



The Living Word Transforming Lives

Read through the New Testament in one year

Daily Time commitment: approximately 15 minutes

This reading plan focuses on the New Testament. Consider going through the Old Testament sometime, too: reading through the entire Bible provides an opportunity to better understand God's "big picture."

Each reading includes a simple "literacy question". Check it before the chapter to discover the answer, or challenge yourself to read it afterwards to check your focus!

Enjoy the journey!

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o Matt. 1	What does "Immanuel" mean?	o Luke 8:1-21	How many demons did Mary Magdalene once have?
o Matt. 2	What important visitors did Jesus have when He was very young?	o Luke 8:22-56	Who did Jesus say was not dead, but only sleeping?
o Matt. 3	What did John the Baptist wear? What did he eat?	o Luke 9:1-36	What instructions did Jesus give the 12 disciples?
o Matt. 4	Who took Jesus to the highest point of the temple in Jerusalem?	o Luke 9:37-62	Who is not fit for God's Kingdom?
o Matt. 5:1-26	What will happen to people who make peace?	o Luke 10:1-24	Jesus compares the fall of Satan to what?
o Matt. 5:27-48	What should you do if someone hits you on the cheek?	o Luke 10:25-42	Why was Martha upset with Mary?
o Matt. 6	What part of the body is like a lamp?	o Luke 11:1-28	What happens when an evil spirit comes out of a man?
o Matt. 7	What sort of man loses his house when the winds blow?	o Luke 11:29-54	What people did Jesus refer to as graves?
o Matt. 8	Where did the demons beg Jesus to send them?	o Luke 12:1-34	What insect destroys the treasures we store up on earth?
o Matt. 9:1-17	What work did Matthew do before he became a disciple?	o Luke 12:35-59	Did Jesus come to earth to bring peace?
o Matt. 9:18-38	What little girl did Jesus raise from the dead after telling people she was only asleep?	o Luke 13:1-21	What does a mustard seed become?
o Matt. 10:1-23	Name the 12 disciples.	o Luke 13:22-35	What king did Jesus call "that fox"?
o Matt. 10:24-42	Two sparrows are sold for how much money?	o Luke 14:1-24	Whom should you invite to a banquet?
o Matt. 11	What will Jesus give to people who are weary and burdened?	o Luke 14:25-35	What is required of Jesus' followers?
o Matt. 12:1-21	What did Jesus' disciples do that was illegal?	o Luke 15:1-10	How many silver coins did the woman have?
o Matt. 12:22-50	How can you recognize whether a tree is good or bad?	o Luke 15:11-32	Which of the two sons did not know how much his father loved him?
o Matt. 13:1-32	What will happen to the weeds planted with the wheat?	o Luke 16:1-18	You cannot serve both God and what?
o Matt. 13:33-58	Why did Jesus do only a few miracles in Nazareth?	o Luke 16:19-31	Who in a parable was carried by angels to Abraham?
o Matt. 14:1-21	Whose entrancing dance proved fatal for John the Baptist?	o Luke 17:1-19	When Jesus healed 10 lepers, how many came back to thank Him?
o Matt. 14:22-36	What two people walked on water in the midst of a storm?	o Luke 17:20-37	Where is the kingdom of God?
o Matt. 15:1-20	Evil comes from what part of the body?	o Luke 18:1-17	Who was the opposite of the humble tax collector?
o Matt. 15:21-39	How many loaves of bread did Jesus feed to 4,000 people?	o Luke 18:18-43	What did Jesus tell the rich man to do?
o Matt. 16	What was Peter's father's name?	o Luke 19:1-28	What tax collector climbed a tree to see Jesus?
o Matt. 17	What did Peter find with a coin in his mouth?	o Luke 19:29-48	Where did Jesus weep over Jerusalem?
o Matt. 18:1-20	What should you do if someone sins against you?	o Luke 20:1-26	What does Jesus say about paying government taxes?
o Matt. 18:21-35	How many times should you forgive your brother?	o Luke 20:27-47	What religious group did not believe in the resurrection?
o Matt. 19:1-15	What did Jesus say was the only basis for divorce?	o Luke 21:1-19	Why did a widow's small offering earn Jesus' attention?
