ps. 49; 1 Cor. 16

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APRIL	MAY	JUNE
1. Judg. 11,12; Ps. 50; 2 Cor. 1	1. 1 Chr. 14,15; Ps. 132; Mt. 18	1. Prov. 19-21; Rom. 13
2. Judg. 13-16; 2 Cor. 2	2. 1 Chr. 16; Ps. 106; Mt. 19	2. Prov. 22-24; Rom. 14
3. Judg. 17,18; Ps. 89; 2 Cor. 3	3. 2 Sam. 7; 1 Chr. 17; Ps. 2; Mt. 20	3. Prov. 25-27; Rom. 15
4. Judg. 19-21; 2 Cor. 4	4. 2 Sam. 8,9; 1 Chr. 18,19; Mt. 21	4. Prov. 28-29; Ps. 60; Rom. 16
5. Ruth 1,2; Ps. 53, 61; 2 Cor. 5	5. 2 Sam. 10; 1 Chr. 20; Ps. 20; Mt. 22	5. Prov. 30,31; Ps. 33; Eph. 1
6. Ruth 3,4; Ps. 65,65; 2 Cor. 6	6. 2 Sam. 11,12; Ps. 51; Mt. 23	6. Ecc. 1-3; Ps. 45; Eph. 2
7. 1 Sam. 1,2; Ps. 66; 2 Cor. 7	7. 2 Sam. 13,14; Mt. 24	7. Ecc. 4-6; Ps. 18; Eph. 3
8. 1 Sam. 3-5; Ps. 77; 2 Cor. 8	8. 2 Sam. 15,16; Ps. 32; Mt. 25	8. Ecc. 7-9; Eph. 4
9. 1 Sam. 6,7; Ps. 72; 2 Cor. 9	9. 2 Sam. 17; Ps. 71; Mt. 26	9. Ecc. 10-12; Ps. 94; Eph. 5
10. 1 Sam. 8-10; 2 Cor. 10	10. 2 Sam. 18; Ps. 56; Mt. 27	10. Song 1-4; Eph. 6
11. 1 Sam. 11,12; 1 Chr. 1; 2 Cor. 11	11. 2 Sam. 19,20; Ps. 55; Mt. 28	11. Song 5-8; Phil. 1
12. 1 Sam. 13; 1 Chr. 2,3; 2 Cor. 12	12. 2 Sam. 21-23; 1 Th. 1	12. 1 Ki. 12; 2 Chr. 10,11; Phil. 2
13. 1 Sam. 14; 1 Chr. 4; 2 Cor. 13	13. 2 Sam. 24; 1 Chr. 21; Ps. 30; 1 Th. 2	13. 1 Ki. 13,14; 2 Chr. 12; Phil. 3
14. 1 Sam. 15,16; 1 Chr. 5; Mt. 1	14. 1 Chr. 22-24; 1 Th. 3	14. 1 Ki. 15; 2 Chr. 13,14; Phil. 4
15. 1 Sam. 17; Ps. 9; Mt. 2	15. 1 Chr. 25-27; 1 Th. 4	15. 1 Ki. 16; 2 Chr. 15,16; Col. 1
16. 1 Sam. 18; 1 Chr. 6; Ps. 11; Mt. 3	16. 1 Ki. 1; 1 Chr. 28; Ps. 91; 1 Th. 5	16. 1 Ki. 17-19; Col. 2
17. 1 Sam. 19; 1 Chr. 7; Ps. 59; Mt. 4	17. 1 Ki. 2; 1 Chr. 29; Ps. 95; 2 Th. 1	17. 1 Ki. 20,21; 2 Chr. 17; Col. 3
18. 1 Sam. 20,21; Ps. 34; Mt. 5	18. 1 Ki. 3; 2 Chr. 1; Ps. 78; 2 Th. 2	18. 1 Ki. 22; 2 Chr. 18,19; Col. 4
19. 1 Sam. 22; Ps. 17,35; Mt. 6	19. 1 Ki. 4,5; 2 Chr. 2; Ps. 101; 2 Th. 3	19. 2 Ki. 1-3; Ps. 82; 1 Tim. 1
20. 1 Sam. 23; Ps. 31,54; Mt. 7	20. 1 Ki. 6; 2 Chr. 3; Ps. 97; Rom. 1	20. 2 Ki. 4,5; Ps. 83; 1. Tim. 2
21. 1 Sam. 24; Ps. 57,58; 1 Chr. 9; Mt. 8	21. 1 Ki. 7; 2 Chr. 4; Ps. 98; Rom. 2	21. 2 Ki. 6,7; 2 Chr. 20; 1 Tim. 3
22. 1 Sam. 25,26; Ps. 63; Mt. 9	22. 1 Ki. 8; 2 Chr. 5; Ps. 99; Rom. 3	22. 2 Ki. 8,9; 2 Chr. 21; 1 Tim. 4
23. 1 Sam. 27; Ps. 141; 1 Chr. 9; Mt. 10	23. 2 Chr. 6,7; Ps. 135; Rom. 4	23. 2 Ki. 10; 2 Chr. 22,23; 1 Tim. 5
24. 1 Sam. 28,29; Ps. 109; Mt. 11	24. 1 Ki. 9; 2 Chr. 8; Ps. 136; Rom. 5	24. 2 Ki. 11,12; 2 Chr. 24; 1 Tim. 6
25. 1 Sam. 30,31; 1 Chr. 10; Mt. 12	25. 1 Ki. 10, 11; 2 Chr. 9; Rom. 6	25. Joel 1-3; 2 Tim. 1
26. 2 Sam. 1; Ps. 140; Mt. 13	26. Prov. 1-3; Rom. 7	26. Jon. 1-4; 2 Tim. 2
27. 2 Sam. 2; 1 Chr. 11; Ps. 142; Mt. 14	27. Prov. 4-6; Rom. 8	27. 2 Ki. 13,14; 2 Chr. 25; 2 Tim. 3
28. 2 Sam. 3; 1 Chr. 12; Mt. 15	28. Prov. 7-9; Rom. 9	28. Amos 1-3; Ps. 80; 2 Tim. 4
29. 2 Sam. 4,5; Ps. 139; Mt. 16	29. Prov. 10-12; Rom. 10	29. Amos 4-6; Ps. 86; Tit. 1
30. 2 Sam. 6; 1 Chr. 13; Ps. 68; Mt. 17	30. Prov. 13-15; Rom. 11	30. Amos 7-9; Ps. 104; Tit. 2
	31. Prov. 16-18; Rom. 12	

