



*Bible  
Reading  
Plan*

**WEEK 3**  
MAY 04 - 10



## *Using The Bible Reading Plan*

The mark of a growing disciple is the discipline to self-feed. During this unprecedented time, the Lord is redirecting His people to pause and rediscover Him and His ways afresh. This is the heart behind our Bible Reading Plan - that we, as a church will delight the Father when we are growing in our love for Him and allowing His Spirit to move us in obeying His Word in our lives.

The Bible Reading Plan comprises a daily passage with reflection questions to guide you in meditation. You can also journal what God's Spirit is prompting you to do in applying the Word. We pray that as you carve out unhurried time to encounter God, you will revitalise your spiritual life and encourage others to experience likewise!



In order to fully utilise the features within this Reading Plan, open this document using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

(<https://acrobat.adobe.com/sea/en/mobile/acrobat-reader.html>)



## *This Week's Focus*

We ended last week by seeing how Nehemiah and Judah prevailed against those who oppose their work of rebuilding the walls. Opposition is to be expected every time we walk in obedience to God's ways and commands. At times, the journey can be tough and we all need encouragement from fellow brothers and sisters as we enter by the narrow gate. This week, we will explore the theme of encouragement. We will look to God's Word concerning encouragement and how His Word can encourage us when the going gets tough.

May 04

# MONDAY

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"Be strong and courageous..." - **Deuteronomy 31:7 (ESV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Deuteronomy 31:7-8 ([Read](#)); Deuteronomy 31:23 ([Read](#));

Joshua 1:1-9 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go (v 9b). Place yourself in Joshua's shoes. Why is it important for you to hear this?

Think about an opposition or a discouragement you are experiencing. What does it mean for you to be “strong and courageous” in this/these situation(s)?

## *Speak, Lord... Your Servant is Listening*

Areas of my life (character, lifestyle and values) the Holy Spirit is prompting me to adjust.

Any other promptings from the Holy Spirit? (Words of encouragement, specific actions, etc.)

May 05

# TUESDAY

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"Wait for the Lord! Be strong and let your heart take courage..." - **Psalm 27:14 (NASB)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Psalm 27 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

Recall an incident when you applied this promise of God - "He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble?" (v 5)

Meditate on verse 13 – *I would have lost heart, unless I had believed that I would see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living* (NKJV). What does this verse mean personally for you?

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May 06

# WEDNESDAY

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"Tell everyone who is discouraged, "Be strong and don't be afraid!" - **Isaiah 35:4 (GNT)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Isaiah 35:1-10 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

"Be strong; fear not!.... He will come and save you. (v 4)" What does it personally mean to you knowing that God will save us in the midst of our mess?

Verse 8 says that God delivers us so that we can walk on the “highway of holiness.” Examine your heart and your thoughts – is the desire of your heart to walk in the way of holiness when God rescues you?

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May 07

# THURSDAY

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"But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf..." - **Jeremiah 29:7 (ESV)**

## *Today's Meditation*

Jeremiah 29:1-23 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

"And work for the peace and prosperity of the city where I sent you into exile..." (v 7, NLT). While waiting for God's rescue to come, how are you to approach your current season of exile/difficulty?

Jeremiah 29:11-14 describes God's heart for His children. In light of understanding His heart, what are some of your attitudes that need to change in the midst of difficulties?

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May 08

# FRIDAY

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"These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace." - **John 16:33 (NASB)**



## *Today's Meditation*

John 16:16-33 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

"You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy..." (v 20).  
What do you think Jesus meant when He said this to His disciples?

"I have overcome the world..." (v 33). How does this verse apply to you and your circumstances?

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May 09

# SATURDAY

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"But after the disciples had gathered around him, he got up and went back into the city." - **Acts 14:20 (NIV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Acts 4:36–37 ([Read](#)); Acts 14:19–23 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

What is something important that Paul did to strengthen the churches? (v 22)

Who is one person you can encourage during this season that is going through a tough time? Spend some time in prayer and work out an action plan on how to encourage this individual.

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May 10

# SUNDAY

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"One night, the Lord spoke to Paul in a vision..." - **Acts 18:9**  
(NIV)



## *Today's Meditation*

Acts 18:1-11 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

Why do you think God needed to tell Paul not to be afraid (v 9)?

God knows when to best encourage us. Therefore, what should your posture be during the period of silence (the absence of God's voice)?

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## *Additional Resources*

Article: Encouragement by John Maxwell  
(<https://go.aws/2VNMBz5>)

Article: Encourage One Another by Nancy DeMoss Wolgemuth  
(<https://go.aws/3aBdvP2>)

Article: The Fatherhood of God by Sam Storms  
(<https://go.aws/2yIX0mS>)

Song: His Strength is Perfect by Steven Curtis Chapman  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FbjxJnk2XTU>)

Video: Story Behind The Song "Blessings" by Laura Story  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BKstHeh5FHA>)



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