

A Life Built on the Word

A 7-day Guide to Learning to Love the Bible

Prologue



Whether your Book is pristine, gold leaf and leather or battered, annotated and torn, something new awaits you among its pages.

Something familiar also awaits, even for those who have never read the words, you will find Truths there that stir the ones written in your heart.

As you open its pages in months and years to come, we bless you.

Each time you read, we bless your spirit with thirst in Jesus' name. May you find timely questions, unexpected answers, human pain, and the healing of all things.

Each time you meditate, we bless you in Jesus' name with wisdom, encouragement, insight. May the Holy Spirit speak powerfully to you through the words.

We live in swiftly changing times and yesterday's marble monuments dissolve, eroded and forgotten.

We are unused to what lasts.

So we bless you in Jesus' name with a taste for the unchanging, for powerful and active words breathed by the Spirit and kept for the good of all of us who are God's people.

If you've ever spent time in the United Kingdom, you may have encountered beautiful stone structures covered in ivy: Churches that are more than a thousand years old. Walled-in gardens. Gates and arches. Being in these places is a sacred experience. It's not just that they're beautiful. These structures have stood the test of time. One generation after another has passed by these walls. They have survived catastrophes like wars, fires, and even global pandemics. Through it all, they are solid. They stand firm.

In a world of increasing instability and struggle, we are in great need of solid structures to stand on. Ground that will hold us up—solid rock, not shifting sand. What do we cling to when our lives, our livelihoods, our families, even our societies, seem to be falling apart?

God hasn't left us to figure this out on our own. No, he has given us solid ground—truths that are rock solid and have stood the test of time, carrying his people through many difficulties over the ages.

Look at these assurances we have about the rock-solid nature of God's promises:

"The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." Isaiah 40:8

"Does [God] speak and then not act? Does he promise and not fulfill?" Numbers 23:19b

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away." Matthew 24:35

God's words are eternal, and everything he has promised or said will surely happen. Even when everything else we've known as "secure" dissolves into thin air, God's words will still be there. How's that for solid ground?

*Stand at the crossroads and look;
ask for the ancient paths,
ask where the good way is, and walk in it,
and you will find rest for your souls.*

- Jeremiah 6:16

Following the Ancient Paths



Now, this probably isn't news to you. Maybe you even grew up singing about the wise man who built his house upon the rock "and the rains came tumblin' down." Or how about this one—"The B-I-B-L-E, yes, that's the book for me. I stand alone on the word of God. The B-I-B-L-E." Many of us were taught the importance of the Bible when we were children. So why make a big deal about it now?

Remember Jesus's parable of the wise and foolish builders? Take a minute right now to read this short word picture again:

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house; yet it did not fall, because it had its foundation on the rock. But everyone who hears these words of mine and does not put them into practice is like a foolish man who built his house on sand. The rain came down, the streams rose, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell with a great crash.
(Matthew 7:24-27)

We may think of this passage in terms of believers and unbelievers. I follow Jesus, so of course my life is built on the rock. But it's pretty easy to get comfortable in the Christian life when things are going well and stop spending time in our Bibles. Even great students of the word can grow lax, and people in ministry can fall into the trap of only reading the Bible situationally in order to teach it. Without even realizing it, we move from that rock fortress of a life built on the word to a nice little cottage on the sandy beach.

