

I had always felt life first as a story: and if

there is a story there is a story-teller.

G.K. Chesterton

MySpiritualCoach:_____

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Everyone needs a coach (Heb. 10:24-25) for motivation (Prov. 27:17) and encouragement (Gal. 6:2). If you don't have a Jesus-centered friendship with someone who can help you process through this book, let us know. We can help!

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Everyone has a story. Put another way, everyone's life is a story. But most people don't know how to read their life in a way that reveals their story. They miss the deeper meaning in their life, and they have little sense of how God has written their story to reveal Himself and His own story."

Dan Allender

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The first four words in the Bible are, "In the beginning God." And just as with the Bible, so it is true in your life as well. Your spiritual journey began not with your interest in

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or pursuit of God, but with His unrelenting pursuit of you. "In the beginning" of your story ... God! One of the most profound realizations that comes along with becoming a Christian is that, in your quest or expedition for God, you mistakenly thought you were the hunter. But

The outworking of original sin is my failing to rigorously relinquish my identity to God's story.

Rosaria Butterfield

nothing could be further from the truth. God is the hunter, the searcher, the pursuing lover. What you thought were your first attempts to reach for God, were only your first moments of awareness of His pursuit of you. And if He is the pursuing Lover, you are the pursued beloved! 11

UNDERSTANDING YOUR STORY BACKWARDS AND FORWARDS

we share stories of the times in our lives when our faith or trust in God has grown, common experiences emerge between us all. Author Reggie Joiner calls these common experiences "faith catalysts" because they seem to be the key things that God uses to grow your faith in Him.

Note: for further exploration into these catalysts, listen to the 6-part sermon series by Andy Stanley: fivethingsgoduses.com

STOP! Don't do this alone. Well, you can, but there's a better way. One thing you will need for your ongoing spiritual growth is relationships with others. In fact, you'll discover that developing relationships with other Jesus followers is actually a spiritual practice that will be vital for the rest of your life. Do you have this sort of relationship with someone already? If so, ask them to sit down with you to listen and help you think through the five faith catalysts listed on page 8. If you don't know someone yet who could help you do this, let us help. One of our Timberline team members would love to connect with you, maybe over a cup of coffee, and hear your story as you journey through these five faith catalysts.

Timberline Fort Collins Timberline Windsor Timberline Old Town 970.482.4387 970.686.8479 970.482.4387 ext.123 contactus@timberlinechurch.org hi@timberlinewindsor.org tot@timberlinechurch.org When you investigate the life-maps of people there seem to be common catalysts that define and grow our faith.

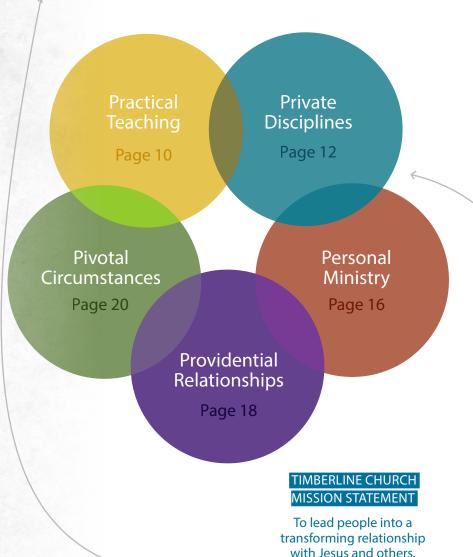
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Reggie Joiner

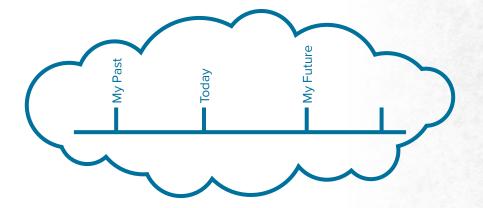
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This booklet will walk you through each of the Five Faith Catalysts, helping you to look at your story and see God throughout the entire thing.

THE STARTING POINT THE FIVE FAITH CATALYSTS



HOW?



Have you ever drawn a life-map? Essentially, it's drawing a timeline of your life to this point, and then marking specific points along that line representing moments which have shaped your story. As you create your life map, see if you can place each event under one of the Five Faith Catalysts. Utilize pages 24-25 to help you organize your thoughts. While each of us has a unique faith story, one thing they all have in common are these Five Faith Catalysts.

NOTE: With which of the Five Faith Catalysts do you want to start? There's no necessary order. Think of it like a "choose your own adventure"!

As you read through these Five Faith Catalysts, write down some ways in the past or present that you've experienced personal, emotional, and spiritual growth under each of the five. (p.24)

1 PRACTICAL TEACHING REVEALS WHERE WE ARE AND WHERE WE NEED TO GO

When people talk about their faith journeys, even if they grew up in church, they often speak of a time when a mental light bulb went off and they suddenly got it. It might be that you were listening to a Bible teacher or taking part in a small group Bible study, but this time it was different. This time you actually knew what to do with what you'd heard. You knew how to apply the truths of the Bible to your daily life. Maybe it was the first time you really understood the radical nature of God's grace or forgiveness.

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Practical teaching reveals where you are and where you need to go. You can discover this listening to a sermon, in a group study experience, reading books, blogs, or articles. Are you regularly participating in a healthy, well-balanced church which practically teaches the Bible?

I believe in Christianity as I believe that the Sun has risen, not only because I see it but because by it I see everything else.

C.S. Lewis

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- Have you ever experienced practical Bible teaching? When?
- How did you see God moving in your life through this, or expanding your trust in Him?
- What books have you read that significantly formed your thinking and way of life?
- What do you believe God might be leading you to pursue further in order to experience practical teaching? (See p. 26)

WANT TO GO FURTHER?

 Want to find a good study Bible? Ask a team member in the Timberline Book Store. If you already have a Bible you like, start reading in the book of John, and write down your observations and questions. Or listen through a Bible app

SUPPLEMENTAL READING

- Basic Christianity by John Stott. Pick up a free copy in a Timberline new believer's packet.
- The Prodigal God by Tim Keller. Purchase a copy online or in the Timberline Bookstore.

ONLINE RESOURCES

- Listen to past Timberline sermons online, by podcast, or through the Timberline app (www.timberlinechurch.org).
- Listen and watch online to over 6,000 Bible study sessions. Text "Rightnow Timberline" to 41411 for free login or go to www.timberlinechurch.org/rightnowmedia.
- Have tough questions? Get Reasonable Faith
- Take advantage of free biblical training from world-class teachers at <u>www.biblicaltraining.org</u>, or download the app.