o Matt. 19:16-30	What did Jesus tell the rich young man to do?	o Luke 21:20-36	Why will many people's courage falter?
o Matt. 20:1-16	Why did some of the workers complain?	o Luke 22:1-30	What did Jesus say about the wine and bread?
o Matt. 20:17-34	What is the secret to greatness?	o Luke 22:31-53	Who betrayed Jesus with a kiss?
o Matt. 21:1-22	What unproductive tree did Jesus curse?	o Luke 22:54-71	What did Peter do after he disowned Jesus three times?
o Matt. 21:23-46	Why didn't the Pharisees arrest Jesus?	o Luke 23:1-26	Who wanted to see miracles when Jesus was brought to him?
o Matt. 22:1-22	Whose picture was on the coin that was brought to Jesus?	o Luke 23:27-38	For whom did Jesus tell the women to cry?
o Matt. 22:23-46	What is the greatest commandment?	o Luke 23:39-56	At the crucifixion, who asked Jesus to remember him?
o Matt. 23:1-22	What will happen to someone who exalts himself?	o Luke 24:1-35	What day did the women take spices to the tomb?
o Matt. 23:23-39	What insects do the Pharisees remove?	o Luke 24:36-53	What did Jesus eat to prove He was not a ghost?
o Matt. 24:1-22	What will happen before the end of the world?	o John 1:1-28	Who were the 3 people that the priests and Levites guessed John the Baptist to be?
o Matt. 24:23-51	Who knows when the end of the world will be?	o John 1:29-51	What bird symbolizes the Holy Spirit?
o Matt. 25:1-30	What did the 5 foolish women forget?	o John 2	What was the first miracle Jesus performed at Cana in Galilee?
o Matt. 25:31-46	On which side will the goats be put?	o John 3:1-21	What must a man do in order to have eternal life?
o Matt. 26:1-19	What was Judas given to betray Jesus?	o John 3:22-36	What will you have if you believe in the Son?
o Matt. 26:20-54	Where did Jesus pray with His disciples?	o John 4:1-26	Where did the Samaritans build their temple?
o Matt. 26:55-75	What crime was Jesus charged with?	o John 4:27-54	Why did many Samaritans believe in Jesus?
o Matt. 27:1-31	What happened to Judas' 30 pieces of silver?	o John 5:1-24	What did Jesus do on the Sabbath day that caused the Jews to persecute Him?
o Matt. 27:32-66	Simon, the man who carried Jesus' cross, was from where?	o John 5:25-47	Who was the lamp?
o Matt. 28:1-20	Who bribed the guards at Jesus' tomb to say that the disciples had stolen the body?	o John 6:1-21	Jesus fed 5,000 people with what food?
o Mark 1:1-22	Who ate locusts in the wilderness?	o John 6:22-44	What is bread from heaven?
o Mark 1:23-45	What disciple's mother-in-law was healed of a fever by Jesus?	o John 6:45-71	How many disciples stayed with Jesus after His teaching about the bread of life?
o Mark 2	How big is a mustard seed?	o John 7:1-24	Did Jesus go to the Feast of Tabernacles in public or in secret?
o Mark 3:1-21	Who were the "sons of thunder"?	o John 7:25-53	Who arrested Jesus?
o Mark 3:22-35	Who are Jesus' brothers and sisters?	o John 8:1-20	How did Jesus respond to the law that commands stoning an adulterous woman?
o Mark 4:1-20	What does the thorny soil represent in the parable of the farmer?	o John 8:21-36	What will the truth do for you?
o Mark 4:21-41	In what part of the boat was Jesus sleeping?	o John 8:37-59	Who is the father of lies?
o Mark 5:1-20	Who screamed in a loud voice, asking Jesus not to punish him?	o John 9:1-23	How did the blind man receive his sight?
o Mark 5:21-43	What made the sick woman well?	o John 9:24-41	How many times did the Pharisees bring in the healed blind man for questioning?
o Mark 6:1-32	Who arranged to cut off the head of John the Baptist?	o John 10:1-21	What animal does Jesus use to explain His care for His people?