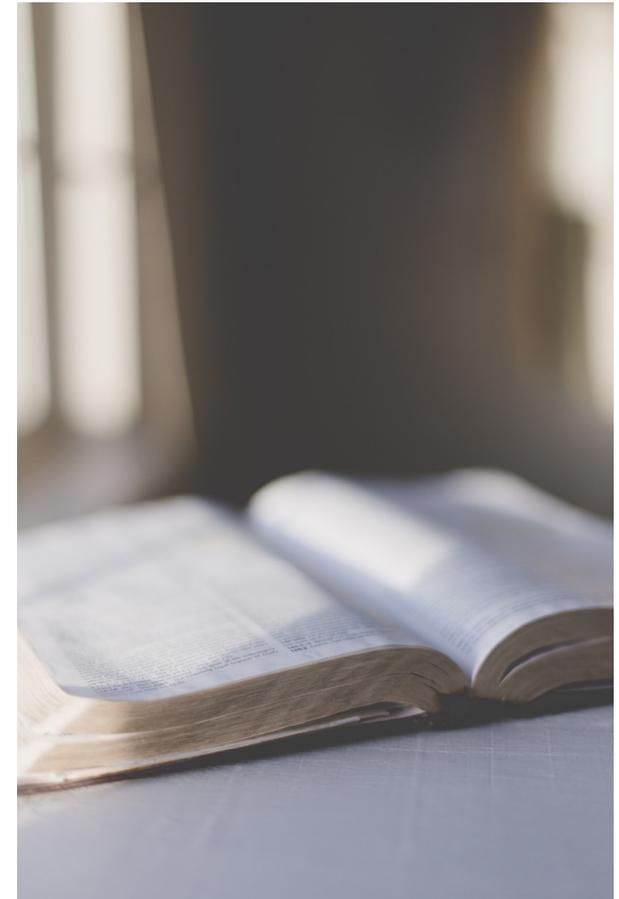
But the rain inevitably comes and reveals the truth of our lives. It's been coming down in droves over the past couple of years, but if you've been hanging

out in a beach house on the sand, you're probably aware of that by now. Prior knowledge or situational study actually aren't enough to steady us through the storms. For that we need to live on the rock, not just visit occasionally.

In the following pages, you'll find a map to lead you back to the rock if you've wandered, and a blueprint to strengthen your foundation if you never left. We'll be following a simple tool called the "Hand Illustration" where each finger represents a different way to delve into scripture. This illustration is a guide to getting ourselves into scripture in ways that will change us—helping us encounter God, grounding us, and giving us life. Many of the ideas contained here will be familiar; a few of the tools shared will probably be new.

The challenge for most of us won't be in understanding the map, but in applying it to our lives. It's a challenge worth taking on. If we do, we will be well on the way to becoming Bible-centered followers of Jesus, people who are truly living on the rock.

Our prayer as you work your way through these pages is that you would find yourself in those ancient, sacred spaces that have brought believers into the shelter of God's presence throughout time. We hope that as you spend time in the Bible your life will overflow with the truths, stories, and promises of God, and the Holy Spirit will speak very personally to you through them.