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HOLY BIBLE

2 PRIVATE DISCIPLINES TUNE OUR HEARTS TO GOD'S HEART.

When people tell about their faith journeys they also often speak of private experiences like prayer, Bible reading/memorization/ meditation, secret giving, fasting, silence, solitude, etc. Private disciplines (also known as "spiritual practices") introduce a sense of intimacy with God and provide accountability to our faith walks. They are ways in which we connect with God privately. There is a direct correlation between your private life and your personal faith, but you must always keep in mind that the point of engaging in spiritual disciplines is not to become an expert in spiritual disciplines. Disciplines are just a means to the real end growing in love for God and others. Disciplines are like railings in a stairway, important only because they keep you from falling as you move along, being transformed in heart and character into the image of Jesus (2 Cor 3:18).

Here's the problem with how we often talk about private disciplines. Many people listen to a sermon or read book by someone they think of as an expert, and assume that they are supposed to engage in private disciplines exactly how "the expert" does. If it doesn't work for them—because they are hardwired differently—they give up, feeling guilty and inadequate.

So, we want to suggest that it's absolutely necessary to understand how God has uniquely hardwired you as you begin to explore engaging in private disciplines (temperament, learning style, spiritual pathway).

What's your temperament? (See page 15)

- □ Introverted or extroverted?
- □ Prefer data or intuition?
- □ Thinker or a feeler?
- □ Like things orderly or open-ended?

What are your top learning styles?

- □ Visual learn best by seeing
- □ Auditory learn best by hearing
- □ Tactile learn best by doing
- Oral learn best by saying
- □ Social learn best in groups
- Logical learn best in linear process
- Imaginative learn best through art, story, and image

What are your top spiritual pathways?

(How you experience God most profoundly)

- Naturalist finds God in nature
- □ Ascetic is drawn to disciplines
- □ Traditionalist loves historical liturgies
- □ Activist comes alive spiritually in a great cause
- Caregiver meets God in serving
- □ Sensate senses God through five senses
- □ Enthusiast loves to grow through people
- □ Contemplative is drawn to solitary reflection and prayer
- □ Intellectual loves God by learning

Two categories of private disciplines:

- Detachment: solitude, silence, fasting, frugality, chastity, secrecy, sacrifice
- Engagement: study, worship, celebration, service, prayer, fellowship, confession, submission

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What has been your experience with private disciplines or spiritual practices?
- Which are most appealing to you, and why?
- Based on your temperament, learning style, and spiritual pathway, how might you engage in a private discipline in ways that fit and complement your hardwiring?
- What questions do you have about spiritual disciplines?
- Which discipline do you believe God might be leading you to explore?

There is no slavery that can compare to the slavery of ingrained habits of sin.

Richard Foster

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WANT TO GO FURTHER?

- Want to know more about your temperament? Take this online assessment (www.guistic.com/personality-type/test).
- For a one page overview of each of the private disciplines, download the PDF on <u>www.timberlinechurch.org/pd</u>
- Read Sacred Pathways: Discover Your Soul's Path to God by Gary Thomas. Purchase your copy online or in the Timberline Bookstore.
- Read Celebration of Discipline by Richard Foster. Purchase your copy online or in the Timberline Bookstore.
- If you are looking for a starting point in reading the Bible, start with the Gospel of John. Keep a notebook handy and jot down any questions that come up as you read.
- Go to <u>www.biblegateway.com</u>, and search various topics in the Bible such as love, thanksgiving, peace, grace, mercy, etc. Write out the verses that resonate with you and meditate on them.



From your smartphone or tablet download a Bible app and read or listen to the audio Bible.







There are few things that stretch and grow our trust in God like stepping into a ministry/service environment where we feel inadequate for the task. It's then that God must show up in order for things to succeed, and when He does our trust in Him grows. Examples of personal ministry are numerous: facilitating a small group, working in a specific church ministry (childcare, adult education, communion preparation, ushers, greeters, prayer teams, café volunteer, etc.), or ministry outside the physical church building (community outreach through Serve 6.8, homebound visitation, serving a neighbor, volunteering at a local school, etc.). God is inviting you to step out of your comfort zone and watch what He will do both in you and through you.

Tasks don't have to be high-impact to be worthy of high effort. Most things we do in any given day are relatively low impact. The cumulative impact of thousands of low-impact tasks is huge. These tasks can be transposed into worship.

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REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- What has been your experience with volunteering or serving others in the past?
- What do you think God might be nudging you to do (maybe a thought that just won't go away)?
- What are your hesitations or excuses for not getting involved serving somewhere?
- If you've been impacted by the ministries of Timberline, it's not because we have the most talented, capable people serving here. It's because a lot of individuals (with all their inadequacies) stepped out and decided to give what little time, talent, or treasure they had in service for God, and God used it to impact your life. What might God want to use in your life to impact others?
- We don't have to go very far to serve others. What are some ways you can use your experience and abilities to make little deposits of love in your home? At work? In your neighborhood?

WANT TO GO FURTHER?

- There are many opportunities to serve at Timberline. Through "Serving Central" a Ministry Guide is available to meet one-on-one with you to help you discover your personal ministry. Through the Timberline website you will find the SHAPE Assessment, an online tool for discovering your God-given gifts, heart, abilities and passions (www.timberlinechurch.org/weserve). Your results will be emailed to you.
- Read or listen to the audio book, Love Does, by Bob Goff.



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While the first three of the five catalysts are well within our control to jump into, these next two are a bit different. I can't create a "providential relationship," because, by definition, it's provided by God. These are the relationships we look back on and come to believe that God put into our lives. People's faith stories always involve that couple, that guy, a neighbor, an old roommate, that friend, a coworker, etc. Through these people intersecting with our lives, we hear from God or we see God reflected in them. While we can't create a providential relationship, we can put ourselves in environments where we're likely to meet someone through whom we might encounter God.

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I believe many Christians today head in a dangerous direction when they neglect these essential relationships and decide they can do without a community that enfolds and nurtures the life of God within them.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

- It might have been a long-term friendship, or a brief encounter, but can you think of a person, couple, or maybe even a group that God brought along at just the right time?
- Does anything hold you back from getting involved with others?
- What relational weaknesses or hang-ups of yours have caused issues for you or others in the past?

WANT TO GO FURTHER?

- If you haven't already, make the first step to get involved in a Timberline small group (www.timberlinechurch.org/smallgroups).
- Read Spiritual Friendship by Mindy Caliguire. Purchase your copy online or in the Timberline bookstore.
- Do you have relationships with other Jesus followers? If so, ask one of them to coffee and to walk through these Five Faith Catalysts with you. If you don't know someone yet who could help you do this, let us help. One of our Timberline team members would love to connect with you.



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5 PIVOTAL CIRCUMSTANCES FORCE US TO LOOK TO GOD

Finally, when people describe their faith journeys, they always include events that could be described as "defining moments." Some are good (discovering a new opportunity, being awarded a scholarship, getting married, having a baby, receiving a promotion or a job transfer). But just as often, these defining moments involve pain and disappointment (the death of a friend or family member, divorce, prolonged illness, a job transfer, betrayal by a friend). One challenge with this catalyst is that we don't chose or schedule pivotal circumstance or see them coming, but they have the power to either strengthen or erode our confidence in God.

