



Staying Focused ~ Part 1: The Goal Is Relationship with God

- RETURNING THE FIRST COMMANDMENT TO FIRST PLACE

- ³⁷ “You must love the LORD your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your mind.” ³⁸ This is the first and greatest commandment. (Matt 22:37–38 NLT-SE)
- **“Equally yoked in love:** God wants us to love Him with all of our heart and mind, because He loves us with all of His heart and mind. Jesus wants us to love Him in the way He loves us. He will supernaturally empower us to love Him this way. It takes ‘God to love God.’ The anointing to receive God’s love and to return it to Him is the greatest gift the Spirit imparts to us.” ~ Mike Bickle
 - We know how dearly God loves us, because he has given us the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts with his love. (Rom 5:5 NLT-SE) [*We can now experience the endless love of God cascading into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who lives in us!* (Passion)]
- Mike Bickle says that we must **“love God on HIS terms.”** What does that mean? Jesus said that loving God is connected to our obedience to his Word.
 - ¹⁵ “If you love me, obey my commandments... ²¹ Those who accept my commandments and obey them are the ones who love me. And because they love me, my Father will love them. And I will love them and reveal myself to each of them.”... ²³ “All who love me will do what I say. (John 14:15, 21, 23 NLT-SE)
- God has everything, yet he still searches for one thing...LOVE. He is after our heart. More than anything, He wants the love that comes from the heart of a voluntary lover!

- FIGURING OUT WHAT’S MOST IMPORTANT

- **Digging into the Word of God**
 - **Reading the Word daily ~ Guided and Devotional** Reading. The whole point is to learn to navigate the whole Bible and begin to let it speak to who you are as a follower of Jesus. In order for that to happen, you need both a **disciplined** and **devotional** approach to getting in the Word **every day**.
 - **Reading the Word deeply ~ Focused.** In-depth study and memorization are part of biblical maturity. “Bible Roulette” will only take you so far. The Bible is not a book of God’s thoughts, it is a “library” of history, poetry, prophecy and understanding.

- **Studying the Word ~ *Buy a good Study Bible*.** It is helpful to pick up a good Study Bible to deepen your understanding of the scriptures. They are available in most versions of the Bible and contain a wealth of knowledge and understanding.
 - **Praying the Word** ~ “If we don’t form the habit of praying the Scriptures, our prayers will almost certainly degenerate into vain repetitions that eventually revolve entirely around our immediate private concerns, rather than God’s larger purposes.” ~ John Piper
 - **Applying the Word** ~ What we’re after is not just head knowledge, but life knowledge! You can know what the Bible says and still not know what to do with the knowledge, wisdom and understanding. This gift was given to us by God as a central aspect of our lives.
 - Keep putting into practice all you learned and received from me—everything you heard from me and saw me doing. Then the God of peace will be with you. (Phil 4:9 NLT-SE)
- **Learning about the Character of God Takes Focus**

- **A.W. Tozer** ~ *The Knowledge of the Holy*

I remember having lunch several years ago with Gerry Breshears, theology professor at Western Seminary, and Bruce Ware, who teaches theology at Southern Seminary.

Bruce asked me, “Randy, what book besides the Bible has had the greatest influence on your life?” I said, “That’s easy. Without a doubt it’s A. W. Tozer’s *The Knowledge of the Holy*.”

Bruce looked at me and said, “You’re kidding! That’s the book that has had the biggest influence on my life.”

And then Gerry Breshears said, “I’m not kidding! That’s the number one book for me, too.”

~ Randy Alcorn, *If You Read Only One Book Besides the Bible
This Summer, Make It This One*; June 20, 2018



Randy Alcorn



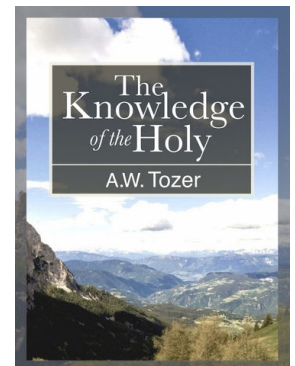
Gerry Beshears



Bruce Ware

“God’s attributes are not isolated traits of His character but facets of His unitary being. They are not things-in-themselves; they are, rather, thoughts by which we think of God aspects of a perfect whole, names given to whatever we know to be true of the Godhead.” A.W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy*

- “What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.”
- “Always the most revealing thing about the Church is her idea of God, just as her most significant message is what she says about Him or leaves unsaid, for her silence is often more eloquent than her speech. She can never escape the self-disclosure of her witness concerning God.”



