



READING GUIDE

Give us ears to hear

A two-week walk through the character of God, the promises of God, and the commands of Jesus.

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WHERE THIS STARTS

Before you begin

In the eighteenth year of his reign, King Josiah sent workers into the temple to repair it — and buried in the neglect they found something no one had been looking for: the Book of the Law. When it was read aloud, Josiah tore his robes. Not because the words were new, but because they had been there the whole time and no one had been listening. He gathered the whole nation, from the least to the greatest, and read the covenant in their hearing (2 Kings 22–23).

That is the setting of Jeremiah 11. God tells the prophet to proclaim “the words of this covenant” to a people who had just publicly agreed to them. The Hebrew word running underneath the whole chapter is shama — to hear. But in Scripture, hearing is not simply sound waves vibrating your ear drums. To truly hear is to obey. Judah heard the words. They did not listen.

Centuries later, Jesus gives the invitation we never saw coming and don’t often take time for: “Abide in me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you, unless you abide in me” (John 15:4). This guide is not meant to be a one-time reading. It is intended to encourage you to slow down and sit at the feet of Jesus.

Allow the time with Him to transform your mind and your heart.

YOUR NEXT TWO WEEKS

How to use this guide

Take the next week or two. Open your Bible — the actual one, not just the references below — and read each passage slowly. Don’t rush to finish all thirty. Some days you may only get through one, and that will be the right pace.

Before you read, ask God to speak plainly to you: about who He is, about what He has promised, and about what His Son has commanded. Then read with anticipation that He will speak to you.

Keep a journal alongside you. Write down what God is saying. Write down the verses that stop you, the ones you don’t understand, and the ones you’re not sure you believe yet. Write down the questions you are wrestling with — those belong on the page just as much as the answers do. Wrestling in God’s presence is not unbelief.

When you finish, consider going back to the first list and reading the passages and your journal entries again.

WHO HE IS

The character of God

Ask: Who are You? Which of these do I actually believe about God, and which do I only recite?

1. Holy

[Isaiah 6:1-8](#) [Leviticus 19:1-4](#) [1 Peter 1:13-16](#) [Revelation 4:6-11](#)

2. Steadfast in love (hesed)

[Exodus 34:5-9](#) [Psalms 136:1-9](#) [Hosea 11:1-4](#) [1 John 4:7-12](#)

3. Gracious and compassionate

[Psalms 103:8-14](#) [Nehemiah 9:16-21](#) [Isaiah 49:13-16](#) [Luke 15:17-24](#)

4. Slow to anger

[Numbers 14:17-20](#) [Jonah 3:10-4:11](#) [Romans 2:1-4](#) [2 Peter 3:8-10](#)

5. Just and righteous

[Deuteronomy 32:1-4](#) [Genesis 18:22-26](#) [Psalms 89:11-14](#) [Romans 3:21-26](#)

6. Faithful

[Deuteronomy 7:7-9](#) [Numbers 23:19-20](#) [Lamentations 3:19-26](#) [2 Timothy 2:11-13](#)

7. Sovereign

[Psalms 115:1-8](#) [Isaiah 46:8-11](#) [Daniel 4:34-37](#) [Ephesians 1:3-12](#)

8. All-knowing and everywhere present

[Psalms 139:1-12](#) [Jeremiah 23:23-24](#) [Hebrews 4:12-13](#)

9. Unchanging

[Malachi 3:6-7](#) [Psalms 102:25-27](#) [James 1:16-18](#) [Hebrews 13:7-8](#)

10. Self-existent and self-revealing

[Exodus 3:11-15](#) [John 1:1-5](#) [John 1:14-18](#) [Acts 17:24-28](#) [Colossians 1:15-20](#)

WHAT HE HAS PROMISED

The promises of God

Ask: What have You said You will do? In what areas of my life am I living as though this were not true?

1. Presence

[Deuteronomy 31:6-8](#) [Joshua 1:5-9](#) [Matthew 28:18-20](#) [Hebrews 13:5-6](#)

2. Forgiveness

[Psalms 32:1-5](#) [Isaiah 1:16-20](#) [Micah 7:18-20](#) [1 John 1:5-9](#)

3. A new heart and His Spirit within

[Ezekiel 36:25-28](#) [Jeremiah 31:31-34](#) [Joel 2:28-29](#) [Titus 3:4-7](#)

4. Eternal life

[John 3:14-17](#) [John 10:27-30](#) [John 11:23-27](#) [1 John 2:24-25](#)

5. No condemnation

[Romans 5:1-5](#) [Romans 8:1-4](#) [Romans 8:31-39](#)

6. He works all things toward good

[Genesis 50:15-21](#) [Romans 8:28-30](#)

7. Provision

[Psalms 23:1-6](#) [Matthew 6:25-34](#) [Philippians 4:10-19](#)

8. Rest for the weary

[Psalms 55:16-22](#) [Matthew 11:25-30](#) [1 Peter 5:6-10](#)

9. Wisdom and answered prayer

[Matthew 7:7-11](#) [James 1:2-8](#) [1 John 5:13-15](#)

10. His return and the renewal of all things

[John 14:1-6](#) [Acts 1:9-11](#) [1 Thessalonians 4:13-18](#) [Romans 8:18-25](#) [Revelation 21:1-7](#)

WHAT JESUS ASKS

The commands of Jesus

Ask: What are You asking of me? What would obedience look like this week, not someday?

1. Repent and believe the gospel

[Mark 1:14-20](#)

2. Love the Lord your God with all your heart

[Deuteronomy 6:4-9](#) [Matthew 22:34-40](#) [Mark 12:28-34](#)

3. Love your neighbor as yourself

[Leviticus 19:15-18](#) [Luke 10:25-37](#) [James 2:8-13](#)

4. Love one another as I have loved you

[John 13:31-35](#) [John 15:12-17](#)

5. Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you

[Matthew 5:43-48](#) [Luke 6:27-36](#)

6. Follow me — deny yourself, take up your cross daily

[Matthew 4:18-22](#) [Mark 8:34-38](#) [Luke 9:23-26](#)

7. Forgive, seventy times seven

[Matthew 6:9-15](#) [Matthew 18:21-35](#) [Luke 17:1-4](#)

8. Do not judge

[Matthew 7:1-5](#) [Matthew 7:12](#) [Luke 6:37-42](#)

9. Abide in me

[John 15:1-11](#)

10. Go and make disciples

[Matthew 28:16-20](#) [Acts 1:6-8](#)

He who has ears to hear, let him hear.

MATTHEW 11:15

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