What makes the difference as to which way a pivotal circumstance pushes you in relation to your faith? It's not the event itself, because two people could go through the same difficult experience and have completely different responses—trusting God or walking away from God. It's not the event itself, but how you interpret and respond to the event. If your worldview includes elements like knowing that everything belongs to God

Out of the greatest evil, the death of Jesus, came the greatest good. God transforms evil into good without diminishing the awfulness

of the evil.

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and we are just managers, then nothing we have or lose will distract us or bring us to despair (1 Cor 10:26). If your worldview includes the understanding that God is sovereign and good, then you'll live with a confidence that in all situations, God really will work for your flourishing (Rom 8:28). And of course, your worldview is partially shaped by the first faith catalyst—practical teaching.

This brings up an important point. All of these Five Faith Catalysts are intertwined. When going through a difficult pivotal circumstance, not only do you need to be fortified by practical Bible teaching (#1), you also need to lean on relationships which may be providential (#4), and so on. The conclusions we draw about God in the midst of our pivotal circumstances drive us toward or away from deeper trust in God.

REFLECTION QUESTIONS

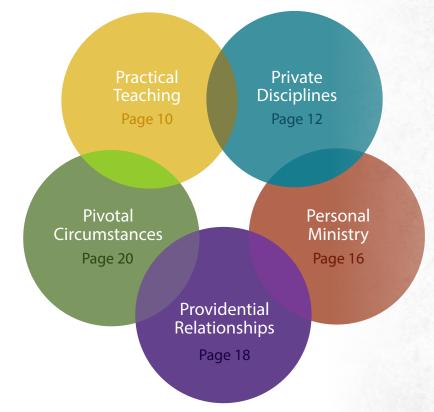
- What have been pivotal circumstances in your life which have pushed you closer to God?
- Read Proverbs 30:7-9. What do you think might pose the greatest threat to your faith—soaring success or deep difficulty?
- Your emotional thoughts largely shape how you interpret the world? How would you describe your worldview?
- How do you think God is shaping you right now through your circumstances?
- Are you able to ask God to not just comfort you during your trials, but to mold and make you inwardly more like Jesus?
- Do you have any spiritual blocks and wounds? What has consistently blocked your journey into your spiritual longings? And how can you be free of those hindrances into your spiritual longing?

WANT TO GO FURTHER?

- Sit down with another follower of Jesus and talk about the pivotal circumstances in your life. Or contact one of our Timberline team members.
- Because our families of origin and pasts shape us more than any other factor, go through and answer the 13 Genogram questions and the three application questions on page 28.
- On your smartphone or tablet download the Emotionally Healthy Skills 2.0 app and take the "EHS Assessment," or inventory of spiritual/emotional maturity, or online at (www.emotionallyhealthy.org/ tools/ehs-toolbox/personal-assessment/).
- Watch Peter Scazzero's "Emotionally Healthy Spirituality" streaming messages (search title at <u>www.timberlinechurch.org/rightnowmedia</u>).



THE FIVE FAITH CATALYSTS



Now this is important! This list of Five Faith Catalysts is not a checklist or to-do list. Rather, it is a filter to look through as you walk into your future as an apprentice of Jesus. God has told us that His ultimate goal for who we become inwardly (our attitudes, desires, understanding, character, etc.) is to be transformed into the image of Jesus (2 Cor 3:18; Rom 8:29). And as we do life with God, we learn that He is actually more committed to us becoming the best, flourishing versions of ourselves than even we are. So, how do you suppose God will go about this process of transforming your life and trust in Him? Simple. Through these five catalysts.

Write down your next steps on page 26.

RESOURCES | YOUR STORY

| YEAR/YEARS /SEASON | | |
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| TURNING POINTS | | |
| PRACTICAL TEACHING | | |
| PRIVATE DISCIPLINES | | |
| PERSONAL MINISTRY | | |
| PROVIDENTIAL RELATIONSHIPS | | |
| PIVOTAL CIRCUMSTANCES | | |

As you think back over the years and seasons of your life, can you identify any significant turning points with your trust in God? Which of the Five Faith Catalysts did they fall into? Chart them in your story here.

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RESOURCES | LOOKING FORWARD

| PRACTICAL TEACHING | PRIVATE DISCIPLINES | PERSONAL MINISTRY |
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As you think about your life as an apprentice of Jesus, and how God is currently and will continue to grow you in the future, which of these Five Faith Catalysts are you most intrigued by? Which have really not yet been any significant part of your life? Which do you think God may be calling you to explore? Talk to someone about that next step you're going to take in one of those areas.

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RESOURCES | GENOGRAM QUESTIONS

A Genogram is a powerful tool to become aware of patterns in your family of origin that hinder your emotional and spiritual growth. Once you are aware of them, you can change the unhealthy patterns. Need help? Watch a short video training on <u>Vimeo.com</u>, search "Genogram Your Family". [IMPORTANT:] Fill out the genogram through the eyes of your childhood (as if between eight and twelve years old).

- 1. Describe each family member with two or three adjectives (parents, caretakers, grandparents, siblings, children).
- 2. Describe your parents' (caretakers') and grandparents' marriages.
- 3. How was conflict handled in your extended family over two to three generations? Anger? Gender Roles?
- 4. What were some generational themes (e.g., addictions, affairs, losses, abuse, divorce, depression, mental illness, abortions, children born out of wedlock, etc.)?
- 5. How well did your family do in talking about feelings?
- 6. How was sexuality talked or not talked about? What were the implied messages?
- 7. Were there any family "secrets" (such as a pregnancy out of wedlock, incest, or major financial scandal)?

- 8. What was considered "success" in your family?
- 9. How was money handled? Spiritually? Holidays? Relationships with extended family?
- 10. How did your family's ethnicity shape you?
- 11. Were there any heroes or heroines in the family? Scapegoats? "Losers"? Why?
- 12. What kinds of addictions, if any, existed in the family?
- 13. Were there traumatic losses in the past or present, such as sudden death, prolonged illnesses, stillbirths/miscarriages, bankruptcy, or divorce?

The above exercise, while painful, leads us to ask three essential questions if we are going to live and lead with integrity.

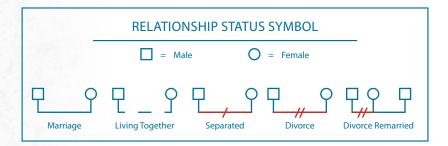
- 1. What one or two patterns might emerge of how your family has impacted who you are today?
- 2. In what area(s) might you be shaping your life and your ministry [calling] according to your past rather that Christ's family?
- 3. What "hard work of discipleship" might you have before you?

The Emotionally Healthy Church: A Strategy for Discipleship that Actually Changes Lives, Peter Scazzero (Zondervan, 2010), p. 98.