- “So necessary to the Church is a lofty concept of God that when that concept in any measure declines, the Church with her worship and her moral standards declines along with it. The first step down for any church is taken when it surrenders its high opinion of God.”
- **Divine Attributes:** What’s true about God. This is just one list. Many lists have been created, yet there is not one that has been deemed the complete list of God’s attributes...
 - **God is a Personal Spirit** - Ps 25:14, Jer 29:13 - *God can be known.*
 - **God is All-Powerful** - Jer 32:17, Eph 3:20, Phil 4:13 - *There are no limits to God’s power.*
 - **God is Present Everywhere** - Ps 139:7-10, 1 Cor 3:16, Matt 28:20 - *God’s presence is not limited to time and space.*
 - **God Knows Everything** - Rom 11:33-34, Ps 139:1-6, Jer 29:11 James 1:5-6 - *Nothing surprises God.*
 - **God is Sovereign** - 1 Chr 29:11-12, Job 12:10, Jer 10:23 - *God always calls the shots.*
 - **God is Holy** - Ex 15:11, Lev 20:26, Ps 96:9, Pr 9:10 - *God is perfect.*
 - **God is Absolute Truth** - Jn 18:37, Num 23:19, Jn 14:16-17 - *He doesn’t just know the truth, He is truth.*
 - **God is Righteous** - Ps 145:17, Ps 71:19, Eph 4:22-24 - *God’s holiness and righteousness are similar. The basic difference is between holiness and righteousness in the Bible is that holiness is a state of character, while righteousness is a state of position.*
 - **God is Just** - Jer 17:10, Deut 32:4, Ps 11:7, Ecc 12:14 - *Justice is not something God expresses, God is just. When He expresses justice, He is simply being himself!*
 - **God is Love** - Eph 3:17-18, Ps 100:5, 1 Jn 4:10, Matt 22:37-38, Rom 8:39 - This chapter in Knowledge of the Holy is worth the price of the book!
 - **God is Merciful** - James 5:11, Matt 5:45, Is 49:13, Dan 9:9, Matt 6:15, Heb 4:16 - Tozer writes that God’s mercy is, “an infinite and inexhaustible energy within the divine nature which disposes God to be actively compassionate.” ‘Nuff said!
 - **God Never Changes** - James 1:17, Ps 33:11, Heb 13:8 - *God’s unchangeableness is called “immutability.”*
 - **God is Faithful** - Ps 89:8, 1 Cor 10:13, 1 Jn 1:9, 1 Pet 4:19 - *God is immutable, He never changes. He is also faithful and immutable, so he could never be unfaithful!*
- **Yielding to the Power of God Takes Focus**
 - **Surrender** to God’s will
 - Peter began to speak up. “We’ve given up everything to follow you,” he said. (Mark 10:28 NLT-SE)
 - It is relatively easy to surrender to God if we gain something from the surrender. It is much more difficult to make the choice . Oswald Chamber (*My Utmost for His Highest*) says, “*Genuine total surrender is a personal sovereign preference for Jesus Christ Himself. True surrender will always go beyond natural devotion.*”
 - **Abandonment** to God’s will
 - **To abandon means “to leave alone, to desert.”** To abandon ourselves to God means that we leave ourselves alone. We must take our hands off the “controls” or our lives and fall unconditionally into His hands.
 - ⁸ It was by faith that Abraham obeyed when God called him to **leave home and go to another land** that God would give him as his inheritance. He went without knowing where he was going. ⁹ And even when he reached the land God promised him, he lived there by faith—for he was like a foreigner, living in tents. And

so did Isaac and Jacob, who inherited the same promise. ¹⁰ Abraham was confidently looking forward to a city with eternal foundations, a city designed and built by God. (Heb 11:8–10 NLT-SE)

- When God calls us to a place of abandonment to His will, it usually presents itself as a “**crossroads**.” We have to choose our own self-sufficiency, or rely on God’s provision. We cannot turn back. We have burnt all of our spiritual bridges. So, we have a choice to make.
 - “Abba, Father,” he cried out, “everything is possible for you. Please take this cup of suffering away from me. Yet I want your will to be done, not mine.” (Mark 14:36 NLT-SE)
- **The walk of faith** is one where I never really know where I’m going, but I am trusting in the one who is leading me. When we abandon ourselves to God, we are abandoning ourselves to His will. We are not abandoning ourselves to God to get Him to do our will.
 - **Obedience** to God’s will
- **Relationship with the Father is the goal.** Paul’s encouragement to believers is to “destroy” the obstacles that keep us from that goal. This is a very intentional plan on our part, accomplished mostly through obedience to the Word of God.
 - We destroy every proud obstacle that keeps people from knowing God. We capture their rebellious thoughts and teach them to obey Christ. (2 Cor 10:5 NLT-SE)
- **Commanded obedience is NOT cruel.** In fact, for God to know the depth of love our obedience could open the door for we could experience with Him and NOT command us to be obedient would be truly cruel on His part. That is NOT going to happen!
 - Love means doing what God has commanded us, and he has commanded us to love one another, just as you heard from the beginning. (2 John 1:6 NLT-SE)
- Once we begin to develop a track record of obedience to God, our motivation becomes less of an obligation and more an expression of relationship. We are actually becoming what Jesus calls “**friends of God**.”
 - You are my friends if you do what I command. (John 15:14 NLT-SE)
- **Advancing the Kingdom of God Takes Focus**
 - Two books written by American pastors have been creating a stir in Christian circles as of late. Interestingly enough, both are focused on us move towards having a “better life.”
 - **Quit Church:** *Because Your Life Would Be Better If You Did*, by Chris Sonksen
 - In most churches, 80 percent of the work is being carried out by 20 percent or less of the people. We’ve become a church of spectators and the pastoral staff is getting burned out.
 - Only **39 percent** of active believers consider the **Bible as the literal word of God**. **Less than 20 percent** of professing believers follow the biblical principle of **giving**. Only **5 percent** have **shared their faith** with a non-believer. More than half of all church members attend church once a month or less. Something has to change.
 - **Casual attendance** and the belief that others will **serve, give and share the Gospel** are tearing down churches across our country brick by brick. As believers, it’s time that we are either all in or we get out. The solution is simple: quit!