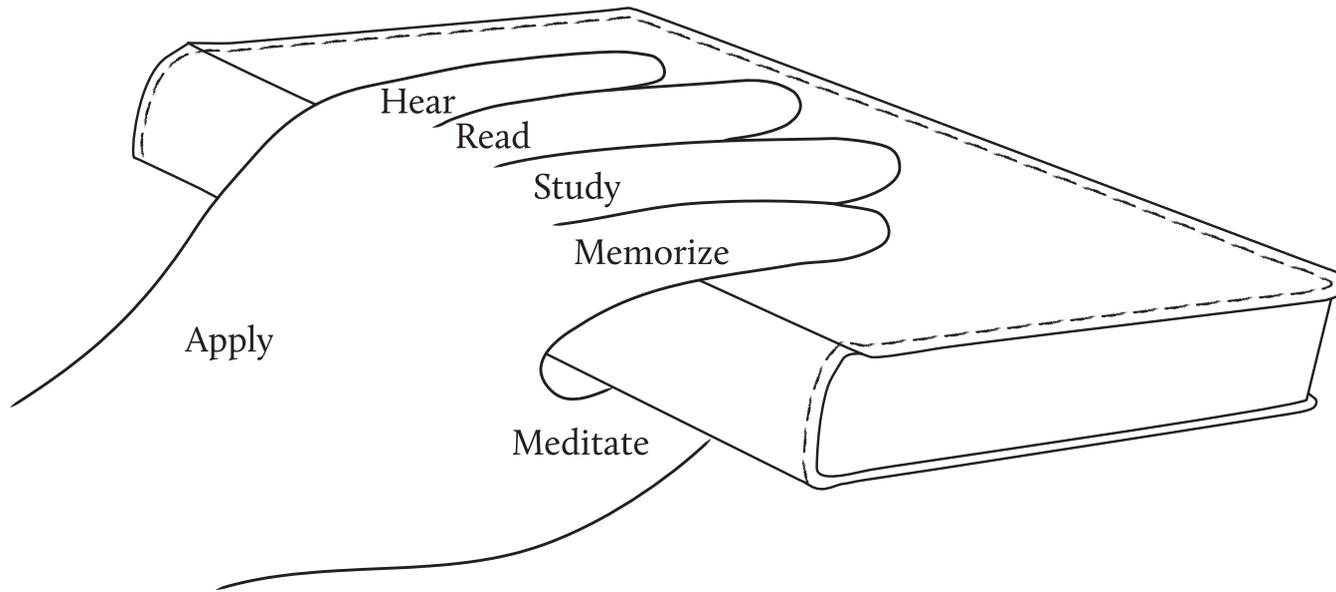


Prompts for Reflection

Would you say you are currently living on the rock? Why or why not?

If you've been staying immersed in the Bible, what have the effects been on your life? If you haven't been immersed in scripture recently, what impact would you hope spending more time in the Bible would have on you?

The Hand Illustration





Consequently, faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ.

Romans 10:17

Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit...

Colossians 3:16

The first finger in the hand illustration represents hearing the Bible. This is one of the simplest and easiest ways to engage with scripture. It's audible (out loud) and interactive (involving other people).

There are so many ways to hear the message. We're hearing when someone teaches from the Bible, sharing illustrations and applications for life.

We're hearing when people recount the stories of the Bible in their own words or discuss what the Holy Spirit is highlighting to them. We're hearing when the word is preached, proclaimed through liturgy, recounted through media and podcasts, and read out loud in person or through an audio Bible.

Today, 900 million of the world's population are non-literate. For them, oral or visual methods of communicating the Bible are the only methods. Obviously, hearing the message of the Bible is hugely important for them. But what about those of us who can read and write? Even for us, one of the most effective means of internalizing the truths of scripture is by listening. We may be able to remember more details when we read, but we'll come away with an understanding of the big idea when we listen.

In our fast-paced world—full of technology and media and short on time—engaging with scripture audibly opens up many new opportunities for being with Jesus by being in the word. We can spend meaningful time interacting with God and the Bible on the go, whether we're driving to work or catching up on chores at home.

There are so many wonderful tools for hearing the word. Here are a few ways to incorporate hearing into your life that you may not have considered before.

We're living in the age of **online sermons and podcasts**. Ask your small group or other friends for recommendations on their favorite Bible teachers or Christian podcasts.

The Bible Project has a wealth of **animated videos** that (literally) sketch out, summarize, and trace the major themes and lessons of the Bible in engaging and informative ways, incorporating word studies, cultural backgrounds and connections to other parts of scripture. You can use the videos as a launching point for deeper study through their correlating Bible studies, Bible reading plans, and podcast.

There are many free **Bible apps with audio options**. Some even dramatize the word, adding in music, sound effects, or different voices to bring the text to life. *YouVersion* is one popular app that has reading plans and devotionals with an audio option in addition to chapter-by-chapter Bible passages and recordings. *Streetlights* is a creative (and less familiar) Bible app where scripture is read using the art of spoken word. It doesn't have recordings of the entire Bible but there are a significant number of books available and it's a very unique way to listen to scripture.

Hearing the Bible

Prompts for Reflection

Of all the different ways to listen to and interact with scripture, which ones appeal to you the most?

How are you currently hearing the word? Is there a new resource or idea here you'd like to try?



Reading the Bible



But [Jesus] answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4

All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

2 Timothy 3:16–17

The second finger in the hand illustration

represents reading the Bible. There’s great benefit in simply immersing yourself in what the Bible says. Reading. Enjoying. Absorbing. Becoming familiar. A lifetime soaking in scripture.

The more we read the Bible and become saturated in its messages and truths, the more we will be able to recognize God’s voice and discern truth from error (see 2 Timothy 3:16–17). The words of God are what we live on spiritually—all of his words (Matthew 4:4). Knowing what the Bible says (and what it does not) is a spiritual anchor in a world full of messages trying to get us to believe the opposite. Becoming familiar with the whole Bible, not just selective parts, is the best way to ground ourselves in biblical truth.