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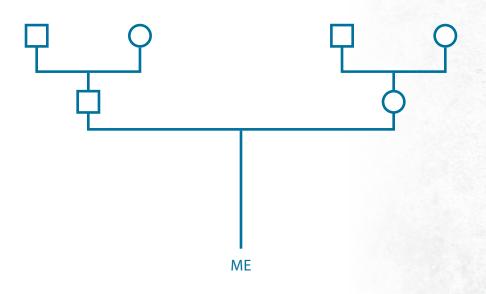
RESOURCES | GENOGRAM YOUR FAMILY

| Relationship | Relationship Dynamics | Symbol |
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| Conflicted | A consistent pattern where issues do not get resolved between people. | |
| Cut Offs | People in the family stop talking to one another or avoid contact. | □ 0 |
| Distant/Poor | Low or minimal emotional connection between family members. | ⊡0 |
| Enmeshment | Pressure is created for family members to think, feel and act alike. There is low tolerance for people to be separate, to disagree, or be different. | |
| Abuse | A severe crossing of personal boundaries- whether it be sexual, emotional, or physical, severely injuring the dignity and humanity of another. | |



The goal is not to get the symbols perfect, but to become aware of unhealthy, sinful patterns from our family of origin that are hindering our spiritual and emotional growth into maturity in Christ.

*Need help: Watch this short video training from Emotionally Healthy Skills 2.0 to understand more. (See p.28)



READ SCRIPTURE

The Bible is one unified story that leads us to Jesus, and we want to help you learn how to read it for yourself. We invite you to try the "Read Scripture" experience. This is a Bible reading plan that breaks up the story of the Bible in 16 "chapters," arranging the books in a way to help you see how the overall story works, and how each individual book contributes to it. The really great part of this Bible reading plan is that as you start each new book of the Bible you'll be able to watch a short video that lays out that book's structure and flow of thought, and gives you tips about what kinds of things to look for as you read.



There are also theme videos, placed at strategic points in the reading plan to help you see how the part of Bible you're reading fits into that larger story. Finally, each day's reading session includes a Psalm (Israel's prayer book), because we believe that reading the Bible is not just an intellectual experience, but also a spiritual one. If you take just 15-20 minutes a day to follow this plan, you'll be able to read through the entire Bible in less than a year. Our hope is that the "Read Scripture" experience will help you read through the entire Bible with greater understanding than you've ever had before, so you can see for yourself the beauty and the wisdom of this ancient story that points us to Jesus. Watch book introduction videos at the bible project.com. Even get the videos sent to your inbox, or download the app.

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THE BIBLE PROJECT | READING PLAN

| | CHAPTER 1 CREATION AND FALL | | |
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| | READING PSALM VIDEO | | |
| 1JAN | Genesis 1-3 | 1 | RS: Genesis 1-11 |
| 2Jan | Genesis 4-7 | 2 | THM: Image of God |
| 3Jan | Genesis 8-11 | 3 | TOR: Genesis 1-11 |

| | | <u>CHAPTER 2</u> GOD'S COVENANT with ABRAHAM | | |
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| 4JAN | Genesis 12-15 | 4 | RS: Genesis 12-50 | |
| 5Jan | Genesis 16-18 | 5 | THM: The Covenants | |
| 6Jan | Genesis 19-21 | 6 | | |
| 7Jan | Genesis 22-24 | 7 | | |
| 8Jan | Genesis 25-28 | 8 | | |
| 9Jan | Genesis 29-31 | 9 | | |
| 10Jan | Genesis 32-34 | 10 | | |
| 11Jan | Genesis 35-37 | 11 | TOR: Genesis 12-50 | |
| 12Jan | Genesis 38-40 | 12 | | |
| 13Jan | Genesis 41-42 | 13 | | |
| 14Jan | Genesis 43-45 | 14 | | |
| 15Jan | Genesis 46-47 | 15 | | |
| 16Jan | Genesis 48-50 | 16 | THM: The Messiah | |

RS: Read Scripture Series THM: Biblical Theme Series TOR: Torah Series WIS: Wisdom Series GOS: Gospel Series

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| | | READING PSALM VIDEO | | |
| | 17Jan | Exodus 1-3 | 17 | RS: Exodus 1-18 |
| | 18Jan | Exodus 4-6 | 18 | THM: Holiness |
| | 19Jan | Exodus 7-9 | 19 | |
| | 20Jan | Exodus 10-12 | 20 | |
| | 21Jan | Exodus 13-15 | 21 | |
| | 22Jan | Exodus 16-18 | 22 | TOR: Exodus 16-18 |

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| | | THE COVENANT AT MT. SINAI | | INAI |
| | | READING | PSALM | VIDEO |
| | 23Jan | Exodus 19-21 | 23 | RS: Exodus 19-40 |
| | 24Jan | Exodus 22-24 | 24 | |
| | 25Jan | Exodus 25-27 | 25 | THM: Heaven and Earth |
| | 26Jan | Exodus 28-29 | 26 | |
| | 27Jan | Exodus 30-31 | 27 | |
| | 28Jan | Exodus 32-34 | 28 | |
| | 29Jan | Exodus 35-40(Skim) | 29 | TOR: Exodus 19-40 |
| | 30Jan | Leviticus 1-4 | 30 | RS: Leviticus |
| | 31Jan | Leviticus 5-7 | 31 | THM: Atonement |
| | 1Feb | Leviticus 8-10 | 32 | |
| | 2Feb | Leviticus 11-13 | 33 | THM: Holiness |
| | 3Feb | Leviticus 14-15 | 34 | |
| | 4Feb | Leviticus 16-18 | 35 | |
| | 5Feb | Leviticus 19-20 | 36 | |
| | 6Feb | Leviticus 21-23 | 37 | |
| | 7Feb | Leviticus 24-25 | 38 | |
| | 8Feb | Leviticus 26-27 | 39 | TOR: Leviticus |

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| | READING | PSALM | VIDEO |
| 9Feb | Numbers 1-4 | 40 | RS: Numbers |
| 10Feb | Numbers 5-7(Skim7) | 41 | THM: Holiness |
| 11Feb | Numbers 8-10 | 42 | |
| 12Feb | Numbers 11-13 | 43 | |
| 13Feb | Numbers 14-16 | 44 | |
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| 19Feb | Numbers 31-32 | 50 | |
| 20Feb | Numbers 33-34 | 51 | |
| 21Feb | Numbers 35-36 | 52 | TOR: Numbers |
| 22Feb | Deuteronomy 1-3 | 53 | RS: Deuteronomy |
| 23Feb | Deuteronomy 4-6 | 54 | |
| 24Feb | Deuteronomy 7-9 | 55 | |
| 25Feb | Deuteronomy 10-12 | 56 | THM: The Law |
| 26Feb | Deuteronomy 13-14 | 57 | |
| 27Feb | Deuteronomy 15-16 | 58 | |
| 28Feb | Deuteronomy 17-20 | 59 | |
| 29Feb | Deuteronomy 21-23 | 60 | |
| 1Mar | Deuteronomy 24-27 | 61 | |
| 2Mar | Deuteronomy 28-29 | 62 | |
| 3Mar | Deuteronomy 30-31 | 63 | |
| 4Mar | Deuteronomy 32-34 | 64 | TOR: Deuteronomy |
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| 5Mar | Joshua 1-4 | 65 | RS: Joshua |
| 6Mar | Joshua 5-8 | 66 | |
| 7Mar | Joshua 9-12 | 67 | |
| 8Mar | Joshua 13-21 (Skim) | 68 | |
| 9Mar | Joshua 22-24 | 69 | |
| 10Mar | Judges 1-3 | 70 | RS: Judges |
| 11Mar | Judges 4-5 | 71 | |
| 12Mar | Judges 6-8 | 72 | |
| 13Mar | Judges 9-12 | 73 | |
| 14Mar | Judges 13-15 | 74 | |
| 15Mar | Judges 16-18 | 75 | |
| 16Mar | Judges 19-21 | 76 | |

