



LIVING IN FAITH READING SCRIPTURE

Reading Scripture grounds us in God's truth, guiding our hearts, shaping our faith, and drawing us closer to the living Word. Here are some tips to guide you in reading Scripture.

WHAT TRANSLATION SHOULD I READ?

Start with a modern, accessible translation such as NRSV, NIV, or CEB (the Common English Bible is Methodist-supported).

WHAT IF THIS FEELS TOO HARD?

Consider a copy of *The Message* by Eugene Peterson for overall ease of reading. This is a contemporary translation that makes reading scripture easier to consume if you are struggling to stay connected to the other translations.

WHAT SHOULD I READ?

People often start reading in the book of Mark because it is short or Luke because it has rich narratives. The book of Acts is a good read because it is the history of the church and how the Holy Spirit empowers us. The book of Psalm helps us connect our faith and our emotions during times of joy, sorrow, doubt, and praise.

HOW MUCH SHOULD I READ EACH DAY?

Read small portions—focus on quality, not speed.

HOW SHOULD I APPROACH THE SCRIPTURE?

Always begin your reading with prayer asking God to inspire you through His Word. Then ask yourself, *What does this teach me about God? About people? About following Christ?*



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