- That's right – quit! If we **quit the casual way we approach God's principles** can you imagine what would happen in our personal walks of faith and in our community of believers?
- **Unoffendable: *How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better***, by Brant Hansen
 - “**We should forfeit our right to be offended.** That means forfeiting our right to hold on to anger. When we do this, we'll be ***making a sacrifice that's very pleasing to God***. It strikes at our very pride. It forces us not only to think about humility, but to actually be humble.”
 - “**Quit trying to parent the whole world.** Quit offering advice when exactly zero people asked for it. Quit being shocked when people don't share your morality. Quit serving as judge and jury, in your own mind, of that person who just cut you off in traffic. Quit thinking you need to “discern” what others' motives are. And quit rehearsing in your mind what that other person did to you.”
 - “**Our anger is valuable to us. That's why we want to hold it, to savor it.** It means something. It means we've been wronged, we're in the right, and we're the victims in an unfair exchange. We want to even out the scales, and one way to do it, at least psychologically, is to ***stay offended***.”
 - “**Choosing to be unoffendable means choosing to be humble.** Not only that, the practice teaches humility. Once you've decided you can't control other people; once you've reconciled yourself to the fact that the world, and its people, are broken; once you've realized your own moral failure before God; once you've abandoned the idea that your significance comes from anything other than God, you're **growing in humility**, and that's exactly where God wants us all.”
- I believe that what's really stirring in the hearts of both these pastors is the sense that unless something changes dramatically, the way we live our lives and express our beliefs is **going to hinder** the advancement of the kingdom of God. In other words, the way we live our lives might actually **get in the way of what God wants to do** on the Earth today.
- What we're after is a **deep, meaningful, relationship with God** that is expressed in a way that makes a measurable impact upon the world around us. **Staying focused** is one of the keys to seeing this develop. We must be intentional with the expression of our beliefs.

Summer Reads:

The Knowledge of the Holy, by A.W. Tozer. From Amazon; \$8.46 for paperback, \$3.40 for Kindle.

Quit Church: *Because Your Life Would Be Better If You Did*, by Chris Sonksen. From Amazon; \$12.61 for paperback, \$9.99 for Kindle.

Unoffendable: *How Just One Change Can Make All of Life Better*, by Brant Hansen. From Amazon; \$8.98 for paperback, \$9.99 for Kindle.

The Bible: by God.

M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan (www.esv.org/biblereadingplans)

