

A 21-DAY JOURNEY THROUGH SCRIPTURE

# READ REFLECT RELATE RESPOND



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# INTRODUCTION

Spiritual growth is not an option in a believer's life. God expects us to grow. One of the most significant ways we can experience growth in our lives is to read the Bible on a daily basis.

The Bible is the most incredible and unique book ever written. All 66 books, from Genesis to Revelation, are God's inspired Word given to us through many human authors over a period of time to help us grow in our faith. They show us what is true and real in a world that is rapidly changing and where everyone does what they feel is right. In them we discover what God is like, find guidance when we are lost, hope when we are suffering and most of all we find Jesus, the most amazing person who ever lived.

Your spiritual life is important and we believe that nothing has a greater impact on your growth than reading and reflecting on Scripture. When you find a time and a place to read the Bible every day, you will see that His Words are life-giving, often challenging, but will in the end transform you. We challenge you to read the Bible along with us for the next 21 days.

# HOW IT WORKS

Each day you will read a specific passage and we will guide you through a fourfold process: Read, Reflect, Relate and Respond. For the first seven days there is a brief introduction to each passage and there are sample answers provided to help you engage in the fourfold process. The second week, there are only sample answers given in the fourfold process. And the third week, just the fourfold process. Please remember, this experience is about listening to how the Bible speaks into your life. Let the introductions and sample answers be a guide, but don't let them keep you from interacting with the Bible on your own.

## **Read**

Open your Bible to the specific reading for the day. As you read, observe words, phrases, or a particular verse that stands out to you. Feel free to underline or highlight in your Bible if that helps you. Write down what stands out to you.

## **Reflect**

Ask yourself: What is God saying in this passage? What is the writer trying to communicate by his particular choice of words and phrases? What is the tone of the passage? The particular situation or setting?

## **Relate**

Now make it personal. Ask yourself: How does this affect or apply to my own life? Is God giving me an instruction, an encouragement, a promise, or a correction to a specific area of my life?

## **Respond**

Finally, ask God to help you live out this verse. What do you want me to do with what I've learned? James 1:22 says, "Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." Pray and ask God to help you.

If you miss a day, don't fret, just go to the day we're currently on. We are really excited about what God is going to do in your life for these next 21 days.

# DAY 1

John 4:13-14

Jesus was a master at using everyday situations to explain spiritual realities, and His encounter with the Samaritan woman was no exception. In John chapter 4, we see Jesus make a deliberate choice to go through Samaria, a region Jewish people usually avoided as they did not interact with Samaritans. However, that day, in the town of Sychar, at Jacob's well, Jesus broke with convention and spoke with a Samaritan woman. While their interaction began over water from the well, Jesus took the conversation deeper, to the spiritual needs of the woman. Today's passage comes from the middle of that conversation, where Jesus is talking about a spiritual reality. The woman is still focused on her physical needs and not her spiritual needs. Eventually, she will recognize that she is speaking to the Messiah and will invite others to come and meet Jesus, but it takes some time for her to finally recognize what Jesus is offering her.

As we think about this interaction between Jesus and the Samaritan women, it's good to reflect on our lives and recognize how our felt physical needs and religious questions can interfere with recognizing our own spiritual needs and accepting the invitation that Jesus offers.

## **John 4:13-14**

*Jesus answered, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again, but whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst. Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life.*

# DAY 1

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*"...whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst."*

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*Jesus offers something that will satisfy my deepest longings.*

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*Like the Samaritan woman, I need to see past my physical needs and to my spiritual need for Christ. I must turn to Him to meet the deepest needs of my life.*

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Lord Jesus – Thank you for how you take deep spiritual realities and explain them through ordinary means that we can relate to. Thank you that you care about our physical, emotional and spiritual needs. Help me to trust you with all of my needs, but not to get so caught up in my physical needs, that I miss out on the water that you give that will sustain my soul. Help me to always be aware of the water that you offer and trust in you to meet my deepest needs. Amen.*



## DAY 2

Psalm 27:1

Today's passage comes from the book of Psalms; this book has been rightly called the Hymnal of Israel. The Psalms are a collection of poetry that were set to music in corporate worship. Many of the Psalms have the author identified, and Psalm 27 is labeled as a Psalm of David. It's not certain exactly when David wrote this particular Psalm, but we know from elsewhere in Scripture that he had a lifetime of trusting and relying on God to draw upon as he was inspired to pen these words.