| | | | CHAPTER 7 THE RISE AND FALL OF ISRAEL'S KINGDOM | | | |
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| | 17Mar | Ruth | 77 | RS: Ruth | | |
| | 18Mar | 1 Samuel 1-3 | 78 | RS: 1 Samuel | | |
| | 19Mar | 1 Samuel 4-8 | 79 | | | |
| | 20Mar | 1 Samuel 9-12 | 80 | | | |
| | 21Mar | 1 Samuel 13-14 | 81 | | | |
| | 22Mar | 1 Samuel 15-17 | 82 | | | |
| | 23Mar | 1 Samuel 18-20 | 83 | | | |
| | 24Mar | 1 Samuel 21-24 | 84 | | | |
| | 25Mar | 1 Samuel 25-27 | 85 | | | |
| | 26Mar | 1 Samuel 28-31 | 86 | | | |
| | 27Mar | 2 Samuel 1-3 | 87 | RS: 2 Samuel | | |

| 28Mar | 2 Samuel 4-8 | 88 | THM: The Messiah |
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| 29Mar | 2 Samuel 9-12 | 89 | |
| 30Mar | 2 Samuel 13-15 | 90 | |
| 31Mar | 2 Samuel 16-18 | 91 | |
| 1Apr | 2 Samuel 19-21 | 92 | |
| 2Apr | 2 Samuel 22-24 | 93 | |
| 3Apr | 1 Kings 1-3 | 94 | RS: 1 & 2 Kings |
| 4Apr | 1 Kings 4-7 | 95 | |
| 5Apr | 1 Kings 8-10 | 96 | |
| 6Apr | 1 Kings 11-13 | 97 | |
| 7Apr | 1 Kings 14-16 | 98 | |
| 8Apr | 1 Kings 17-19 | 99 | |
| 9Apr | 1 Kings 20-22 | 100 | |
| 10Apr | 2 Kings 1-3 | 101 | |
| 11Apr | 2 Kings 4-7 | 102 | |
| 12Apr | 2 Kings 8-11 | 103 | |
| 13Apr | 2 Kings 12-14 | 104 | |
| 14Apr | 2 Kings 15-17 | 105 | |
| 15Apr | 2 Kings 18-19 | 106 | |
| 16Apr | 2 Kings 20-22 | 107 | |
| 17Apr | 2 Kings 23-25 | 108 | |

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| | 24) | THE PROPHETS BEFORE THE EXILE | | | |
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| | 18Apr | Isaiah 1-4 | 109 | RS: Isaiah 1-39 | |
| | 19Apr | Isaiah 5-8 | 110 | | |
| | 20Apr | Isaiah 9-12 | 111 | | |

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| 22Apr | Isaiah 18-22 | 113 | |
| 23Apr | Isaiah 23-27 | 114 | |
| 24Apr | Isaiah 28-30 | 115 | |
| 25Apr | Isaiah 31-35 | 116 | |
| 26Apr | Isaiah 36-38 | 117 | |
| 27Apr | Isaiah 39-41 | 118 | RS: Isaiah 40-66 |
| 28Apr | Isaiah 42-44 | 119:1-32 | |
| 29Apr | Isaiah 45-48 | 119:33-64 | |
| 30Apr | Isaiah 49-51 | 119:65-96 | |
| 1May | Isaiah 52-54 | 119:97-128 | THM: The Gospel of the Kingdom |
| 2May | Isaiah 55-57 | 119:129-152 | |
| 3May | Isaiah 58-60 | 119:153-176 | |
| 4May | Isaiah 61-64 | 120 | |
| 5May | Isaiah 65-66 | 121 | |
| 6Мау | Hosea 1-5 | 122 | RS: Hosea |
| 7May | Hosea 6-10 | 123 | |
| 8May | Hosea 11-14 | 124 | |
| 9May | Joel | 125 | RS: Joel |
| 10May | Amos 1-5 | 126 | RS: Amos |
| 11May | Amos 6-9 | 127 | |
| 12May | Obadiah | 128 | RS: Obadiah |
| 13May | Jonah | 129 | RS: Jonah |
| 14May | Micah 1-4 | 130 | RS: Micah |
| 15May | Micah 5-7 | 131 | |
| 16May | Nahum | 132 | RS: Nahum |
| 17May | Habakkuk | 133 | RS: Habakkuk |
| 18May | Zephaniah | 134 | RS: Zephaniah |

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| 19May | Job 1-3 | 135 | RS: Job | | |
| 20May | Job 4-7 | 136 | | | |
| 21May | Job 8-11 | 137 | | | |
| 22May | Job 12-15 | 138 | | | |
| 23May | Job 16-19 | 139 | | | |
| 24May | Job 20-23 | 140 | | | |
| 25May | Job 24-28 | 141 | | | |
| 26May | Job 29-31 | 142 | | | |
| 27May | Job 32-34 | 143 | WIS: Job | | |
| 28May | Job 35-37 | 144 | | | |
| 29May | Job 38-39 | 145 | | | |
| 30May | Job 40-42 | 146 | | | |
| 31May | Psalms 1-2 | 147 | RS: Psalms | | |
| 1Jun | Proverbs 1-3 | 148 | RS: Proverbs | | |
| 2Jun | Proverbs 4-6 | 149 | | | |
| 3Jun | Proverbs 7-9 | 150 | WIS: Proverbs | | |
| 4Jun | Proverbs 10-12 | 1 | | | |
| 5Jun | Proverbs 13-15 | 2 | | | |
| 6Jun | Proverbs 16-18 | 3 | | | |
| 7Jun | Proverbs 19-21 | 4 | | | |
| 8Jun | Proverbs 22-24 | 5 | | | |
| 9Jun | Proverbs 25-27 | 6 | | | |
| 10Jun | Proverbs 28-31 | 7 | | | |
| 11Jun | Ecclesiastes 1-4 | 8 | RS: Ecclesiastes | | |
| 12Jun | Ecclesiastes 5-8 | 9 | | | |
| 13Jun | Ecclesiastes 9-12 | 10 | WIS: Ecclesiastes | | |
| 14Jun | Song of Songs 1-4 | 11 | RS: Song of Songs | | |
| 15Jun | Song of Songs 5-8 | 12 | | | |