Jan 1	Gen 1, Matt 1, Ezra 1, Acts 1	Feb 20	Ex 3, Luke 6, Job 20, 1 Cor 7	Apr 11	Lev 15, Ps 18, Prov 29, 2 Thes 3	May 31	Deut 4, Ps 86-87, Isa 32, Rev 2
Jan 2	Gen 2, Matt 2, Ezra 2, Acts 2	Feb 21	Ex 4, Luke 7, Job 21, 1 Cor 8	Apr 12	Lev 16, Ps 19, Prov 30, 1 Tim 1	Jun 1	Deut 5, Ps 88, Isa 33, Rev 3
Jan 3	Gen 3, Matt 3, Ezra 3, Acts 3	Feb 22	Ex 5, Luke 8, Job 22, 1 Cor 9	Apr 13	Lev 17, Ps 20-21, Prov 31, 1 Tim 2	Jun 2	Deut 6, Ps 89, Isa 34, Rev 4
Jan 4	Gen 4, Matt 4, Ezra 4, Acts 4	Feb 23	Ex 6, Luke 9, Job 23, 1 Cor 10	Apr 14	Lev 18, Ps 22, Eccl 1, 1 Tim 3	Jun 3	Deut 7, Ps 90, Isa 35, Rev 5
Jan 5	Gen 5, Matt 5, Ezra 5, Acts 5	Feb 24	Ex 7, Luke 10, Job 24, 1 Cor 11	Apr 15	Lev 19, Ps 23-24, Eccl 2, 1 Tim 4	Jun 4	Deut 8, Ps 91, Isa 36, Rev 6
Jan 6	Gen 6, Matt 6, Ezra 6, Acts 6	Feb 25	Ex 8, Luke 11, Job 25-26, 1 Cor 12	Apr 16	Lev 20, Ps 25, Eccl 3, 1 Tim 5	Jun 5	Deut 9, Ps 92-93, Isa 37, Rev 7
Jan 7	Gen 7, Matt 7, Ezra 7, Acts 7	Feb 26	Ex 9, Luke 12, Job 27, 1 Cor 13	Apr 17	Lev 21, Ps 26-27, Eccl 4, 1 Tim 6	Jun 6	Deut 10, Ps 94, Isa 38, Rev 8
Jan 8	Gen 8, Matt 8, Ezra 8, Acts 8	Feb 27	Ex 10, Luke 13, Job 28, 1 Cor 14	Apr 18	Lev 22, Ps 28-29, Eccl 5, 2 Tim 1	Jun 7	Deut 11, Ps 95-96, Isa 39, Rev 9
Jan 9	Gen 9-10, Matt 9, Ezra 9, Acts 9	Feb 28	Ex 11, Luke 14, Job 29, 1 Cor 15	Apr 19	Lev 23, Ps 30, Eccl 6, 2 Tim 2	Jun 8	Deut 12, Ps 97-98, Isa 40, Rev 10
Jan 10	Gen 11, Matt 10, Ezra 10, Acts 10	Mar 1	Ex 12, Luke 15, Job 30, 1 Cor 16	Apr 20	Lev 24, Ps 31, Eccl 7, 2 Tim 3	Jun 9	Deut 13-14, Ps 99-101, Isa 41, Rev 11
Jan 11	Gen 12, Matt 11, Neh 1, Acts 11	Mar 2	Ex 13, Luke 16, Job 31, 2 Cor 1	Apr 21	Lev 25, Ps 32, Eccl 8, 2 Tim 4	Jun 10	Deut 15, Ps 102, Isa 42, Rev 12
Jan 12	Gen 13, Matt 12, Neh 2, Acts 12	Mar 3	Ex 14, Luke 17, Job 32, 2 Cor 2	Apr 22	Lev 26, Ps 33, Eccl 9, Titus 1	Jun 11	Deut 16, Ps 103, Isa 43, Rev 13
Jan 13	Gen 14, Matt 13, Neh 3, Acts 13	Mar 4	Ex 15, Luke 18, Job 33, 2 Cor 3	Apr 23	Lev 27, Ps 34, Eccl 10, Titus 2	Jun 12	Deut 17, Ps 104, Isa 44, Rev 14
Jan 14	Gen 15, Matt 14, Neh 4, Acts 14	Mar 5	Ex 16, Luke 19, Job 34, 2 Cor 4	Apr 24	Num 1, Ps 35, Eccl 11, Titus 3	Jun 13	Deut 18, Ps 105, Isa 45, Rev 15
Jan 15	Gen 16, Matt 15, Neh 5, Acts 15	Mar 6	Ex 17, Luke 20, Job 35, 2 Cor 5	Apr 25	Num 2, Ps 36, Eccl 12, Phm 1	Jun 14	Deut 19, Ps 106, Isa 46, Rev 16
Jan 16	Gen 17, Matt 16, Neh 6, Acts 16	Mar 7	Ex 18, Luke 21, Job 36, 2 Cor 6	Apr 26	Num 3, Ps 37, Sng 1, Heb 1	Jun 15	Deut 20, Ps 107, Isa 47, Rev 17
Jan 17	Gen 18, Matt 17, Neh 7, Acts 17	Mar 8	Ex 19, Luke 22, Job 37, 2 Cor 7	Apr 27	Num 4, Ps 38, Sng 2, Heb 2	Jun 16	Deut 21, Ps 108-109, Isa 48, Rev 18
