



*Bible
Reading
Plan*

WEEK 9
JUNE 15 - 21



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!



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



This Week's Focus

We will wrap up on the theme of *faith* before returning to the book of Ezra. One key emphasis this week is "Faith without works is dead". Many of us today might unknowingly approach our Christian faith with a Greek (Hellenistic) mindset – the end goal is knowledge and belief/philosophy. However, Scripture teaches us that our faith or a belief system must also translate into works. As you read through the passages this week, may the Holy Spirit search your heart and help you to translate your beliefs into good works.

June 15

MONDAY



"For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them." – **Ephesians 2:8-10 (ESV)**

Today's Meditation

Ephesians 1:15 - 2:10 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

It is by grace through faith that we have been saved, raised and seated with Christ (2:5-6). What does it mean for you to be seated with Christ in the heavenly realms? (Refer also to [Romans 8:37](#), [2 Corinthians 2:14](#), [Colossians 3:1-4](#))

We are "created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"(2:10). How can you step out in faith to do good works?

Speak, Lord... Your Servant is Listening

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

June 16

TUESDAY



"These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth." – **Hebrews 11:13 (ESV)**

Today's Meditation

Hebrews 11:1-16 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What does "assurance about what we do not see" (v 1) mean to you? (Read *Faith: Assurance of Things Hoped For* by Andrew Davis in Additional Resources)

The ancients lived their lives by faith and did not receive the things promised (v 13). How do the examples of the ancients strengthen your faith and inspire the way you live?

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June 17

WEDNESDAY



"And all these, though commended through their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better for us, that apart from us they should not be made perfect." - **Hebrews 11:39-40 (ESV)**

Today's Meditation

Hebrews 11:17-40 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Abraham demonstrated great faith in God when he willingly offered Isaac as a sacrifice (v 17-19). Are you willing to do the same if God asked you to sacrifice the one thing that you hold most dearly? What is holding you back?

Are there any areas in your life where you lived by faith but suffered for it (e.g. faced persecutions, opposition, or felt alienated etc.)? How does Hebrews 11 encourage you to keep on exercising your faith?

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June 18

THURSDAY

"For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead." - **James 2:26 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

James 2:14-26 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

How have you been demonstrating your faith through your actions in your current stage of life?

How can you and your cell members practically spur each other towards love and good works?

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June 19

FRIDAY

"...for the hand of the Lord my God was on me..." - **Ezra 7:28 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Ezra 7 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Ezra received assistance and favour from an unlikely source (King Artaxerxes). What does this reveal to you about God's power and sovereignty?

How does knowing that the Lord's hand is upon you encourage you to go forth and fulfil God's calling for you?

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June 20

SATURDAY



"The hand of our God is for good on all who seek Him, and the power of His wrath is against all who forsake Him." - **Ezra 8:22 (ESV)**

Today's Meditation

Ezra 8 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Although Ezra proclaimed faith in God's protection, he still called on a fast to petition to God for a safe journey (v 21-23). Does this show a lack of faith? Why or why not?

"Then I proclaimed a fast there...that we might humble ourselves before our God..." (v 21) How does fasting help us to be humble before God?

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June 21

SUNDAY



"As soon as I heard this, I tore my garment and my cloak and pulled hair from my head and beard and sat appalled. Then all who trembled at the words of the God of Israel, because of the faithlessness of the returned exiles, gathered around me while I sat appalled until the evening sacrifice." - **Ezra 9:3-4 (ESV)**

Today's Meditation

Ezra 9 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Ezra described their sin as "faithlessness of the returned exiles". (v 4) How is sin a demonstration of faithlessness? How does this affect our perception of God?

What is our responsibility towards our brothers/sisters when we notice sinful patterns in their lives? What does it mean to be “our brothers/sisters keeper”?

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Additional Resources

Article: Faith - Assurance of Things Hoped For by Andrew Davis
(<https://rlc.sg/3hfVRVn>)

Article: What James Means by "Faith without Works is Dead" by Peter H. Davis,
Zondervan Academic
(<https://rlc.sg/2MLxCAn>)

Article: Why Good Works are Crucial for the Christian Life by David R. Helm, Crossway
(<https://rlc.sg/2B23ePy>)

Article: 5 Obvious Signs It's Time for You to Start Rebuilding Faith by Deep Spirituality
(<https://rlc.sg/2BVEmd0>)

Song: The God Who Stays by Matthew West
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KHMVSdljBcg>)

Song: No More Pretending by Scott Krippayne
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=CmArseJXaUE>)



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