Consider how Jesus responded to Satan when he was tested in the desert just before beginning

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his public ministry (Matthew 4). Satan tried to tempt Jesus in many ways, sometimes even quoting scripture passages to do so. Because of Jesus's deep familiarity with the whole of scripture, he could recognize when the enemy was twisting the Bible's message. He was able to refute each suggestion from Satan using God's word because he knew the whole story. As we grow in our knowledge of the Bible, we will be equipped to do the same.

One practice for growing in our familiarity with scripture is reading through the Bible in a year. For most people, this will mean 20–30 minutes of reading per day. There are all kinds of simple programs to help us read systematically. Some have daily readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs. Others take the reader on a chronological or historical journey, reading the whole Bible in the order events took place.

You can purchase Bibles that are already set up and designed to be read in one year, but there are also free resources. The *Oneyearbibleonline.com* site contains a free printable scripture list of daily readings from the Old Testament, New Testament, Psalms, and Proverbs (and the same list in larger print). If you'd like to read through the Bible chronologically, there is a printable scripture list as well (larger print version available). You can also use free Bible apps such as YouVersion (that we mentioned previously) to follow various reading plans using your phone.

If reading the Bible in a year isn't realistic for you right now, consider the simple method for reading at your own pace recommended by George Mueller. Mueller is remembered for his deep spiritual life and the miraculous answers to prayer he witnessed in his ministry to orphans. Mueller suggested getting two bookmarks for your Bible, one for the Old Testament and one for the New. Begin your Bible reading with

Genesis 1, and whenever you decide to stop for the day, insert one of the bookmarks. The next time you open your Bible, read from the beginning of the New Testament (Matthew 1) and place the second bookmark at the place you stop. Each day, alternate between the Old and New Testaments, picking up where you left off before.

If you read through the Bible multiple times during your lifetime, as many believers have done, try using a different Bible version each time. The slightly different words and phrases can bring new perspective and freshness to passages you've read many times before.

Prompts for Reflection

Would you say you're familiar with the whole Bible?

What parts are less familiar to you?

Have you personally experienced times when familiarity with scripture helped you follow God's path for your life? What happened?

Which process for growing in familiarity with scripture seems like the best fit for you?

Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Studying the Bible

In fact, though by this time you ought to be teachers, you need someone to teach you the elementary truths of God's word all over again. You need milk, not solid food! Anyone who lives on milk, being still an infant, is not acquainted with the teaching about righteousness. But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.

Hebrews 5:12-14

With the third finger, we take a significantly deeper dive into scripture. This finger represents studying the Bible.

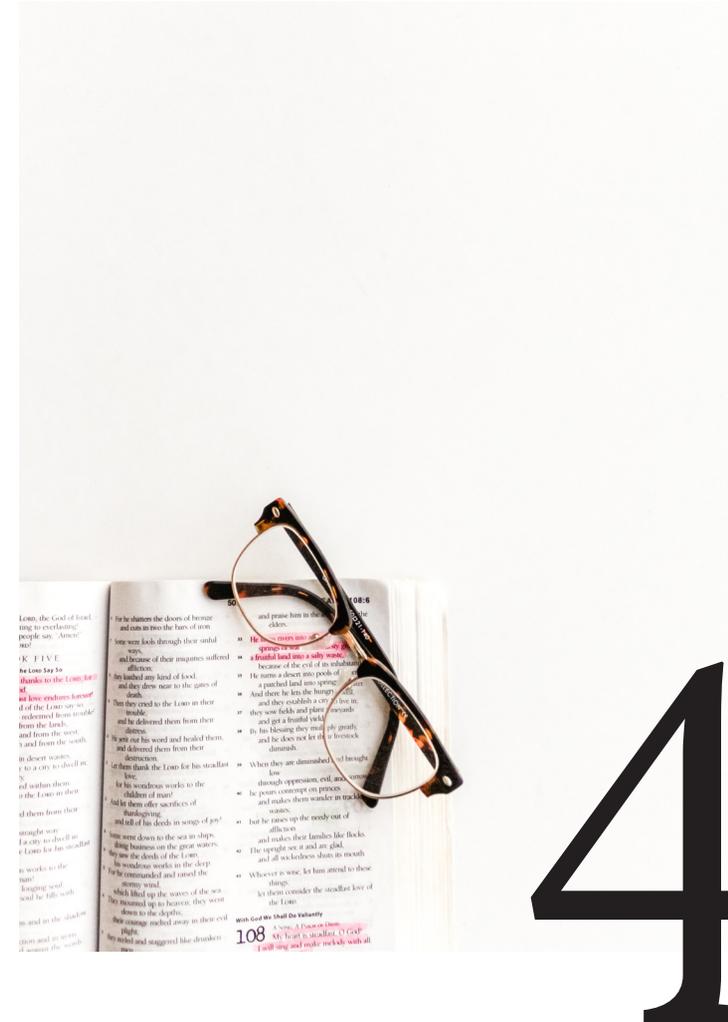
With hearing, we are digesting scripture in the moment, as we hear it, or through someone else's teaching. With reading, we are covering a lot of ground, growing in familiarity with the whole story. With studying, we are spending time working through a smaller section of scripture in greater detail in order to understand it more deeply for ourselves.