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| 16Jun | Jeremiah 1-3 | 13 | RS: Jeremiah |
| 17Jun | Jeremiah 4-6 | 14 | |
| 18Jun | Jeremiah 7-9 | 15 | |
| 19Jun | Jeremiah 10-13 | 16 | |
| 20Jun | Jeremiah 14-17 | 17 | |
| 21Jun | Jeremiah 18-22 | 18 | |
| 22Jun | Jeremiah 23-25 | 19 | |
| 23Jun | Jeremiah 26-29 | 20 | |
| 24Jun | Jeremiah 30-32 | 21 | |
| 25Jun | Jeremiah 33-36 | 22 | |
| 26Jun | Jeremiah 37-39 | 23 | |
| 27Jun | Jeremiah 40-44 | 24 | |
| 28Jun | Jeremiah 45-48 | 25 | |
| 29Jun | Jeremiah 49-50 | 26 | |
| 30Jun | Jeremiah 51-52 | 27 | |
| 1Jul | Lamentations 1-2 | 28 | RS: Lamentations |
| 2Jul | Lamentations 3 | 29 | -3.133 |
| 3Jul | Lamentations 4-5 | 30 | |
| 4Jul | Ezekiel 1-4 | 31 | RS: Ezekiel 1-32 |
| 5Jul | Ezekiel 5-8 | 32 | |
| 6Jul | Ezekiel 9-12 | 33 | |
| 7Jul | Ezekiel 13-15 | 34 | |
| 8Jul | Ezekiel 16-18 | 35 | 8.0 |
| 9Jul | Ezekiel 19-21 | 36 | |
| 10Jul | Ezekiel 22-24 | 37 | |
| 11Jul | Ezekiel 25-27 | 38 | |
| 12Jul | Ezekiel 28-30 | 39 | |
| 13Jul | Ezekiel 31-33 | 40 | RS: Ezekiel 33-48 |
| 14Jul | Ezekiel 34-36 | 41 | |
| 15Jul | Ezekiel 37-39 | 42 | |
| 16Jul | Ezekiel 40-44 | 43 | |
| 17Jul | Ezekiel 45-48 | 44 | |

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| 6 | | READING | PSALM | VIDEO |
| | 18Jul | Ezra 1-3 | 45 | RS: Ezra-Nehemiah |
| | 19Jul | Ezra 4-7 | 46 | |
| | 20Jul | Ezra 8-10 | 47 | |
| | 21Jul | Nehemiah 1-3 | 48 | |
| | 22Jul | Nehemiah 4-6 | 49 | |
| | 23Jul | Nehemiah 7-9 | 50 | |
| | 24Jul | Nehemiah 10-11 | 51 | |
| | 25Jul | Nehemiah 12-13 | 52 | |
| | 26Jul | Esther 1-5 | 53 | RS: Esther |
| | 27Jul | Esther 6-10 | 54 | |

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| 28Jul | Daniel 1-3 | 55 | RS: Daniel | | |
| 29Jul | Daniel 4-6 | 56 | | | |
| 30Jul | Daniel 7-9 | 57 | | | |
| 31Jul | Daniel 10-12 | 58 | | | |
| 1Aug | Haggai | 59 | RS: Haggai | | |
| 2Aug | Zechariah 1-4 | 60 | RS: Zechariah | | |
| 3Aug | Zechariah 5-8 | 61 | | | |
| 4Aug | Zechariah 9-14 | 62 | | | |
| 5Aug | Malachi 1-2 | 63 | RS: Malachi | | |
| 6Aug | Malachi 3-4 | 64 | | | |

| | CHAPTER 13 | | | |
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| 【{} | THE STORY SO FAR: THE CHRONICLES | | | |
| | READING | PSALM | VIDEO | |
| 7Aug | 1 Chronicles 1-9(Skim) | 65 | RS: 1-2 Chronicles | |
| 8Aug | 1 Chronicles 11-14 | 66 | | |
| 9Aug | 1 Chronicles 15-17 | 67 | | |
| 10Aug | 1 Chronicles 18-21 | 68 | | |
| 11Aug | 1 Chronicles 22-24 | 69 | | |
| 12Aug | 1 Chronicles 25-28 | 70 | | |
| 13Aug | 2 Chronicles 1-4 | 71 | | |
| 14Aug | 2 Chronicles 5-8 | 72 | | |
| 15Aug | 2 Chronicles 9-12 | 73 | | |
| 16Aug | 2 Chronicles 13-17 | 74 | | |
| 17Aug | 2 Chronicles 18-20 | 75 | | |
| 18Aug | 2 Chronicles 21-24 | 76 | | |
| 19Aug | 2 Chronicles 25-27 | 77 | | |
| 20Aug | 2 Chronicles 28-31 | 78 | | |
| 21Aug | 2 Chronicles 32-34 | 79 | | |
| 22Aug | 2 Chronicles 35-36 | 80 | | |

| | CHAPTER 14 JESUS and the KINGDOM | | | |
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| | READING | PSALM | VIDEO | |
| 23Aug | Matthew 1-2 | 81 | RS: Matthew 1-13 | |
| 24Aug | Matthew 3-4 | 82 | | |
| 25Aug | Matthew 5-6 | 83 | | |
| 26Aug | Matthew 7-8 | 84 | | |
| 27Aug | Matthew 9-10 | 85 | | |
| 28Aug | Matthew 11-12 | 86 | | |
| 29Aug | Matthew 13-14 | 87 | RS: Matthew 14-28 | |
| 30Aug | Matthew 15-16 | 88 | | |

| 31Aug | Matthew 17-18 | 89 | |
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| 1Sep | Matthew 19-20 | 90 | |
| 2Sep | Matthew 21-22 | 91 | |
| 3Sep | Matthew 23-24 | 92 | |
| 4Sep | Matthew 25-26 | 93 | |
| 5Sep | Matthew 27-28 | 94 | |
| 6Sep | Mark 1-2 | 95 | RS: Mark |
| 7Sep | Mark 3-4 | 96 | |
| 8Sep | Mark 5-6 | 97 | |
| 9Sep | Mark 7-8 | 98 | |
| 10Sep | Mark 9-10 | 99 | GOS: Gospel of Mark |
| 11Sep | Mark 11-12 | 100 | |
| 12Sep | Mark 13-14 | 101 | |
| 13Sep | Mark 15-16 | 102 | |
| 14Sep | John 1-2 | 103 | RS: John 1-12 |
| 15Sep | John 3-4 | 104 | |
| 16Sep | John 5-6 | 105 | |
| 17Sep | John 7-8 | 106 | |
| 18Sep | John 9-10 | 107 | |
| 19Sep | John 11-12 | 108 | |
| 20Sep | John 13-15 | 109 | RS: John 13-21 |
| 21Sep | John 16-18 | 110 | |
| 22Sep | John 19-21 | 111 | |
| 23Sep | Luke 1 | 112 | RS: Luke 1-9 |
| 24Sep | Luke 2-3 | 113 | |
| 25Sep | Luke 4-5 | 114 | |
| 26Sep | Luke 6-7 | 115 | |
| 27Sep | Luke 8-9 | 116 | |
| 28Sep | Luke 10-11 | 117 | RS: Luke 10-24 |
| 29Sep | Luke 12-13 | 118 | |
| 30Sep | Luke 14-16 | 119:1-32 | |

