



*Bible
Reading
Plan*

WEEK 4
MAY 11 - 17



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 begin another theme - suffering - as we see how opposition continues to rise against Nehemiah. But more importantly, we see Nehemiah's response to these oppositions. Oppositions and suffering for doing right is a subject that affects many of us, albeit some more than others.

Jesus himself warned us that we will have "tribulation" (John 16:33) in this world. Having a right perspective and response towards suffering is crucial for a believer. As you go through the various passages this week, may the Word of God shape your worldview on this theme so that your response towards suffering will be one that brings glory to His name!

May 11

MONDAY

"...and since we have a great priest over the house of God..."
- **Hebrews 10:21 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Hebrews 10:19-25 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What does it mean that "we have a great priest over the house of God" (v 21)? How does this allow us to draw near to God "with a true heart in full assurance of faith" (v 22)?

Why is it so important for us to “encourage one another... as we see the Day approaching”? In the context of a cell, how can we encourage one another?

Speak, Lord... Your Servant is Listening

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

May 12

TUESDAY



"What you are doing is not right. Shouldn't you walk in the fear of our God to avoid the reproach of our Gentile enemies?" - **Nehemiah 5:9 (NIV)**

Today's Meditation

Nehemiah 5 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Nehemiah observed that there was oppression against the poor and he proceeded to address this problem and the people responded accordingly. What do you think would have happened if the people refused to change their ways?

"Yet for all this I did not demand the food allowance of the governor... Remember for my good, O my God, all that I have done for this people." (v 19) Examine your desires and motivations – do you live for the audience of One, like Nehemiah did?

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May 13

WEDNESDAY

"Remember Tobiah and Sanballat, O my God, according to these things that they did.." - **Nehemiah 6:14 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Nehemiah 6-7:3 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

The onslaught of opposition to the building of the wall continued even though Nehemiah did everything that was pleasing in the eyes of God. Meditate on verse 14. What was Nehemiah's posture towards his enemies?

Think of 3 persons that may "cause your blood pressure to rise."
How can you have a God-honouring posture towards them and yet not be trampled on?

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May 14

THURSDAY

"You speak as a foolish woman speaks..." - **Job 2:10 (BSB)**



Today's Meditation

Job 2:1-13 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Do you think Job's wife, and his 3 friends had good intentions towards him? Why or why not?

What does this passage teach us about choosing the right counsel in times of suffering?

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May 15

FRIDAY

"Yet you are he who took me from the womb..." - **Psalms 22:9 (ESV)**



Today's Meditation

Psalms 22:1-31 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

David, the man after God's own heart, was going through a period of suffering. In this Psalm, he presents his complaints before the Lord, but he also remembers who God is. List the characteristics of God contained in this Psalm that David chooses to remember in the midst of his suffering. Take some time to meditate on these characteristics and how they relate to your own life.

The Biblical way of bringing our sorrows before the Lord is not just to pour out to Him about our situation and let out our emotions, but to also remember and declare who He is in the midst of it all. Write out your version of Psalm 22 - describing your situation as well as remembering who God is.

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May 16

SATURDAY



"Everyone has turned away, all have become corrupt; there is no one who does good, not even one." - **Psalms 53:3 (NIV)**

Today's Meditation

Psalms 53:1-6 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

What does verse 3 tell you about the state of man? How then should we live before God if "there is no one good"? Consider Romans 8:12-17 in the light of verse 3.

"There is none who does good..." (v 3). How will this affect the suffering in the world today?

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May 17

SUNDAY

"...but this happened so that the works of God might be displayed in him." - **John 9:3 (NIV)**



Today's Meditation

John 9:1-7 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

According to verse 3, what is the ultimate purpose of our suffering? What does it mean that "the works of God might be displayed in Him"?

Our suffering is not always the consequence of our actions. However, how we respond to it matters. What are some things you can do in the midst of your suffering so that God is glorified? (v 3)

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Additional Resources

Article: Why Does God Allow Suffering? by Sabrina Beasley McDonald
(<https://go.aws/2Wd3Fiv>)

Article: Interview with Parents of Baby Emme by Gracia Lee
(<https://go.aws/3baaBAZ>)

Video: Don't Limit God (Testimony) by Nick Vujicic
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3_-HDkl_VWY)

Video: Suffering and The Goodness of God Interview With
Steven Curtis Chapman by Rick Warren
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=U9KFNm8ceVg>)

Song: Still I Will Praise by Lucy Grimble
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PWu-iRaen6s&list=RDPWu-iRaen6s&start_radio=1)

Song: Who You Say You Are by Shanon Wexelberg
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=X0AtH9qLBLE>)



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