One reason to study the Bible is the growth in spiritual maturity it will produce in us. When we study, we take responsibility for our own spiritual growth rather than depending solely on the study others have done. We grow in our understanding and experience with the Bible, ready for "solid food" and trained "to distinguish good from evil" (Hebrews 5:12-14). It takes a higher level of energy and commitment to dig deeply into scripture. As we learn to "correctly handle the word of truth", we grow in spiritual maturity (2 Timothy 2:15).

When we make Bible study a central part of our lives, we often see the scriptures come to life for us in new ways. The truths we discover about God for ourselves stay with us and continue to shape us. Yes, it takes extra effort to study the Bible, but it pays off by making scripture much more meaningful for us.

If studying the Bible feels intimidating, start by doing it with other people. There are many ministries that do an excellent job of helping people study the Bible together. Groups like Bible Study Fellowship and Community Bible Study are two of the best and have helped hundreds of thousands of people dig deeply into the treasures of scripture. You can visit these websites to find a study in your area or join a group online.

Incorporating times of personal Bible study into your life doesn't have to feel overwhelming. Consider scheduling one time per week or per month where you will take an hour or two to dig into scripture using an inductive Bible study method. In inductive Bible study you make observations about a portion of scripture in order to understand what it means and then apply it to your life. Inductive Bible study methods can be simple or complex, depending on which version you choose to follow.



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Here's one basic inductive Bible study process that's very easy to use. All you need is a Bible and the list of questions.

The H.O.P.E. Model

HEAR from God through the scripture passage

- *Read the story out loud*
- *Re-tell it in your own words*

OBSERVE what it says

- *What stands out to you?*
- *What does this story tell us about God?*
- *What does this story tell us about people?*

Put it into **PRACTICE**

- *How can you personally and specifically live out what God is showing you in this text?*
- *Write down an "I WILL _____" statement for the week ahead*

ENCOURAGE someone

- *Who can you tell about what you discovered?*

If you're ready for a more in-depth approach, take a look at the Inductive Bible Study download listed in the Resources section at the end of this study. It's still basic enough to be accessible but asks you to dig deeper into the context before interpreting and applying the passage.

With the more complex versions of inductive Bible study you'll benefit from having some additional resources, like a study Bible that includes cross-references to other scripture passages and information on the historical or cultural background of the text. One free online resource with several

useful study tools is *Blue Letter Bible*. (The video tutorials under the "Help" tab will introduce you to the different tools and how to use them.)

Of course, before you can begin to study the Bible, you have to decide what to study. The Bible is a glorious 66 books long, after all—not a project for one afternoon. So where do you start?

J. Robert Clinton, an expert on leadership who was passionate about forming Bible-centered leaders, has some helpful advice to offer here. For most people, he says, studying the whole Bible in great depth is neither necessary nor helpful. If we're trying to accomplish that massive task, we will likely be overwhelmed and never study at all.

Instead, we should study the Bible selectively, choosing passages or books that have been especially significant in our personal walk with Jesus (the scriptures we find ourselves returning to again and again because of how they speak to us). Clinton calls these your "core" books or passages. When it comes to Bible study, we can make it a goal to master our core passages, one piece at a time.