Psalm 27 opens with David praising God for who He is and recognizing that there is no need to fear anything else. He proclaims that God is his light. Light often provides hope, direction, and comfort. Clearly, God provides all those things to David and offers them to us as well. David writes that God is his salvation. Indeed God has delivered David from the time he was a boy tending his Father's sheep, to rescuing him from Saul and protecting him in the battlefield. David knows that God not only provided physical salvation, but spiritual salvation as well. Lastly, in today's passage, David refers to God as his stronghold. This isn't a word we use often today, but when David wrote it, the word was used to convey the idea of a defense, fortress, and a place of protection. Just in one verse, David gives us a powerful view of our Creator.

### **Psalm 27: 1**

*The Lord is my light and my salvation—whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life—of whom shall I be afraid?*

# DAY 2

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*Whom shall I fear?*

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*The context of the question provides the answer. Since God is my light, salvation and stronghold, I do not need to be afraid of anyone or anything.*

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*It can be easy to be concerned about the world around me. Sometimes, I can feel helpless as there are so many things I can't control. This passage reminds me that God is my ultimate protector and provider, so I don't need to fear what I can't control. Instead, I need to keep my eyes on God and remember that He can save me from anything that comes my way.*

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Lord, thank you that you are my light, my salvation and my stronghold. Help me to trust in you and keep my eyes on you instead of my fears. Help me move forward in faith, trusting that you can take care of me. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# DAY 3

1 Peter 5:7

It's not too hard to feel anxious in the world we live in today. We don't even have to turn on the TV anymore to have devastating news reach us. Our smartphones inform us instantly when there is a mass shooting or other tragedy. Hurricane models now predict days in advance before a storm hits our shores, so we can keep a watchful eye on what might befall citizens vulnerable to the storm's damage. Social media reminds us of the deep divides in our country along racial and political lines. For some of us, we don't have to look outside our homes to feel anxious. We get a test back from the doctor that's not quite right, and more tests are needed. We struggle to pay the bills. We are concerned for a child who seems to have walked away from the faith. So many things are out of our control, and we can feel helpless.

Peter was no stranger to anxiety. He watched as Jesus was arrested and crucified. Peter had suffered in his own life for the sake of the gospel and was imprisoned for his faith. In the book, 1 Peter, he encourages the church, who finds herself in the midst of persecution, and encourages her to persevere. It's no wonder that near the close of his letter, he reminds his readers that they can cast their anxiety on the Lord.

## **1 Peter 5:7**

*Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.*

# DAY 3

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*Cast all your anxiety on him.*

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*God wants me to trust him with everything that makes me anxious, and, not only that, He invites me to cast it on Him, not to continue to carry it.*

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*While I should come to God with thankfulness for all he has done, I can come to Him with what is making me anxious. In fact, here I am commanded to cast my anxieties on Him. What a relief!*

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Gracious God, thank you that you not only will receive my prayers of Thanksgiving, but my prayers of concerns and worries as well. Help me to understand how much You care about me, so that I can be free of the anxiety that can weigh me down and keep me from following after you wholeheartedly. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*



## DAY 4

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

Today's passage comes from the book of Deuteronomy, the last book of the Pentateuch, the first five books of the Bible. This five-book section is what Jewish people refer to as the "Torah" or "the Law". It's important to understand that this book is not just a list of commands. Deuteronomy tells part of the early story of God's people, Israel. Context is always helpful when determining the meaning of a verse or passage. It's always great to back up and read some of the verses that precede and follow the passage you are studying. In this case, reading the end of the previous chapter leads to the discovery of Deuteronomy 5:29, "Oh, that their hearts would be inclined to fear me and keep all my commands always, so that it might go well with them and their children forever!" We see here that God isn't giving commands for his sake alone. He provides them for the well-being of His people! Let's keep that in mind as we read today's passage.