Jan 18	Gen 19, Matt 18, Neh 8, Acts 18	Mar 9	Ex 20, Luke 23, Job 38, 2 Cor 8	Apr 28	Num 5, Ps 39, Sng 3, Heb 3	Jun 17	Deut 22, Ps 110-111, Isa 49, Rev 19
Jan 19	Gen 20, Matt 19, Neh 9, Acts 19	Mar 10	Ex 21, Luke 24, Job 39, 2 Cor 9	Apr 29	Num 6, Ps 40-41, Sng 4, Heb 4	Jun 18	Deut 23, Ps 112-113, Isa 50, Rev 20
Jan 20	Gen 21, Matt 20, Neh 10, Acts 20	Mar 11	Ex 22, John 1, Job 40, 2 Cor 10	Apr 30	Num 7, Ps 42-43, Sng 5, Heb 5	Jun 19	Deut 24, Ps 114-115, Isa 51, Rev 21
Jan 21	Gen 22, Matt 21, Neh 11, Acts 21	Mar 12	Ex 23, John 2, Job 41, 2 Cor 11	May 1	Num 8, Ps 44, Sng 6, Heb 6	Jun 20	Deut 25, Ps 116, Isa 52, Rev 22
Jan 22	Gen 23, Matt 22, Neh 12, Acts 22	Mar 13	Ex 24, John 3, Job 42, 2 Cor 12	May 2	Num 9, Ps 45, Sng 7, Heb 7	Jun 21	Deut 26, Ps 117-118, Isa 53, Matt 1
Jan 23	Gen 24, Matt 23, Neh 13, Acts 23	Mar 14	Ex 25, John 4, Prov 1, 2 Cor 13	May 3	Num 10, Ps 46-47, Sng 8, Heb 8	Jun 22	Deut 27, Ps 119:1-24, Isa 54, Matt 2
Jan 24	Gen 25, Matt 24, Est 1, Acts 24	Mar 15	Ex 26, John 5, Prov 2, Gal 1	May 4	Num 11, Ps 48, Isa 1, Heb 9	Jun 23	Deut 28, Ps 119:25-48, Isa 55, Matt 3
Jan 25	Gen 26, Matt 25, Est 2, Acts 25	Mar 16	Ex 27, John 6, Prov 3, Gal 2	May 5	Num 12-13, Ps 49, Isa 2, Heb 10	Jun 24	Deut 29, Ps 119:49-72, Isa 56, Matt 4
Jan 26	Gen 27, Matt 26, Est 3, Acts 26	Mar 17	Ex 28, John 7, Prov 4, Gal 3	May 6	Num 14, Ps 50, Isa 3-4, Heb 11	Jun 25	Deut 30, Ps 119:73-96, Isa 57, Matt 5
Jan 27	Gen 28, Matt 27, Est 4, Acts 27	Mar 18	Ex 29, John 8, Prov 5, Gal 4	May 7	Num 15, Ps 51, Isa 5, Heb 12	Jun 26	Deut 31, Ps 119:97-120, Isa 58, Matt 6
Jan 28	Gen 29, Matt 28, Est 5, Acts 28	Mar 19	Ex 30, John 9, Prov 6, Gal 5	May 8	Num 16, Ps 52-54, Isa 6, Heb 13	Jun 27	Deut 32, Ps 119:121-144, Isa 59, Matt 7
Jan 29	Gen 30, Mark 1, Est 6, Rom 1	Mar 20	Ex 31, John 10, Prov 7, Gal 6	May 9	Num 17-18, Ps 55, Isa 7, Jas 1	Jun 28	Deut 33-34, Ps 119:145-176, Isa 60, Matt 8
Jan 30	Gen 31, Mark 2, Est 7, Rom 2	Mar 21	Ex 32, John 11, Prov 8, Eph 1	May 10	Num 19, Ps 56-57, Isa 8, Jas 2	Jun 29	Josh 1, Ps 120-122, Isa 61, Matt 9
Jan 31	Gen 32, Mark 3, Est 8, Rom 3	Mar 22	Ex 33, John 12, Prov 9, Eph 2	May 11	Num 20, Ps 58-59, Isa 9, Jas 3	Jun 30	Josh 2, Ps 123-125, Isa 62, Matt 10
Feb 1	Gen 33, Mark 4, Est 9-10, Rom 4	Mar 23	Ex 34, John 13, Prov 10, Eph 3	May 12	Num 21, Ps 60-61, Isa 10, Jas 4	Jul 1	Josh 3, Ps 126-128, Isa 63, Matt 11
Feb 2	Gen 34, Mark 5, Job 1, Rom 5	Mar 24	Ex 35, John 14, Prov 11, Eph 4	May 13	Num 22, Ps 62-63, Isa 11-12, Jas 5	Jul 2	Josh 4, Ps 129-131, Isa 64, Matt 12