o Mark 6:33-58	Why were the disciples terrified of Jesus?	o John 10:22-42	Why did the people want to stone Jesus?
o Mark 7:1-13	Why did Jesus call the Pharisees hypocrites?	o John 11:1-17	How many days had Lazarus been dead before Jesus arrived?
o Mark 7:14-37	What did Jesus do to heal the deaf man?	o John 11:18-46	To whom did Jesus say, "I am the resurrection and the life"?
o Mark 8:1-21	When Jesus fed the crowd of 5000, how many baskets of leftover pieces were collected?	o John 11:47-57	Who was out to arrest Jesus?
o Mark 8:22-38	What did the blind man of Bethsaida say people looked like when Jesus healed him?	o John 12:1-19	What did Mary do that Judas Iscariot objected to?
o Mark 9:1-29	Who was with Jesus when His appearance changed?	o John 12:20-50	What must happen to a seed so it can produce many seeds?
o Mark 9:30-50	What is salt for?	o John 13:1-17	How did Jesus prove His love for His disciples?
o Mark 10:1-31	Why did Moses allow divorce?	o John 13:18-38	Who betrayed Jesus?
o Mark 10:32-52	Who requested special places in Jesus' kingdom?	o John 14	Who would teach Jesus' followers all they needed to know?
o Mark 11:1-19	What did the people shout as Jesus rode into Jerusalem?	o John 15	What evidence proves that you are a disciple of Jesus?
o Mark 11:20-33	Why didn't Jesus tell the elders whose authority He acted by?	o John 16:1-15	Who will guide the disciples into truth after Jesus dies?
o Mark 12:1-27	Will there be marriage in heaven?	o John 16:16-33	When will the disciples' grief turn to joy?
o Mark 12:28-44	What did the widow give as an offering?	o John 17	How does Jesus bring glory to God on earth?
o Mark 13:1-13	What question did the disciples ask Jesus?	o John 18:1-23	Who was Malchus?
o Mark 13:14-37	What will last forever?	o John 18:24-40	What happened after Peter's denial?
o Mark 14:1-25	Why were some of the guests upset when the woman anointed Jesus?	o John 19:1-22	What notice did Pilate have fastened to the cross?
o Mark 14:26-50	Which 3 disciples did Jesus take with him to pray?	o John 19:23-42	What plant was used to lift up a sponge to Jesus?
o Mark 14:51-72	What happened after the third time Peter denied knowing Jesus?	o John 20	What disciple outran Peter to Jesus' tomb?
o Mark 15:1-26	How did the soldiers make fun of Jesus?	o John 21	How many fish did the disciples catch?
o Mark 15:27-47	What woman was the mother of two of Jesus' disciples?	o Acts 1	Who succeeded Judas Iscariot as an apostle?
o Mark 16	What three women came early to Jesus' grave on Sunday?	o Acts 2:1-13	What happened to the disciples as the Holy Spirit filled them?
o Luke 1:1-23	Which angel spoke to Zechariah?	o Acts 8:1-25	Who began to persecute the church?
o Luke 1:24-56	What did Elizabeth's baby do when Mary greeted her?	o Acts 8:26-40	What Old Testament book did Philip explain to the Ethiopian?
o Luke 1:57-80	When did Zechariah get his speech back?	o Acts 9:1-22	What happened when Ananias placed his hands on Saul?
o Luke 2:1-24	Why did Joseph go to Nazareth?	o Acts 9:23-43	What woman did Peter raise from the dead?
o Luke 2:25-52	What old man took the baby Jesus into his arms at the temple?	o Acts 10:1-23	What Roman soldier did Peter lead to Christ?
o Luke 3	What did John the Baptist call the crowd that came to hear him?	o Acts 10:24-48	What was Peter's other name?
o Luke 4:1-32	Who tempted Jesus?	o Acts 11	Where were believers first called Christians?
o Luke 4:33-44	What was wrong with Simon's mother-in-law?	o Acts 12	Who was the mother of John Mark?
o Luke 5:1-16	Which 3 disciples did Jesus call after blessing them with a huge catch of fish?	o Acts 13:1-23	What hard-working companion of Paul was called an apostle?
o Luke 5:17-39	Who invited tax collectors to a party with Jesus?	o Acts 13:24-52	Why did Paul and Barnabas shake the dust off their feet at Pisidian Antioch?
o Luke 6:1-26	Name the 12 apostles.	o Acts 14	What happened at Lystra?
o Luke 6:27-49	You can build your house (or your life) on what two options?	o Acts 15:1-21	Who offered a solution at the meeting in Jerusalem?
o Luke 7:1-30	What did the dead boy do when Jesus raised him to life?		
o Luke 7:31-50	In whose house was Jesus anointed by a sinful woman?		