If you're not sure what your core books or passages are, study one of these foundational books (which Clinton calls "common core books"): Psalms, Proverbs, John, Romans, or Philipians.

Prompts for Reflection

Are you more intimidated or excited about studying the Bible? How come?

Which books or passages of scripture have been especially meaningful for you over the years? Which ones would you list as your "core"?

The fourth finger in the hand is to memorize the scriptures. Scripture memory as a spiritual discipline is a highly effective means of saturating one's life with biblical truth.

The scriptures challenge the reader to learn the word by heart. Why? Because the scriptures we've memorized will come up in our minds in all kinds of situations, exactly when we need them. Comfort.

Memorizing the Bible

Encouragement. Guidance. Living the way God would have us to live. The Holy Spirit delights to speak to us in life-giving ways through the word.

The Bible strongly links memorization with righteous living (Psalm 119). Going back to the example of Jesus's time of temptation in the desert, Jesus wasn't just familiar with scripture, he had it memorized. As a Jewish boy growing up in Galilee, he would have memorized a huge amount of scripture by the time he was a teenager—at least the first five books of the Bible and probably a lot more. Jesus was able to quickly dispel the trickery of Satan by quoting passages from Deuteronomy and the Psalms by heart. Permanently stamping scriptures in our minds and hearts through memorization will help us discern the right way to live in an increasingly complex world.

"Bible memorization is absolutely fundamental to spiritual formation," writes Dallas Willard, a philosopher and prolific writer about Christian growth and transformation. "If I had to choose between all the disciplines of the spiritual life, I would choose Bible memorization, because it is a fundamental way of filling our minds with what it needs." Did you catch that? Willard would put

memorization ahead of silence, fasting, even prayer, because of the impact it has on the human heart. That's a pretty strong statement.

Memorization makes it possible for us to continually meditate on and be transformed by the truth of scripture long after our quiet time, Bible reading, or study is over. We take those passages with us everywhere we go. And what we memorize is not

just for us. We'll be prepared to share God's truths with other people at any moment, whether

sitting, or walking, or lying down (Dt. 6:6-7). And we'll have powerful words of blessing and encouragement to offer others—God's words.

The *Topical Memory System*, published by NavPress, is an excellent tool for memorizing scripture. You can download a free printable set of their memory verse cards to try it out. These cards are easy to keep with you when you're out and about—so the next time you're waiting in a check-out line, instead of pulling out your phone to scroll the internet, you can pull out your memory cards to invest in your spiritual life.

Prompts for Reflection

Which of the benefits of memorization resonates the most for you?

What do you think of Willard's belief that memorization is the most powerful spiritual discipline? Would you agree or disagree? Why?

What are some of the "downtimes" in your own life where you could potentially be working on memorization?

With my whole heart I seek you; let me not wander from your commandments! I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you.

Psalm 119:10-11

"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success."

Joshua 1:8





Blessed is the one who does not walk in step with the wicked or stand in the way that sinners take or sit in the company of mockers, but whose delight is in the law of the Lord, and who meditates on his law day and night. That person is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither— whatever they do prospers.

Psalm 1:1-3

Meditating on the Bible

The fifth finger is the thumb in the illustration, which represents meditation. Meditation functions alongside the other four disciplines we've covered in the same way that a thumb works in conjunction with the other four fingers of a physical hand; try holding a book with just four fingers!

Meditation is the process of pondering and praying through scripture. It's a reflective practice that drives biblical truth from the head to the heart. Meditation is the best posture for the Holy Spirit to show up and speak personally to us through the written word, resulting in specific personal application and changed lives. When we engage in meditation we are able to actually connect with God through our time in the Bible rather than just gaining knowledge from it.