Feb 3	Gen 35-36, Mark 6, Job 2, Rom 6	Mar 25	Ex 36, John 15, Prov 12, Eph 5	May 14	Num 23, Ps 64-65, Isa 13, 1 Pet 1	Jul 3	Josh 5, Ps 132-134, Isa 65, Matt 13
Feb 4	Gen 37, Mark 7, Job 3, Rom 7	Mar 26	Ex 37, John 16, Prov 13, Eph 6	May 15	Num 24, Ps 66-67, Isa 14, 1 Pet 2	Jul 4	Josh 6, Ps 135-136, Isa 66, Matt 14
Feb 5	Gen 38, Mark 8, Job 4, Rom 8	Mar 27	Ex 38, John 17, Prov 14, Phil 1	May 16	Num 25, Ps 68, Isa 15, 1 Pet 3	Jul 5	Josh 7, Ps 137-138, Jer 1, Matt 15
Feb 6	Gen 39, Mark 9, Job 5, Rom 9	Mar 28	Ex 39, John 18, Prov 15, Phil 2	May 17	Num 26, Ps 69, Isa 16, 1 Pet 4	Jul 6	Josh 8, Ps 139, Jer 2, Matt 16
Feb 7	Gen 40, Mark 10, Job 6, Rom 10	Mar 29	Ex 40, John 19, Prov 16, Phil 3	May 18	Num 27, Ps 70-71, Isa 17-18, 1 Pet 5	Jul 7	Josh 9, Ps 140-141, Jer 3, Matt 17
Feb 8	Gen 41, Mark 11, Job 7, Rom 11	Mar 30	Lev 1, John 20, Prov 17, Phil 4	May 19	Num 28, Ps 72, Isa 19-20, 2 Pet 1	Jul 8	Josh 10, Ps 142-143, Jer 4, Matt 18
Feb 9	Gen 42, Mark 12, Job 8, Rom 12	Mar 31	Lev 2-3, John 21, Prov 18, Col 1	May 20	Num 29, Ps 73, Isa 21, 2 Pet 2	Jul 9	Josh 11, Ps 144, Jer 5, Matt 19
Feb 10	Gen 43, Mark 13, Job 9, Rom 13	Apr 1	Lev 4, Ps 1-2, Prov 19, Col 2	May 21	Num 30, Ps 74, Isa 22, 2 Pet 3	Jul 10	Josh 12-13, Ps 145, Jer 6, Matt 20
Feb 11	Gen 44, Mark 14, Job 10, Rom 14	Apr 2	Lev 5, Ps 3-4, Prov 20, Col 3	May 22	Num 31, Ps 75-76, Isa 23, 1 Jn 1	Jul 11	Josh 14-15, Ps 146-147, Jer 7, Matt 21
Feb 12	Gen 45, Mark 15, Job 11, Rom 15	Apr 3	Lev 6, Ps 5-6, Prov 21, Col 4	May 23	Num 32, Ps 77, Isa 24, 1 Jn 2	Jul 12	Josh 16-17, Ps 148, Jer 8, Matt 22
Feb 13	Gen 46, Mark 16, Job 12, Rom 16	Apr 4	Lev 7, Ps 7-8, Prov 22, 1 Thes 1	May 24	Num 33, Ps 78:1-39, Isa 25, 1 Jn 3	Jul 13	Josh 18-19, Ps 149-150, Jer 9, Matt 23
Feb 14	Gen 47, Luke 1:1-38, Job 13, 1 Cor 1	Apr 5	Lev 8, Ps 9, Prov 23, 1 Thes 2	May 25	Num 34, Ps 78:40-72, Isa 26, 1 Jn 4	Jul 14	Josh 20-21, Acts 1, Jer 10, Matt 24
Feb 15	Gen 48, Luke 1:39-80, Job 14, 1 Cor 2	Apr 6	Lev 9, Ps 10, Prov 24, 1 Thes 3	May 26	Num 35, Ps 79, Isa 27, 1 Jn 5		
Feb 16	Gen 49, Luke 2, Job 15, 1 Cor 3	Apr 7	Lev 10, Ps 11-12, Prov 25, 1 Thes 4	May 27	Num 36, Ps 80, Isa 28, 2 Jn 1		
Feb 17	Gen 50, Luke 3, Job 16-17, 1 Cor 4	Apr 8	Lev 11-12, Ps 13-14, Prov 26, 1 Thes 5	May 28	Deut 1, Ps 81-82, Isa 29, 3 Jn 1		
Feb 18	Ex 1, Luke 4, Job 18, 1 Cor 5	Apr 9	Lev 13, Ps 15-16, Prov 27, 2 Thes 1	May 29	Deut 2, Ps 83-84, Isa 30, Jude 1		
Feb 19	Ex 2, Luke 5, Job 19, 1 Cor 6	Apr 10	Lev 14, Ps 17, Prov 28, 2 Thes 2	May 30	Deut 3, Ps 85, Isa 31, Rev 1		