### **Deuteronomy 6:4-5**

*Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.*

# DAY 4

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*With all your heart*

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*God wants my whole-hearted devotion toward Him.*

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*God doesn't want only half-hearted affection from me; He wants me to be "all in". As passionately as I would show attention toward a new love interest, a career goal, or my favorite sports team, God wants my devotion and attention directed from my heart.*

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Gracious God – Thank you that you have given commands that work for my good. Help me to recognize that as I strive to love you with all of my heart.*

*Please give me the strength to put aside things that would keep me from following your commands. In Jesus' name. Amen*



# DAY 5

Matthew 22:37-39

If you read yesterday's passage, today's passage should have a familiar ring to it! As we read Matthew 22 leading up to today's passage, we see various groups trying to trap Jesus with their questions. It could be funny for us to think about now, but in Jesus' time, there were men who actually thought they were smart enough to outsmart the Son of God! After the Sadducees had tried and failed, the Pharisees wanted a turn. They asked Jesus what the greatest commandment was. He responded with the familiar words from Deuteronomy 6, which should have been a satisfactory answer to the Pharisees. However, Jesus added a bonus answer in letting them know that it was like the first, to "Love your neighbor as yourself". Jesus' simple response to their question provides us with at least two important things to ponder.

1. Loving my neighbor is a part of loving God well. I can't divorce love of God from love of my fellow man. As important as it is to love God, it isn't complete unless that love transforms us to love our neighbors.
2. A dangerous trend is emerging in which people are being instructed that they don't have to believe the whole Bible, only in the story of Jesus. While this may be a beginning path for someone outside the faith who struggles to believe everything in the entire Bible, there are problems to that approach for those of us who follow Christ. This passage highlights one of those problems. Let's say for example, that someone has decided to reject the Old Testament or at least the Exodus event contained in the Old Testament, but believes in Jesus' words. Jesus quoting Deuteronomy here poses quite a problem. If Deuteronomy cannot be trusted, then if Jesus is quoting from it, what does that say about Jesus' words? This passage should serve as a reminder that the entire Bible is inspired by God (2 Timothy 2:16). If Jesus trusted the words of Deuteronomy (and many other Old Testament verses) than so can we!

## **Matthew 22:37-39**

*Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' All the law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments."*

# DAY 5

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*Love your neighbor as yourself*

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*I have a tendency to think of my own needs/desires very easily and take care of myself very naturally. God calls me to look beyond myself to love others in the way I love myself.*

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*Loving God means loving others. If I want to love God fully, I will love my “neighbor” fully. We are reminded by the parable of the Good Samaritan that my “neighbor” might be someone that is from a different background or religion than me (Luke 10:25-37).*

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Heavenly Father – Thank You for being the ultimate example of sacrificial love. Help me to follow your example and love my neighbor as myself with the strength and love that you provide. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*



# DAY 6

II Peter 3:9

I don't have to tell you we live in a fast-paced world, and it seems like it's only getting faster. Speed limits on highways increase. News outlets rush to break the story first. We demand higher and higher speeds for our internet connections. Fast food and fast-casual restaurants are eclipsing traditional sit-down establishments. The newest cooking trend is the "insta-pot". We want things our way, right away, or not at all. Today's scripture passage reminds us that God's timing is not always at the fast pace to which we are accustomed.

In fact, it's startling to think that Peter had to remind his first century audience that God was not slow in keeping his promises. It's hard to imagine a time when the definition of speed was a fast horse and important messages were often delivered by foot over long distances, that God seemed slow to them, but Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit to pen these words even in those slow, ancient times. How much more do we need to be reminded of that today! Instead of thinking that God is "slow", we can be reminded that He is patient, and we are to be also, as we wait on Him to keep His promises.