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o Acts 15:22-41	What were Gentile believers required to abstain from?	o Eph. 3	Where is Christ's power?
o Acts 16:1-15	What wealthy woman made her living selling purple dye?	o Eph. 4	What is the purpose of a pastor?
o Acts 16:16-40	Why were those who had beaten and imprisoned Paul and Silas nervous?	o Eph. 5	How should we handle opportunities for doing good?
o Acts 17:1-15	Who examined the Scriptures to see if Paul was telling the truth?	o Eph. 6	What are the six pieces of the armor of God?
o Acts 2:14-47	How many were baptized on Pentecost?	o Phil. 1	Who wrote this book with Paul?
o Acts 3	Peter had no silver or gold. How did he help the lame man?	o Phil. 2	What servant of Paul's almost died serving the Lord?
o Acts 4:1-22	What two apostles were put into prison for teaching the people?	o Phil. 3	What must one do to press on toward the goal?
o Acts 4:23-37	What was Barnabas' original name?	o Phil. 4	What kinds of things should we think about?
o Acts 5:1-16	Whom did Satan provoke to lie to the Holy Spirit?	o Col. 1	How does Paul describe Christ?
o Acts 5:17-42	Who was Gamaliel?	o Col. 2	From what has Christ set us free?
o Acts 6	Who was Stephen?	o Col. 3	You work for whom?
o Acts 7:1-19	Who was Abraham's grandson?	o Col. 4	Where is Paul as he writes this letter to the Colossians?
o Acts 7:20-43	How old was Moses when he fled Egypt?	o 1Thes. 1	What two men helped Paul write this book?
o Acts 7:44-60	What were Stephen's dying words?	o 1Thes. 2	Who was Paul's glory?
o Acts 17:16-34	Where did Paul see an altar inscribed "To an Unknown God"?	o 1Thes. 3	What kind of report did Timothy give about how it was going for the Thessalonians?
o Acts 18	Who was Aquila's wife?	o 1Thes. 4	How should we live?
o Acts 19:1-20	In what city is the school or lecture hall of Tyrannus?	o 1Thes. 5	What will come like a thief in the night?
o Acts 19:21-41	Which goddess had a notorious temple at Ephesus?	o 2Thes. 1	What three people wrote this letter to the Thessalonians?
o Acts 20:1-16	Who fell asleep during a sermon and was later raised from the dead by Paul?	o 2Thes. 2	What will God use from His mouth to destroy and overthrow the lawless?
o Acts 20:17-38	Paul endures hardships to complete what task?	o 2Thes. 3	What can't people do if they don't work?
o Acts 21:1-14	Who took Paul's belt and used it to tie his own hands and feet?	o 1 Tim. 1	Who is the law made for: the righteous or the lawbreakers?
o Acts 21:15-40	Paul was from what city?	o 1 Tim. 2	Who is the mediator between God and men?
o Acts 22	Who was Paul's teacher?	o 1 Tim. 3	What are some qualities of a good leader?
o Acts 23:1-11	The Pharisees and Sadducees disagree about what?	o 1 Tim. 4	Why is spiritual exercise better than physical exercise?
o Acts 23:12-35	How many men were assigned to guard Paul?	o 1 Tim. 5	How should we treat older people?
o Acts 24	How long was Paul a prisoner in Caesarea?	o 1 Tim. 6	What kind of love is the root of all kinds of evil?
o Acts 25	Why was Festus going to send Paul to Rome?	o 2 Tim. 1	Who was Timothy's grandmother?