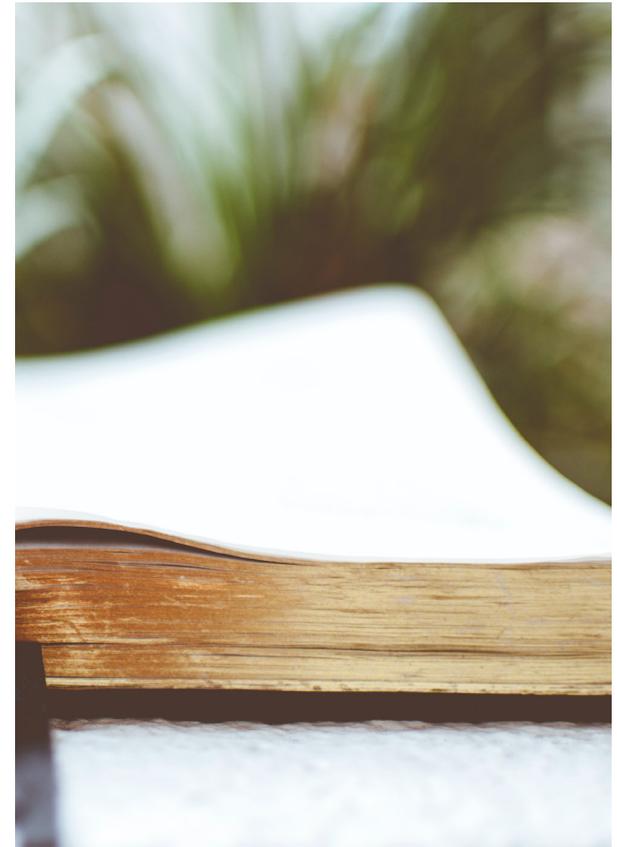
Believers have handed down different tools for meditating on scripture over the centuries, like *Lectio Divina*—a process where you read a passage a few times, prayerfully focusing on a different prompt each time, and pausing to pray and connect with God. These tools can be very helpful and life-giving. But we don't have to follow a formal plan to meditate on scripture. The basics are really quite simple: Take time to think through what you've read and talk to God about it. Ask God to speak to you through the passages and listen for the Spirit of God to guide you. That's it.

Meditation is an important element of a daily quiet time. One simple but excellent method for meditating on scripture is the *One Thought Method* shared by J. Robert Clinton. In the *One Thought Method*, an individual reads a portion of scripture, chooses just one of the thoughts they have about it, writes it down, turns it into a prayer, and prays it back to God.



The One Thought Method

- **Prepare your heart** for your quiet time by praying a short paraphrase of Psalm 119:18—something like this, “O Lord, show me one truth from yourself today.”
- **Trust God** to answer this prayer. Believe he will be active in your very thought processes.
- **Choose a short portion of scripture** and read it several times.
- As you read, some connections will likely form in your mind. **Spend more time with one of these thoughts** (perhaps one which seems to fit your circumstances, or the one which repeatedly comes back to mind, or just simply choose one). Sometimes you may want to underline the sentences or phrases in your Bible from which the thought came. And you may want to date it to remember it later.
- **Jot down the thought.** This may force you to rethink it or modify it slightly. Remember, you asked for a thought and you trusted God to give you one so take it by faith that he has given you this thought. Thank him for it.
- Now **turn this thought into a prayer** and tell it to God.



Prompts for Reflection

Why do you think meditation is the “thumb” of the hand illustration? What would be lacking in our interactions with the Bible without it?

Is meditation part of your personal quiet times? If not, how could you include it?

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

Applying the Bible

We've reached the final component of the hand illustration—apply. Application is one of the important outcomes of any of these means of spending time in scripture. In application, the Holy Spirit applies biblical truth to our lives with supernatural power.

When we let scripture speak into our daily lives, we will encounter the truth of Hebrews 4:12: “For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.” Responding to God’s word with repentance and obedience is a crucial element of being a disciple. According to Jesus, obedience is the most accurate test of our love for God and our relationship with him (John 14:21).

Despite this, personal application is glossed over by many Christians today. We can sadly become content with just adding to our biblical knowledge

Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says... whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

James 1:22, 25

Whoever has my commands and keeps them is the one who loves me. The one who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love them and show myself to them.

John 14:21



for knowledge's sake, as if that was the end goal. We forget that "the Bible was not given for our information but for our transformation" (D. L. Moody). We need to be doers of the word, not hearers (or insight gatherers) only (James 1:22). One other dangerous trap we can all too easily fall into is coming up with applications that are either for other people or are generalizations about things "people should do or believe," rather than things that apply to my life, in a specific way, right now.