## **II Peter 3:9**

*The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. He is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

# DAY 6

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*The Lord is not slow*

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*Even when it seems like I am waiting on God forever, I can trust that His timing is perfect.*

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*I must be prepared to wait on God to keep His promises and not give up hope.*

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Gracious God, Thank you that you are patient with us and faithful to keep your promises. Please forgive me when I doubt your timing and even think that You are slow. Help me to rest in Your character and trust in You as I wait for You to fulfill your promises. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# DAY 7

James 4: 7-8a

As we wrap up the first week in our Bible reading plan, we're reminded of a yet another important promise from God. This promise tells us that if we come near to Him, He will come near to us. A simple, but profound promise to consider for sure. All major religions require a set of behaviors, conditions, and rules to follow to try to appease a "god". This is where Christianity is different. We are given the assurance that all we need to do is draw close to God and He will come near to us. Yes, God desires us to lead holy lives, set apart for Him, but we can live that way with the strength and grace that He provides. As we will see tomorrow, the fruit of the Spirit, is just that, an outworking of the Spirit's work in our lives, not a list of behaviors we try to master so God will love us. As you continue in this series, be mindful of this promise. Sometimes you may not feel closer to God, but we have His Word to remind us that He will come near to us when we draw near to Him.

## **James 4: 7-8a**

*Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.  
Come near to God and he will come near to you.*

# DAY 7

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*He will come near to you*

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*God doesn't wait for us to have our "act together" to come close to us. He only looks for our desire to be near to Him.*

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*This assurance is a wonderful comfort, not only in my own life, but knowing that God will draw near to all who earnestly seek Him.*

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Holy God – Thank you for this amazing promise revealed in your Word to me today. Help me to walk in the assurance of knowing that when I come close to You, You will come close to me. Help me to share that important promise with others, who may feel that you are far away. Thank you for being Emmanuel – God with us. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*



# DAY 8

## **Galatians 5:22**

*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*The fruit of the Spirit is...*

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*These nine attributes are seen as “fruit”, the outgrowth of the Spirit in our lives, not a list of “to-dos”*

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*To see the kind of transformation that I want to see in my life (i.e. to be more loving, joyful, etc.) I must draw on the Spirit for strength and transformation; it's His fruit, not mine.*

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Almighty God – Thank you for the gift of your Spirit who transforms my life. Help me to actively trust in Him to make the changes in my life that I want to see. Thank you for your grace, mercy and patience as I grow in my walk with you. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# DAY 9

## **Revelation 22:17**

*The Spirit and the bride say, “Come!” And let him who hears say, “Come!” Whoever is thirsty, let him come; and whoever wishes, let him take the free gift of the water of life.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*Whoever is thirsty, let him come*

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*I think this means that the Spirit of God beckons me to take my thirst to Him and He will give freely*

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*Too often I turn to things of the world to try and satisfy my thirst, relationships, career success, and material things. I need to learn to turn to God with my thirst, because only He can offer the water of life that will truly satisfy my soul.*

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Dear Heavenly Father – Thank you for your invitation to come to you when I am thirsty. Help me to understand that my real thirst is for you and to turn to you with my desires and longings instead of the world. In Jesus’ name, Amen.*



# DAY 10

## **John 3:16-17**

*For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world.*

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*Jesus' mission was one of offering salvation and hope, not condemnation*

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*If Jesus' mission was not that of condemnation, my mission shouldn't be one of condemnation either.*

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Gracious God, Thank you for your Son Jesus that you sent to save the world, not condemn it. I confess it can be tempting to condemn others I see acting contrary to Your Word. Help me not to condemn others, but to pray for them and reach out to them with Your message of hope and salvation. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen.*



# DAY 11

## **Proverbs 3:5-6**

*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*Lean not on your own understanding*