o Acts 26	Whom did Paul try to convert while giving his defense?	o 2 Tim. 2	Paul encourages Timothy to endure hardship like whom?
o Acts 27:1-26	What was the name of the centurion assigned to get Paul to Rome?	o 2 Tim. 3	What is Scripture useful for?
o Acts 27:27-44	How many were on board the doomed ship?	o 2 Tim. 4	What will Paul receive for finishing the race?
o Acts 28:1-15	What creature bit Paul on the hand but did not harm him?	o Titus 1	Why did Paul leave Titus on the island of Crete?
o Acts 28:16-32	What were Paul's accommodations in Rome?	o Titus 2	What one word should you say to ungodliness and worldly passions?
o Rom. 1	Why does no one have an excuse not to know about God?	o Titus 3	How many times should you warn a troublemaker before having nothing to do with him?
o Rom. 2	For Gentiles, where is the law written?	o Philemon	What was the name of the runaway slave who returned to Philemon for forgiveness?
o Rom. 3	How many are righteous?	o Heb. 1	How long will God's throne last?
o Rom. 4	Why did God consider Abraham righteous?	o Heb. 2	What did Jesus do that elevated Him above the angels?
o Rom. 5	What does suffering produce? What does character produce?	o Heb. 3	What type of building is the believer?
o Rom. 6	What is the result of sin?	o Heb. 4	God's Word is compared to the sharpness of what weapon?
o Rom. 7	For how long is a wife bound to her husband?	o Heb. 5	If you've been a Christian for a long time, what should you be doing?
o Rom. 8:1-18	What name does the Spirit let us call God?	o Heb. 6	God confirms His purpose with what?
o Rom. 8:19-39	What tells you if you are a child of God?	o Heb. 7	What priest in the Bible is mentioned as having no mother or father?
o Rom. 9	Whose unbelief caused the author's unceasing anguish?	o Heb. 8	In what two places will God put His laws?
o Rom. 10	Who will be saved?	o Heb. 9	What does a priest sprinkle on the tabernacle?
o Rom. 11:1-2	What does the grafting of the olive tree symbolize?	o Heb. 10:1-23	What did sacrifices remind the people of?
o Rom. 11:25-36	Who are God's chosen people?	o Heb. 10:24-39	What do people who deliberately sin forfeit?
o Rom. 12	How should you treat a hungry enemy?	o Heb. 11:1-19	What is faith?
o Rom. 13	Who establishes authorities?	o Heb. 11:20-40	Did all of the faithful people in the author's examples receive what they were promised?
o Rom. 14	Whose account will you give before God?	o Heb. 12	What athletic activity is compared to the Christian life?
o Rom. 15:1-13	Why were the Scriptures written?	o Heb. 13	Without even knowing it, whom have some people entertained?
o Rom. 15:14-33	What country would be Paul's destination when he stopped in Rome?	o James 1	What 2 things should you be slow to do? What 1 thing should you be quick to do?
o Rom. 16	What two Christians risked their lives for Paul?	o James 2	What is the royal law found in the Bible?
o 1Cor. 1	What is a stumbling block to the Jews?	o James 3	What animal is compared to the tongue?
o 1Cor. 2	Christians have the mind of whom?	o James 4	What form of water is compared to one's life?
o 1Cor. 3	What tests the quality of each person's work?	o James 5	Who, according to James, should anoint the sick believer with oil?
o 1Cor. 4	Who was Paul's second in command?	o 1 Peter 1	What fragile part of nature does Peter compare to man?
o 1Cor. 5	Who is the Passover Lamb?	o 1 Peter 2	People are compared to what barn animal?
o 1Cor. 6	What is a temple of the Holy Spirit?	o 1 Peter 3	With what should you repay evil?
o 1Cor. 7:1-24	Is it better to marry or to burn with passion?	o 1 Peter 4	What will trials do?
o 1Cor. 7:25-40	What will those who marry face?	o 1 Peter 5	Who will appear and give a crown that will never fade away?
o 1Cor. 8	What does knowledge sometimes do? What about love?	o 2 Peter 1	What disability do you have if you don't strive to make yourself useful for God's work?
o 1Cor. 9	What is the runner after?	o 2 Peter 2	What animal spoke in order to reprimand the wicked prophet?