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JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
1. Is. 1-3; Tit. 3	1. Is. 65, 66; Ps. 62; Jn. 3	1. Ezek. 15, 16; Ps. 70; Rev. 6
2. Is. 4,5; Ps. 115,116; Jude	2. 2 Ki. 21; 2 Chr. 33; Jn. 4	2. Ezek. 17-19; Rev. 7
3. Is. 6,7; 2 Chr. 26,27; Philem.	3. Nah. 1-3; Jn. 5	3. Ezek. 20, 21; Ps. 111; Rev. 8
4. 2 Ki. 15,16; Hos. 1; Heb. 1	4. 2 Ki. 22; 2 Chr. 34; Jn. 6	4. Ezek. 22-24; Rev. 9
5. Hos. 2-5; Heb. 2	5. 2 Ki. 23; 2 Chr. 35; Jn. 7	5. Ezek. 25-28; Rev. 10
6. Hos. 6-9; Heb. 3	6. Hab. 1-3; Jn. 8	6. Ezek. 29-32; Rev. 11
7. Hos. 10-12; Ps. 73; 1 Heb. 4	7. Zeph. 1-3; Jn. 9	7. 2 Ki.25; 2Chr. 36; Jer.40,41; Rev.12
8. Hos. 13,14; Ps. 100,102; Heb. 5	8. Jer. 1, 2; Jn. 10	8. Jer. 42-44; Ps. 48; Rev. 13
9. Mic. 1-4; Heb. 6	9. Jer. 3, 4; Jn. 11	9. Lam. 1,2; Obad.; Rev. 14
10. Mic. 5-7; Heb. 7	10. Jer. 5,6; Jn. 12	10. Lam. 3-5; Rev. 15
11. Is. 8-10; Heb. 8	11. Jer. 7-9; Jn. 13	11. Dan. 1,2; Rev. 16
12. Is. 11-14; Heb. 9	12. Jer. 10-12; Jn. 14	12. Dan. 3,4; Ps. 81; Rev. 17
13. Is. 15-18; Heb. 10	13. Jer. 13-15; Jn. 15	13. Ezek. 33-35; Rev. 18
14. Is. 19-21; Heb. 11	14. Jer. 16-17; Ps. 96; Jn. 16	14. Ezek. 36, 37; Ps. 110; Rev. 19
15. Is. 22-24; Heb. 12	15. Jer. 18-20; Ps. 93; Jn. 17	15. Ezek. 38, 39; Ps. 145; Rev. 20
16. Is. 25-28; Heb. 13	16. 2 Ki. 24; Jer. 22; Ps. 112; Jn. 18	16. Ezek. 40, 41; Ps. 128; Rev. 21
17. Is. 29-31; Jas. 1	17. Jer. 23, 25; Jn. 19	17. Ezek. 42-44; Rev. 22
18. Is. 32-35; Jas. 2	18. Jer. 26, 35, 36; Jn. 20	18. Ezek. 45-46; Lk. 1
19. 2 Ki. 17; 2 Chr 28; Ps. 46; Jas. 3	19. Jer. 45-47; Ps. 105; Jn. 20	19. Ezek. 47, 48; Lk. 2
20. 2 Chr. 29-31; Jas. 4	20. Jer. 48-49; Ps. 67; 1 Jn. 1	20. Dan. 5,6; Ps. 130; Lk. 3
21. 2 Ki. 18, 19; 2 Chr. 32; Jas. 5	21. Jer. 21, 24, 27; Ps. 118; 1 Jn. 2	21. Dan. 7, 8; Ps. 137; Lk. 4
22. Is. 36, 37; Ps. 76; 1 Pet. 1	22. Jer. 28-30; 1 Jn. 3	22. Dan. 9, 10; Ps. 123; Lk. 5
23. 2 Ki. 20; Is. 38,39; Ps. 75; 1 Pet. 2	23. Jer. 31,32; 1 Jn. 4	23. Dan. 11, 12; Lk. 6
24. Is. 40-42; 1 Pet. 3	24. Jer. 33, 34; Ps. 74; 1 Jn. 5	24. Ezra 1; Ps. 84, 85; Lk. 7
25. Is. 43-45; 1 Pet. 4	25. Jer. 37-39; Ps. 79; 2 Jn.	25. Ezra 2, 3; Lk. 8
26. Is. 46-49; 1 Pet. 5	26. Jer. 50, 51; 3 Jn.	26. Ezra 4; Ps. 113, 127; Lk. 9
27. Is. 50-52; Ps. 92; 2 Pet. 1	27. Jer. 52; Rev. 1; Ps. 143, 144	27. Hag. 1,2; Ps. 129; Lk. 10
28. Is. 53-56; 2 Pet. 2	28. Ezek. 1-3; Rev. 2	28. Zech. 1-3; Lk. 11
29. Is. 57-59; Ps. 103; 2 Pet. 3	29. Ezek. 4-7; Rev. 3	29. Zech. 4-6; Lk. 12
30. Is. 60-62; Jn. 1	30. Ezek. 8-11; Rev. 4	30. Zech. 7-9; Lk. 13
31. Is. 63, 64; Ps. 107; Jn. 2		