M'Cheyne Bible Reading Plan (www.esv.org/biblereadingplans)

Jul 15	Josh 22, Acts 2, Jer 11, Matt 25	Sep 3	1 Sam 27, 1 Cor 8, Ezek 6, John 7	Oct 23	2 Kgs 4, 1 Tim 1, Dan 8, Ps 50	Dec 10	2 Chr 10, Rev 1, Zeph 2, Ps 119:49-72
Jul 16	Josh 23, Acts 3, Jer 12, Matt 26	Sep 4	1 Sam 28, 1 Cor 9, Ezek 7, John 8	Oct 24	2 Kgs 5, 1 Tim 2, Dan 9, Ps 51	Dec 11	2 Chr 11-12, Rev 2, Zeph 3, Ps 119:73-96
Jul 17	Josh 24, Acts 4, Jer 13, Matt 27	Sep 5	1 Sam 29-30, 1 Cor 10, Ezek 8, John 9	Oct 25	2 Kgs 6, 1 Tim 3, Dan 10, Ps 52-54	Dec 12	2 Chr 13, Rev 3, Hag 1, Ps 119:97-120
Jul 18	Judg 1, Acts 5, Jer 14, Matt 28	Sep 6	1 Sam 31, 1 Cor 11, Ezek 9, John 10	Oct 26	2 Kgs 7, 1 Tim 4, Dan 11, Ps 55	Dec 13	2 Chr 14-15, Rev 4, Hag 2, Ps 119:121-144
Jul 19	Judg 2, Acts 6, Jer 15, Mark 1	Sep 7	2 Sam 1, 1 Cor 12, Ezek 10, John 11	Oct 27	2 Kgs 8, 1 Tim 5, Dan 12, Ps 56-57	Dec 14	2 Chr 16, Rev 5, Zech 1, Ps 119:145-176
Jul 20	Judg 3, Acts 7, Jer 16, Mark 2	Sep 8	2 Sam 2, 1 Cor 13, Ezek 11, John 12	Oct 28	2 Kgs 9, 1 Tim 6, Hos 1, Ps 58-59	Dec 15	2 Chr 17, Rev 6, Zech 2, Ps 120-122
Jul 21	Judg 4, Acts 8, Jer 17, Mark 3	Sep 9	2 Sam 3, 1 Cor 14, Ezek 12, John 13	Oct 29	2 Kgs 10-11, 2 Tim 1, Hos 2, Ps 60-61	Dec 16	2 Chr 18, Rev 7, Zech 3, Ps 123-125
Jul 22	Judg 5, Acts 9, Jer 18, Mark 4	Sep 10	2 Sam 4-5, 1 Cor 15, Ezek 13, John 14	Oct 30	2 Kgs 12, 2 Tim 2, Hos 3-4, Ps 62-63	Dec 17	2 Chr 19-20, Rev 8, Zech 4, Ps 126-128
Jul 23	Judg 6, Acts 10, Jer 19, Mark 5	Sep 11	2 Sam 6, 1 Cor 16, Ezek 14, John 15	Oct 31	2 Kgs 13, 2 Tim 3, Hos 5-6, Ps 64-65	Dec 18	2 Chr 21, Rev 9, Zech 5, Ps 129-131
Jul 24	Judg 7, Acts 11, Jer 20, Mark 6	Sep 12	2 Sam 7, 2 Cor 1, Ezek 15, John 16	Nov 1	2 Kgs 14, 2 Tim 4, Hos 7, Ps 66-67	Dec 19	2 Chr 22-23, Rev 10, Zech 6, Ps 132-134
Jul 25	Judg 8, Acts 12, Jer 21, Mark 7	Sep 13	2 Sam 8-9, 2 Cor 2, Ezek 16, John 17	Nov 2	2 Kgs 15, Titus 1, Hos 8, Ps 68	Dec 20	2 Chr 24, Rev 11, Zech 7, Ps 135-136
Jul 26	Judg 9, Acts 13, Jer 22, Mark 8	Sep 14	2 Sam 10, 2 Cor 3, Ezek 17, John 18	Nov 3	2 Kgs 16, Titus 2, Hos 9, Ps 69	Dec 21	2 Chr 25, Rev 12, Zech 8, Ps 137-138
Jul 27	Judg 10, Acts 14, Jer 23, Mark 9	Sep 15	2 Sam 11, 2 Cor 4, Ezek 18, John 19	Nov 4	2 Kgs 17, Titus 3, Hos 10, Ps 70-71	Dec 22	2 Chr 26, Rev 13, Zech 9, Ps 139
Jul 28	Judg 11, Acts 15, Jer 24, Mark 10	Sep 16	2 Sam 12, 2 Cor 5, Ezek 19, John 20	Nov 5	2 Kgs 18, Phm 1, Hos 11, Ps 72	Dec 23	2 Chr 27-28, Rev 14, Zech 10, Ps 140-141
Jul 29	Judg 12, Acts 16, Jer 25, Mark 11	Sep 17	2 Sam 13, 2 Cor 6, Ezek 20, John 21	Nov 6	2 Kgs 19, Heb 1, Hos 12, Ps 73	Dec 24	2 Chr 29, Rev 15, Zech 11, Ps 142
Jul 30	Judg 13, Acts 17, Jer 26, Mark 12	Sep 18	2 Sam 14, 2 Cor 7, Ezek 21, Ps 1-2	Nov 7	2 Kgs 20, Heb 2, Hos 13, Ps 74	Dec 25	2 Chr 30, Rev 16, Zech 12, Ps 143
Jul 31	Judg 14, Acts 18, Jer 27, Mark 13	Sep 19	2 Sam 15, 2 Cor 8, Ezek 22, Ps 3-4	Nov 8	2 Kgs 21, Heb 3, Hos 14, Ps 75-76	Dec 26	2 Chr 31, Rev 17, Zech 13, Ps 144
Aug 1	Judg 15, Acts 19, Jer 28, Mark 14	Sep 20	2 Sam 16, 2 Cor 9, Ezek 23, Ps 5-6	Nov 9	2 Kgs 22, Heb 4, Joel 1, Ps 77	Dec 27	2 Chr 32, Rev 18, Zech 14, Ps 145
Aug 2	Judg 16, Acts 20, Jer 29, Mark 15	Sep 21	2 Sam 17, 2 Cor 10, Ezek 24, Ps 7-8	Nov 10	2 Kgs 23, Heb 5, Joel 2, Ps 78	Dec 28	2 Chr 33, Rev 19, Mal 1, Ps 146-147
Aug 3	Judg 17, Acts 21, Jer 30-31, Mark 16	Sep 22	2 Sam 18, 2 Cor 11, Ezek 25, Ps 9	Nov 11	2 Kgs 24, Heb 6, Joel 3, Ps 79	Dec 29	2 Chr 34, Rev 20, Mal 2, Ps 148
Aug 4	Judg 18, Acts 22, Jer 32, Luke 1	Sep 23	2 Sam 19, 2 Cor 12, Ezek 26, Ps 10	Nov 12	2 Kgs 25, Heb 7, Amos 1, Ps 80	Dec 30	2 Chr 35, Rev 21, Mal 3, Ps 149