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

*I should look to God and His Word to provide my understanding of the world around me and not to myself.*

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*It's so easy to rely on my way of thinking as I navigate the world around me. It's also tempting to listen to others explain the condition of the human heart or the source of evil in the world according to reason or scientific study. God alone knows the condition of the human heart, and the way things appear is not always the way they actually are according to His Word. In seeking to walk a straight path, I should lean on Him, not on my own knowledge.*

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Heavenly Father, thank you for the gifts of Your Word and the Holy Spirit to guide me and direct me. Help me to trust in You completely, obeying Your Word and Your Spirit as I walk through this world. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# DAY 12

## Hebrews 11:1

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

### Read

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*Certain of what we do not see*

### Reflect

What do you think this means?

*Faith gives us a new set of eyes to see what our physical eyes cannot yet see and comprehend.*

### Relate

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*Too often what I ascribe as “faith” is more like wishful thinking. True faith is taking God at His Word and seeing His promises fulfilled even as I wait.*

### Respond

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Faithful Father – Thank You that Your Word is true and Your Promises are real. Help me to have the kind of faith that expresses a genuine trust in you, not merely wishful thinking. Give me eyes of faith to see what You will do, even as I wait for those promises to be fulfilled. In Jesus’ name I pray, Amen.*



# DAY 13

## **Isaiah 40:31**

*But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?  
*Those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength*

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?  
*Hoping in God strengthens those who put their trust in Him*

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?  
*When I feel weary or tired, I should remind myself about this promise and ask God to renew my faith and hope in Him.*

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.  
*Heavenly Father, it is easy to feel tired and weary when I take my eyes off You. Strengthen my faith so that my hope is in You, and I do not grow weary in doing Your Will. In Jesus' name. Amen.*



# DAY 14

## Psalm 1

*Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers. But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night. He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers. Not so the wicked! They are like chaff that the wind blows away. Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous. For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.*

## Read

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

*He is like a tree planted by streams of water.*

## Reflect

What do you think this means?

*I picture a tree planted by water as being well nourished, healthy, strong, secure.*

## Relate

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

*I desire to be like that tree. This passage promises that if I meditate on the law of God day and night and make His law my delight, I can be secure and strong like that tree, producing fruit, too!*

## Respond

Ask God to help you live out this verse.

*Heavenly Father — Thank you again for the gift of your Word. Help me to delight in it and meditate on it day and night. Thank you for the promise of being like a tree planted by streams of water. Help me to abide in you so that I produce fruit and offer the world around me a sense of stability. In Jesus' name, Amen.*



# DAY 15

## **John 15:5**

*I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.



# DAY 16

## **Psalm 121**

*I lift up my eyes to the hills—where does my help come from? My help comes from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth. He will not let your foot slip—he who watches over you will not slumber; indeed, he who watches over Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord watches over you—the Lord is your shade at your right hand; the sun will not harm you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all harm—he will watch over your life; the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.



# DAY 17

## **Acts 1:8**

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.*

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.



# DAY 18

## **Romans 12:1-2**

*Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.



# DAY 19

## **Colossians 3:12-14**

*Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive whatever grievances you may have against one another. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.*

### **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

### **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

### **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

### **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.



# DAY 20

## **Psalm 23**

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters, he restores my soul. He guides me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and love will follow me all the days of my life, and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.*

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.



# DAY 21

## **Hebrews 12:1-2**

*Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us. Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.*

## **Read**

What is the verse or phrase that stands out to you?

## **Reflect**

What do you think this means?

## **Relate**

How does this affect you or apply to your life?

## **Respond**

Ask God to help you live out this verse.



# ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Reading the Bible is the foundation in which we grow in our affection and knowledge of God to propel us forward into His mission. We hope these 21 days have increased your appetite for God's Word.

Use these resources to help set up a reading plan or choose unique studies that can better help you in your spiritual journey.

## Read Scripture

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