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OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
1. Zech. 10-12; Ps. 126; Lk. 14	1. Ps. 121; Mk. 9,10	1. Rom. 5-8
2. Zech. 13-14; Ps. 147; Lk. 15	2. Job 23,24; Mk. 11,12	2. Rom. 9-12
3. Ezra 5, 6; Ps. 138; Lk. 16	3. Job 25; Mk. 13,14	3. Rom. 13-16
4. Est. 1, 2; Ps. 150; Lk. 17	4. Job 26,27; Mk. 15,16	4. Eph. 1-4
5. Est. 3-8; Lk. 18	5. Job 28,29; Gal. 1,2	5. Eph. 5,6; Ps. 119:1-80
6. Est. 9-10; Lk. 19	6. Job 30; Ps. 120; Gal. 3,4	6. Phil. 1-4
7. Ezra 7, 8; Lk. 20	7. Job 31,32; Gal. 5,6	7. Col. 1-4
8. Ezra 9, 10; Ps. 131; Lk. 21	8. Job 33; 1 Cor. 1-3	8. 1 Tim. 1-4
9. Neh. 1,2; Ps. 133,134; Lk. 22	9. Job 34; 1 Cor. 4-6	9. 1 Tim. 5,6; Tit. 1-3
10. Neh. 3,4; Lk. 23	10. Job 35,36; 1 Cor. 7-8	10. 2 Tim. 1-4
11. Neh. 5,6; Ps. 146; Lk. 24	11. Ps. 122; 1 Cor. 9-11	11. Philem.; Heb. 1-4
12. Neh. 7, 8; Acts 1	12. Job 37,38; 1 Cor. 12	12. Heb. 5-8
13. Neh. 9, 10; Acts 2	13. Job 39,40; 1 Cor. 13,14	13. Heb. 9-11
14. Neh. 11, 12; Ps. 1; Acts 3	14. Ps. 149; 1 Cor. 15,16	14. Heb. 12,13; Jude
15. Neh. 13; Mal. 1, 2; Acts 4	15. Job 41,42; 2 Cor. 1,2	15. Jas. 1-5
16. Mal. 3, 4; Ps. 148; Acts 5	16. 2 Cor. 3-6	16. 1 Pet. 1-5
17. Job 1, 2; Acts 6, 7	17. 2 Cor. 7-10	17. 2 Pet. 1-3; Jn.1
18. Job 3, 4; Acts 8, 9	18. Ps. 124; 2 Cor. 11-13	18. Jn. 2-4
19. Job 5; Ps. 108; Acts 10, 11	19. Mt. 1-4	19. Jn. 5,6
20. Job 6-8; Acts 12	20. Mt. 5-7	20. Jn. 7,8
21. Job 9, 10; Acts 13, 14	21. Mt. 8-10	21. Jn. 9-11
22. Job 11, 12; Acts 15, 16	22. Mt. 11-13	22. Jn. 12-14
23. Job 13, 14; Acts 17, 18	23. Mt. 14-16	23. Jn. 15-18
24. Job 15; Acts 19, 20	24. Mt. 17-19	24. Jn. 19-21
25. Job 16; Acts 21-23	25. Mt. 20-22	25. 1 Jn. 1-5
26. Job 17; Acts 24-26	26. Mt. 23-25	26. Ps. 117,119:81-176; 2 Jn.; 3 Jn.
27. Job 18; Ps. 114; Acts 27, 28	27. Ps. 125; Mt. 26,27	27. Rev. 1-4
28. Job 19; Mk. 1, 2	28. Mt. 28; 1 Th. 1-3	28. Rev 5-9
29. Job 20; Mk. 3, 4	29. 1 Th. 4,5; 2 Th. 1-3	29. Rev. 10-14
30. Job 21; Mk. 5, 6	30. Rom 1-4	30. Rev. 15-18
31. Job 22; Mk. 7, 8		31. Rev. 19-2