o 1Cor. 10:1-13	When you are tempted, what will God give you?	o 2 Peter 3	How many years are compared to one day with the Lord?
o 1Cor. 10:14-33	What is the one bread or loaf?	o 1 John 1	What are we doing to ourselves if we claim we have no sin?
o 1Cor. 11:1-14	Why should we follow the example of the writer, Paul?	o 1 John 2	How many times does John say "I write to you...because...?"
o 1Cor. 11:15-34	What did Jesus say about the cup of wine?	o 1 John 3	In what two ways should we love others?
o 1Cor. 12	How has God arranged the parts of the body?	o 1 John 4	Why can't a person who doesn't know love, know God?
o 1Cor. 13	What are the three things that last?	o 1 John 5	What are the three things that testify that Jesus is the Son of God?
o 1Cor. 14:1-20	What is the purpose of prophecy?	o 2 John	How should people respond to traveling teachers who do not bring Jesus' teachings?
o 1Cor. 14:21-40	What things are part of "orderly" worship?	o 3 John	John commends his friend Gaius for what behavior?
o 1Cor. 15:1-32	Who was raised first?	o Jude	Who disputed with Satan over Moses' body?
o 1Cor. 15:33-58	What work is not in vain?	o Rev. 1	How many times does the author use the number seven?
o 1Cor. 16	What did Stephanas, Fortunatus, and Achaieus deserve?	o Rev. 2	The seven letters have been written for whom?
o 2Cor. 1	Who wrote this letter to the Corinthians?	o Rev. 3	What church was neither hot nor cold?
o 2Cor. 2-3	Who takes the veil away?	o Rev. 4	What has a rainbow encircling it, and lightning and thunder coming from it?
o 2Cor. 4	Where do we keep the treasure of God's light?	o Rev. 5	Who will open the book with seven seals?
o 2Cor. 5	In what tent do we live?	o Rev. 6	What animal appeared in four different colors?
o 2Cor. 6	What does Paul (the author) say about marrying an unbeliever?	o Rev. 7	How many people were sealed as servants of God?
o 2Cor. 7	Godly sorrow leads to what?	o Rev. 8	How long was the silence after the seventh seal was opened?
o 2Cor. 8	Who was one of Paul's closest partners in the Lord's work?	o Rev. 9	What insects were told not to kill the people?
o 2Cor. 9	Why might God make you rich?	o Rev. 10	What did the angel ask the author to do with the little scroll?
o 2Cor. 10	When is boasting okay?	o Rev. 11	What natural disaster killed 7,000 enemies of God's witnesses?
o 2Cor. 11:1-15	Was Paul (the author) a good speaker?	o Rev. 12	What red creature pursued the woman who bore a son?
o 2Cor. 11:16-33	How many times was the author (Paul) shipwrecked?	o Rev. 13	What number is the mark of the beast?
o 2Cor. 12	Why was the author given a "thorn in his flesh"?	o Rev. 14	Who could learn the song the choir sang?
o 2Cor. 13	How were the Corinthians to greet one another?	o Rev. 15	How many angels accompanied the last seven plagues?
o Gal. 1	Which brother of Jesus does Paul mention?	o Rev. 16	What container holds God's wrath on the earth?
o Gal. 2	Whom did Paul oppose when he met him in Antioch?	o Rev. 17	Who sits on a scarlet beast covered with blasphemous names?
o Gal. 3	Can people receive the Holy Spirit by keeping the law?	o Rev. 18	What great and powerful city is consumed by fire and brought to ruin?
o Gal. 4	What does the Spirit allow us to call God?	o Rev. 19	What two names are given to the rider on the white horse?
o Gal. 5	Name the nine fruits of the Spirit.	o Rev. 20	Where did the angel throw the dragon?
o Gal. 6	What will we reap if we don't give up?	o Rev. 21	What new, magnificent, Holy City comes down from heaven?
o Eph. 1	Who wrote this book? To whom did he write?	o Rev. 22:1-6	What stood on each side of the river?
o Eph. 2	If Christ makes us alive, what makes us dead?	o Rev. 22:7-21	How much does the water of life cost?