Discovery Bible Studies (DBSs) are a powerful component of gospel movements around the world. One of the reasons for this is that the participant is asked to make personal and immediate application and obedience to what is read. Each person in a DBS group creates an "I will" statement that is actionable and specific—and then the next time the group meets, each person is asked, "How did it go?" Application, obedience, and accountability.

As participants in these DBS groups start to walk out the truths they are learning in scripture, their lives change in noticeable ways. There are tons of stories of people who were drawn to Jesus because of the changes they saw in the lives of DBS participants—even participants who weren't professing faith in Jesus yet.

There are a lot of good prompts for recognizing how God would have us respond to a scripture passage. Here are a few:

- How will my life be different because of this truth?
- What would faithfulness or obedience to this text look like for me?

- How can I personally and specifically live out what God is showing me in this text?
- Write an "I WILL _____" statement for the week ahead.

Where possible, it's best to make application points specific. For example, instead of saying, "I will serve others," we could think through who we could serve in the coming week and how. It's also important to be realistic, so the conviction we feel leads to actual obedience.

The most important principle in applying scripture to our lives is that we're responding to what God is prompting us to do. It's the Holy Spirit's job to reveal the truths of scripture to our hearts as well as to convict and guide. So, ask God how he wants you to respond. Take time to listen, and expect the Holy Spirit to prompt you in the right direction.

Application is one of the most important outcomes of being in the Bible, but it is not the ultimate outcome. The deeper purpose is to encounter the triune God in the pages of holy scripture. This is what Jesus was referring to in John 5:39-40: "You pore over the scriptures because you presume that by them you possess eternal life. These are the very words that testify about me, yet you refuse to come to me to have life."

The point of every practice in the hand illustration is being with Jesus. Not knowledge. Not even better actions or lives. It's not the scriptures themselves, but the One they invite us to see, relate to, and worship.



In Closing

We've covered a lot of ground in this short guide and hope the hand illustration has been a helpful framework for thinking through what it means to build your life on the solid rock of God's word. There are so many ways to saturate ourselves in scripture and so many resources to help us.

If you're feeling overwhelmed by all the practices, we encourage you to not get stuck there. All six practices in the hand illustration are valuable in our development as followers of Jesus, but we don't have to do all of them all the time. What we do need is to spend intentional time in the Bible in ways that help us connect deeply with God and grow in our faith. If these practices are all new to you, just choose one to start with. If you've been doing some of the practices but missing others, consider challenging yourself to start something new.

As you finish this guide, consider how you will respond to what you've read in these pages. What is your "I WILL _____" statement going forward? The following questions may help:

- What practices are you most drawn to?
- What's a realistic step you could take to fill your life with scripture in a new way?
- What do you sense God is prompting you to do?
- How and when will you do it?

Have you seen that famous painting by Michaelangelo of Adam reaching out his hand to touch the hand of God? That's what we're doing when we incorporate the different practices from the hand illustration into our lives. With each scriptural discipline we are reaching our own hand out toward God in expectation that he will meet us there. The scripture becomes our sacred place of meeting, our own Sistine Chapel.

May God bless you as you step into that sacred space with him in his word. May the promises and truths you encounter in scripture bring you great encouragement and guide you in the paths of life. And may you always be a disciple who makes their home on the solid rock.

Resources

Day 2: Hearing the Bible

The Bible Project - <https://bibleproject.com>

YouVersion app - <https://www.youversion.com/the-bible-app>

Streetlights app - <https://www.streetlightsbible.com>

Day 3: Reading the Bible

One Year Bible Daily Readings Scripture List

<https://www.oneyearbibleonline.com/readingplan/oneyearbiblereadingplan.pdf>

One Year Bible Daily Readings Larger Print List

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Day 4: Studying the Bible

Bible Study Fellowship - <https://www.bsfinternational.org>

Community Bible Study - <https://www.communitybiblestudy.org>

Inductive Bible Study Guide - https://media.novo.org/pdf/Inductive_Bible_Study.pdf

Blue Letter Bible - <https://www.blueletterbible.org>

Day 5: Memorize the Bible

Topical Memory System Sample - <https://www.navigators.org/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/navtool-grow.pdf>

Day 7: Apply the Bible

What is a Discovery Bible Study? - <https://www.novo.org/dbis>

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