EXAMPLE OF ENTRY IN A DEVOTIONAL JOURNAL

Date: March 18

Topic: “Living by God’s Word”

Scripture:

Joshua 1:8 “Do not let this Book of the Law depart from your mouth; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful”.

Observation:

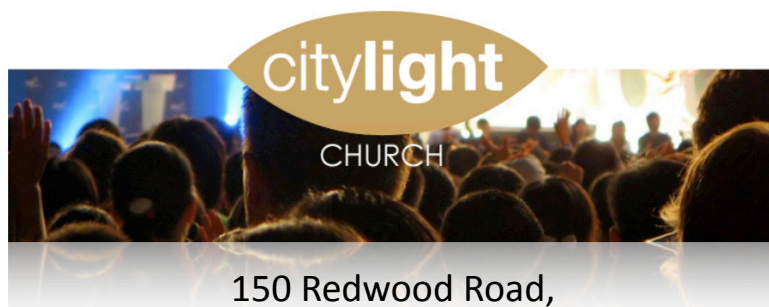
My words and thoughts should continually be shaped by God’s Word if my life is to go well.

Application:

I need to focus on God’s Word throughout each day and to allow it to shape, inspire and guide me in all that I do.

Prayer:

Lord, I ask that You would help me to memorise and apply Your Word to my everyday life. Open my eyes to Your perspectives and help me to know You in everything I do.



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