| 10ct | Luke 17-18 | 119:33-64 | |
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| 20ct | Luke 19-20 | 119:65-96 | |
| 3Oct | Luke 21-22 | 119:97-128 | |
| 40ct | Luke 23-24 | 119:129-152 | |
| 50ct | Acts 1-2 | 119:153-176 | RS: Acts 1-12 |
| 60ct | Acts 3-4 | 120 | |
| 70ct | Acts 5-6 | 121 | |
| 80ct | Acts 7-8 | 122 | |
| 90ct | Acts 9-10 | 123 | |
| 10Oct | Acts 11-12 | 124 | |
| 110ct | Acts 13-14 | 125 | RS: Acts 13-28 |
| 12Oct | Acts 15-16 | 126 | |
| 13Oct | Acts 17-18 | 127 | and the second se |
| 14Oct | Acts 19-20 | 128 | |
| 15Oct | Acts 21-22 | 129 | |
| 16Oct | Acts 23-24 | 130 | |
| 17Oct | Acts 25-26 | 131 | |
| 18Oct | Acts 27-28 | 132 | |

| | | CHAPTER 15 THE PEOPLE OF THE KINGDOM | | | |
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| 4 | | READING | PSALM | VIDEO | |
| | 19Oct | Romans 1-2 | 133 | RS: Romans 1-4 | |
| | 20Oct | Romans 3-4 | 134 | | |
| | 21Oct | Romans 5-6 | 135 | RS: Romans 5-16 | |
| | 22Oct | Romans 7-8 | 136 | | |
| | 23Oct | Romans 9-10 | 137 | | |
| | 24Oct | Romans 11-12 | 138 | | |
| | 25Oct | Romans 13-14 | 139 | | |
| | 26Oct | Romans 15-16 | 140 | | |

| 27Oct | 1 Corinthians 1-2 | 141 | RS: 1 Corinthians |
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| 28Oct | 1 Corinthians 3-4 | 142 | |
| 29Oct | 1 Corinthians 5-6 | 143 | |
| 30Oct | 1 Corinthians 7-8 | 144 | |
| 31Oct | 1 Corinthians 9-10 | 145 | |
| 1Nov | 1 Corinthians 11-12 | 146 | |
| 2Nov | 1 Corinthians 13-14 | 147 | |
| 3Nov | 1 Corinthians 15-16 | 148 | |
| 4Nov | 2 Corinthians 1-2 | 149 | RS: 2 Corinthians |
| 5Nov | 2 Corinthians 3-4 | 150 | |
| 6Nov | 2 Corinthians 5-6 | 1 | |
| 7Nov | 2 Corinthians 7-8 | 2 | |
| 8Nov | 2 Corinthians 9-10 | 3 | |
| 9Nov | 2 Corinthians 11-13 | 4 | |
| 10Nov | Galatians 1-2 | 5 | RS: Galatians |
| 11Nov | Galatians 3-4 | 6 | |
| 12Nov | Galatians 5-6 | 7 | |
| 13Nov | Ephesians 1-2 | 8 | RS: Ephesians |
| 14Nov | Ephesians 3-4 | 9 | |
| 15Nov | Ephesians 5-6 | 10 | |
| 16Nov | Philippians 1-2 | 11 | RS: Philippians |
| 17Nov | Philippians 3-4 | 12 | |
| 18Nov | Colossians 1-2 | 13 | RS: Colossians |
| 19Nov | Colossians 3-4 | 14 | |
| 20Nov | 1 Thessalonians 1-2 | 15 | RS: 1 Thessalonians |
| 21Nov | 1 Thessalonians 3-4 | 16 | |
| 22Nov | 1 Thessalonians 5 | 17 | |
| 23Nov | 2 Thessalonians | 18 | RS: 2 Thessalonians |
| 24Nov | 1 Timothy 1-2 | 19 | RS: 1 Timothy |
| 25Nov | 1 Timothy 3-4 | 20 | |
| 26Nov | 1 Timothy 5-6 | 21 | |
| 27Nov | 2 Timothy | 22 | RS: 2 Timothy |
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| 28Nov | Titus | 23 | RS: Titus |
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| 29Nov | Philemon | 24 | RS: Philemon |
| 30Nov | Hebrews 1-2 | 25 | RS: Hebrews |
| 1Dec | Hebrews 3-4 | 26 | |
| 2Dec | Hebrews 5-6 | 27 | |
| 3Dec | Hebrews 7-8 | 28 | |
| 4Dec | Hebrews 9-10 | 29 | |
| 5Dec | Hebrews 11-13 | 30 | |
| 6Dec | James 1-3 | 31 | RS: James |
| 7Dec | James 4-5 | 32 | |
| 8Dec | 1 Peter 1-2 | 33 | RS: 1 Peter |
| 9Dec | 1 Peter 3-5 | 34 | |
| 10Dec | 2 Peter | 35 | RS: 2 Peter |
| 11Dec | 1 John 1-2 | 36 | RS: 1-3 John |
| 12Dec | 1 John 3-4 | 37 | |
| 13Dec | 1 John 5, 2-3 John | 38 | |
| 14Dec | Jude | 39 | RS: Jude |

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| | 15Dec | Revelation 1-3 | 40 | RS: Revelation 1-11 |
| | 16Dec | Revelation 4-6 | 41 | |
| | 17Dec | Revelation 7-9 | 42 | |
| | 18Dec | Revelation 10-11 | 43 | |
| | 19Dec | Revelation 12-13 | 44 | RS: Revelation 12-22 |
| | 20Dec | Revelation 14-16 | 45 | |
| | 21Dec | Revelation 17-18 | 46 | |
| | 22Dec | Revelation 19-20 | 47 | THM: Heaven and Earth |
| | 23Dec | Revelation 21-22 | 48 | |

APPENDIX

SPIRITUAL GROWTH CONTINUUM

We each want to uncover insights about what advances our spiritual growth and what gets in the way. Our definition of "spiritual growth" is based on Jesus' teaching about the greatest commandment—to love God and to love others (Mt 22:36-40).

How would you describe your current pace of spiritual growth?