Aug 5	Judg 19, Acts 23, Jer 33, Luke 2	Sep 24	2 Sam 20, 2 Cor 13, Ezek 27, Ps 11-12	Nov 13	1 Chr 1-2, Heb 8, Amos 2, Ps 81-82	Dec 31	2 Chr 36, Rev 22, Mal 4, Ps 150
Aug 6	Judg 20, Acts 24, Jer 34, Luke 3	Sep 25	2 Sam 21, Gal 1, Ezek 28, Ps 13-14	Nov 14	1 Chr 3-4, Heb 9, Amos 3, Ps 83-84		
Aug 7	Judg 21, Acts 25, Jer 35, Luke 4	Sep 26	2 Sam 22, Gal 2, Ezek 29, Ps 15-16	Nov 15	1 Chr 5-6, Heb 10, Amos 4, Ps 85		
Aug 8	Ruth 1, Acts 26, Jer 36, Luke 5	Sep 27	2 Sam 23, Gal 3, Ezek 30, Ps 17	Nov 16	1 Chr 7-8, Heb 11, Amos 5, Ps 86		
Aug 9	Ruth 2, Acts 27, Jer 37, Luke 6	Sep 28	2 Sam 24, Gal 4, Ezek 31, Ps 18	Nov 17	1 Chr 9-10, Heb 12, Amos 6, Ps 87-88		
Aug 10	Ruth 3-4, Acts 28, Jer 38, Luke 7	Sep 29	1 Kgs 1, Gal 5, Ezek 32, Ps 19	Nov 18	1 Chr 11-12, Heb 13, Amos 7, Ps 89		
Aug 11	1 Sam 1, Rom 1, Jer 39, Luke 8	Sep 30	1 Kgs 2, Gal 6, Ezek 33, Ps 20-21	Nov 19	1 Chr 13-14, Jas 1, Amos 8, Ps 90		
Aug 12	1 Sam 2, Rom 2, Jer 40, Luke 9	Oct 1	1 Kgs 3, Eph 1, Ezek 34, Ps 22	Nov 20	1 Chr 15, Jas 2, Amos 9, Ps 91		
Aug 13	1 Sam 3, Rom 3, Jer 41, Luke 10	Oct 2	1 Kgs 4-5, Eph 2, Ezek 35, Ps 23-24	Nov 21	1 Chr 16, Jas 3, Obad 1, Ps 92-93		
Aug 14	1 Sam 4, Rom 4, Jer 42, Luke 11	Oct 3	1 Kgs 6, Eph 3, Ezek 36, Ps 25	Nov 22	1 Chr 17, Jas 4, Jonah 1, Ps 94		
Aug 15	1 Sam 5-6, Rom 5, Jer 43, Luke 12	Oct 4	1 Kgs 7, Eph 4, Ezek 37, Ps 26-27	Nov 23	1 Chr 18, Jas 5, Jonah 2, Ps 95-96		
Aug 16	1 Sam 7-8, Rom 6, Jer 44-45, Luke 13	Oct 5	1 Kgs 8, Eph 5, Ezek 38, Ps 28-29	Nov 24	1 Chr 19-20, 1 Pet 1, Jonah 3, Ps 97-98		
Aug 17	1 Sam 9, Rom 7, Jer 46, Luke 14	Oct 6	1 Kgs 9, Eph 6, Ezek 39, Ps 30	Nov 25	1 Chr 21, 1 Pet 2, Jonah 4, Ps 99-101		
Aug 18	1 Sam 10, Rom 8, Jer 47, Luke 15	Oct 7	1 Kgs 10, Phil 1, Ezek 40, Ps 31	Nov 26	1 Chr 22, 1 Pet 3, Mic 1, Ps 102		
Aug 19	1 Sam 11, Rom 9, Jer 48, Luke 16	Oct 8	1 Kgs 11, Phil 2, Ezek 41, Ps 32	Nov 27	1 Chr 23, 1 Pet 4, Mic 2, Ps 103		
Aug 20	1 Sam 12, Rom 10, Jer 49, Luke 17	Oct 9	1 Kgs 12, Phil 3, Ezek 42, Ps 33	Nov 28	1 Chr 24-25, 1 Pet 5, Mic 3, Ps 104		
Aug 21	1 Sam 13, Rom 11, Jer 50, Luke 18	Oct 10	1 Kgs 13, Phil 4, Ezek 43, Ps 34	Nov 29	1 Chr 26-27, 2 Pet 1, Mic 4, Ps 105		
Aug 22	1 Sam 14, Rom 12, Jer 51, Luke 19	Oct 11	1 Kgs 14, Col 1, Ezek 44, Ps 35	Nov 30	1 Chr 28, 2 Pet 2, Mic 5, Ps 106		
Aug 23	1 Sam 15, Rom 13, Jer 52, Luke 20	Oct 12	1 Kgs 15, Col 2, Ezek 45, Ps 36	Dec 1	1 Chr 29, 2 Pet 3, Mic 6, Ps 107		
Aug 24	1 Sam 16, Rom 14, Lam 1, Luke 21	Oct 13	1 Kgs 16, Col 3, Ezek 46, Ps 37	Dec 2	2 Chr 1, 1 Jn 1, Mic 7, Ps 108-109		
Aug 25	1 Sam 17, Rom 15, Lam 2, Luke 22	Oct 14	1 Kgs 17, Col 4, Ezek 47, Ps 38	Dec 3	2 Chr 2, 1 Jn 2, Nahum 1, Ps 110-111		
Aug 26	1 Sam 18, Rom 16, Lam 3, Luke 23	Oct 15	1 Kgs 18, 1 Thes 1, Ezek 48, Ps 39	Dec 4	2 Chr 3-4, 1 Jn 3, Nahum 2, Ps 112-113		
Aug 27	1 Sam 19, 1 Cor 1, Lam 4, Luke 24	Oct 16	1 Kgs 19, 1 Thes 2, Dan 1, Ps 40-41	Dec 5	2 Chr 5, 1 Jn 4, Nahum 3, Ps 114-115		
Aug 28	1 Sam 20, 1 Cor 2, Lam 5, John 1	Oct 17	1 Kgs 20, 1 Thes 3, Dan 2, Ps 42-43	Dec 6	2 Chr 6, 1 Jn 5, Hab 1, Ps 116		
Aug 29	1 Sam 21-22, 1 Cor 3, Ezek 1, John 2	Oct 18	1 Kgs 21, 1 Thes 4, Dan 3, Ps 44	Dec 7	2 Chr 7, 2 Jn 1, Hab 2, Ps 117-118		
Aug 30	1 Sam 23, 1 Cor 4, Ezek 2, John 3	Oct 19	1 Kgs 22, 1 Thes 5, Dan 4, Ps 45	Dec 8	2 Chr 8, 3 Jn 1, Hab 3, Ps 119:1-24		
Aug 31	1 Sam 24, 1 Cor 5, Ezek 3, John 4	Oct 20	2 Kgs 1, 2 Thes 1, Dan 5, Ps 46-47	Dec 9	2 Chr 9, Jude 1, Ps 119:25-48		
Sep 1	1 Sam 25, 1 Cor 6, Ezek 4, John 5	Oct 21	2 Kgs 2, 2 Thes 2, Dan 6, Ps 48				
Sep 2	1 Sam 26, 1 Cor 7, Ezek 5, John 6	Oct 22	2 Kgs 3, 2 Thes 3, Dan 7, Ps 49				