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What's your greatest desire from the church?

□ Help me understand the Bible in depth.

□ Help me develop a personal relationship with Jesus.

□ Help me in my time of emotional need.

□ Provide a clear pathway to guide growth.

 \Box Challenge me to grow.

□ Help me feel like I belong.

WHERE ARE YOU AT?

A fascinating study was done a few years ago on spiritual growth in the church. One thing that emerged was a spiritual growth continuum (Move: What 1,000 Churches Reveal About Spiritual Growth, Greg Hawkins and Cally Parkinson). The continuum showed four segments of church attenders:

- Exploring Christ: The people in this segment have a basic belief in God, but they are unsure about Jesus and his role in their lives.
- Growing in Christ: The people in this segment have a personal relationship with Jesus. They've made a commitment to trust him with their destinies, but they are just beginning to learn what it means and what it takes to develop a relationship with him.
- Close to Christ: The people in this segment depend on Jesus every day. They see Jesus as someone who assists them in life. On a daily basis, they turn to him for help and guidance for the issues they face in life.
- 4. Christ-Centered: The people in this segment would identity their relationship with Jesus as the most important relationship in their lives. They realize that life is not about Jesus just helping them with their lives, but a willingness to sacrifice anything for Jesus' kingdom mission here and now.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH OCCURS IN THREE MOVEMENTS ACROSS THE SPIRITUAL CONTINUUM

EXPLORING CHRIST

"I believe in God, but I'm not sure about Jesus. My faith is not a significant part of my life."

GROWING IN CHRIST

"I believe in Jesus and I am working on what it means to get to know him."

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CLOSE TO CHRIST

"I feel really close to Jesus and depend on him daily for guidance."



CHRIST-CENTERED

"My relationship with Jesus is the most important relationship in my life. It guides everything I do." The most important thing is not just identifying where you are on the spiritual growth continuum, but to experience growth—to move forward! As you can see in the image below, there are three big movements that take place. People who were surveyed from across the four segments on the continuum reported that movement for them was propelled by leaning into specific (1) Core Beliefs & Attitudes, (2) Church Activities, (3) Personal Spiritual Practices, and (4) Spiritual Activities.

MOVEMENT 1

Movement 1 is all about Christian basics. Developing a firm foundation of spiritual beliefs and attitudes is critical during this trust-building phase. The impact of church activities on spiritual growth is most significant in this movement.

MOVEMENT 2

In Movement 2 people decide that their relationship with Jesus is personal to them. It hinges on developing a routine of personal spiritual practices that make space and time for a growing intimacy with Jesus.

MOVEMENT 3

In Movement 3 believers replace secular selfcenteredness with Christlike self-sacrifice. They pour out their increasing love for Jesus through spiritual outreach activities, especially evangelism.

WHICH MOVEMENT DO YOU NEED TO LEAN INTO?

Note: The ones in bold for each movement were reported by those surveyed as the top five which caused the greatest impact of movement.

MOVEMENT 1

FROM EXPLORING CHRIST TO GROWING IN CHRIST:

CORE BELIEFS & ATTITUDES:

- Salvation by Grace: I believe nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation (Eph 2:8-9).
- The Trinity: I believe the God of the Bible is the only true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit (2 Cor 13:14).
- □ Personal God: I believe God is actively involved in my life (Ps 121).
- □ Jesus is First: I desire Jesus to be first in my life (Mt 6:33).
- Authority of the Bible: I believe the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do (2 Tim 3:16-17).

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- Serve the Church: I serve in a church ministry once a month or more.
- Weekend Services: I attend weekend services three to four times a month.
- Small Groups: I meet with a small group through my church once a month or more.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:

- Reflection on Scripture: Rare to frequent
- □ Bible Reading: Rare to frequent
- □ Prayer to Seek Guidance: Occasional to frequent
- Prayer to Confess Sins: Occasional to frequent

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES:

Spiritual Friendships: I meet with or talk to a close friend who helps me grow spiritually once a month or more.

MOVEMENT 2

FROM GROWING IN CHRIST TO CLOSE TO CHRIST:

CORE BELIEFS & ATTITUDES:

- □ Personal God: I believe God is actively involved in my life (Ps 121).
- Salvation by Grace: I believe nothing I do or have done can earn my salvation (Eph 2:8-9).
- Authority of the Bible: I believe the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- □ Jesus is First: I desire Jesus to be first in my life (Mt 6:33).
- □ Identity in Jesus: I exist to know, love, and serve God (Jn 1:12-13).

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- Serve Those in Need through My Church: I serve those in need through my church once a month or more.
- □ Serve the Church: I serve in a church ministry once a month or more.
- Small Groups: I meet with a small group through my church once a month or more.
- □ Weekend Services: I attend weekend services three to four times a month.
- Adult Education Classes Focused on Spiritual Topics:
 I regularly participate in adult education-type classes focused on spiritual topics.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:

- Reflection on Scripture: Frequent
- Prayer to Seek Guidance: Frequent to daily
- □ Tithing: I currently give 10% or more to my church.
- □ Journaling: Rare
- □ Solitude: Occasional to frequent
- Bible Reading: Frequent

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES:

- Evangelism: I had six or more meaningful spiritual conversations with non-Christians in the past year.
- Spiritual Friendships: I meet with or talk to a close friend who helps me grow spiritually once a month or more.
- Serving Those in Need on My Own: I serve those in need on my own, not through my church, once a month or more.
- Spiritual Mentors: I meet with or talk to a spiritual mentor or confidant once a month or more.

MOVEMENT 3

FROM CLOSE TO CHRIST TO CHRIST-CENTERED:

CORE BELIEFS & ATTITUDES:

- Giving Away My Life: I am willing to risk everything that is important in my life for Jesus (Rom 12:1-2).
- □ Jesus is First: I desire Jesus to be first in my life (Mt 6:33).
- □ Identity in Jesus: I exist to know, love, and serve God (Mt 6:33).

- □ Authority of the Bible: I believe the Bible has decisive authority over what I say and do (2 Tim 3:16-17).
- Stewardship: I believe a Christian should live a sacrificial life that is not driven by the pursuit of material things (1 Tim 6:17-19).

CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

- Serve Those in Need through My Church: I serve those in need through my church once a month or more.
- Additional Teaching/Worship Service: I attend an additional teaching/ worship service.

PERSONAL SPIRITUAL PRACTICES:

- □ Reflection on Scripture: Frequent to daily
- □ Bible Reading: Frequent to daily
- □ Solitude: Frequent to daily
- □ Prayer to Confess Sins: Daily
- □ Journaling: Rare
- □ Prayer to Seek Guidance: Daily

SPIRITUAL ACTIVITIES:

- Evangelism: I had six or more meaningful spiritual conversations with non-Christians in the past year.
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SUN 9:30 AM

*Wednesday Night Community is a mid-week service consisting of worship, teaching, and communion that meets September - April.



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