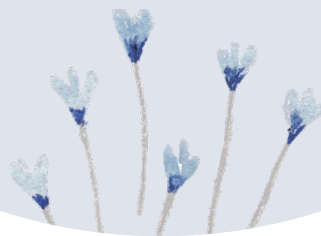


5 DAYS
TO GROW
YOUR LOVE
FOR GOD'S
WORD



Day 1 | How to create a Bible study habit

Let's be honest—it can be hard to consistently spend time in God's Word. Sometimes we neglect the Word because we have forgotten the value of it. Other times we simply don't know where to start or haven't made it part of our regular routine. Here are three tips for creating a habit of studying God's Word.

1: CHOOSE A PLACE

Whether it's at the kitchen table, in your favorite chair, or at your desk, decide where you'll regularly spend time with the Lord. Gather materials you use to study the Word—your Bible, your Give Me Jesus Journal, Bible study stickers, and pens and highlighters—and keep them nearby. By creating a spot with everything you need to study God's Word, you'll eliminate one obstacle to reading your Bible.

2: SET A TIME

No matter your season, give Jesus your best moments. Decide on the best time in your day for regular Bible study. On days when this time gets interrupted or your schedule changes, remember that even just a few minutes in the Word or in prayer can refresh your soul and renew your mind as you fellowship with your Father.

3: MAKE A PLAN

Decide on a book of the Bible you'll study and stick with it. You'll get the most out of your daily time in the Word if you settle down in one book of the Bible to study fully as you write truth on your heart. Remember, all of God's Word is profitable (2 Tim. 3:16). Study Old and New Testament books, knowing they are intricately woven together to tell one story of redemptive grace. Trust the Lord to speak through his Word each day and come with a humble and hungry heart for more of Jesus.

Day 2 | Time with Jesus changes everything

Jesus Christ is the Word of God (John 1:1–4). He was in the very beginning of creation, and by him the universe was made (Col. 1:16; Heb. 1:2). He is the fulfillment of all God's plans and promises found throughout Scripture (2 Cor. 1:20).

In the beginning was the Word, and right now, the Word is with you and before you. Each day you can open your Bible and meet with your Maker. This rhythm is vital in the daily life of a believer—to immerse yourself in the life-giving Word so you are equipped to go out into the world.

Time with Jesus in his Word changes everything.

Putting the Word before the world feels harder some days than others, but remember: the more you taste Jesus, the more the world will lose its flavor. Time in God's Word will train your soul to desire what satisfies, train your mind to be grounded in truth, and train your heart to love God above all else.

Word before world is a mindset shift, a lifestyle renovation, a daily motivation to know Jesus personally and fully. It's a daily admission that we are not the main characters of our lives—he is. Word before world is a resolution we can make every day as we pursue a deeper walk with the Lord by prioritizing consistent time in God's Word.

Day 3 | Resolve to put the Word before the world

The Word Before World Manifesto is a summary of what we believe as women who are rooted deeply in God's Word. It was written to encourage you to put Jesus first in every season. Take time to read through the words and make a commitment to meet with God in his Word. Let it be a reminder to chase after Jesus with all your heart, soul, mind, and strength (Mark 12:30–31).



Word Before World Manifesto

I resolve to put the Word before the world, because I believe Jesus Christ is worthy of my first, best, and last moments. He is the main character of my life, and I have the joy of being his daughter and disciple as I come before the throne of grace daily.

I believe the moments I spend with Jesus are life-changing, perspective-shifting, hope-stirring, and direction-giving. I will preach the gospel to myself every day because the gospel is the good news my soul needs to be reminded of over and over again.

Because Jesus is better than anything in this life, I will pick up my spiritual fork and nourish my soul with the Word of truth. And when I don't feel like picking up my Bible or praying, I will do it anyway because I know Jesus will meet me in my moment of need.

I resolve to do this, not by my own efforts, but by his might and power at work within me. By his grace, I will choose the better portion that will last forever, keeping my eyes glued on Jesus and my heart set on eternity.



Day 4 | For when it's hard to put the Word before the world

There will be days when you wake up and don't have a desire to study the Word. Some mornings you'll open your Bible with glazed eyes and a stubborn heart. We've all been there, but we don't have to stay there. Here are three tips to help on the days when you don't feel like reading God's Word.

1. Resolve now to build a habit of reading the Word. Even when you don't feel like reading your Bible, having a daily habit built will keep you from neglecting the Word. Time in the Word softens the hard soil of our hearts until we find that God's Word is sweet to our souls again.
2. Keep a list of favorite passages that help you preach truth to your heart. We suggest Psalm 19, Psalm 42, Isaiah 61, Matthew 6, Philippians 3–4, and Revelation 22. Make your own list of go-to passages and keep the list in your journal for when you're struggling. Commit some favorite verses to memory. Hide truth in your heart on the good days, so when it's dark in your soul, the light still shines.
3. Read your Bible anyway. God's Word is always profitable for us and doesn't return void (2 Tim. 3:16–17; Isa. 55:11). The best thing you can do on days when you don't feel like studying God's Word is do it anyway. It's okay to keep it simple or short on the hard days, but don't give up. Ask God to help you persevere and speak to you in your lack of desire and weakness.

Sister, studying God's Word is both simple and difficult. The key is to keep doing it. In seasons of spiritual dryness, don't deprive yourself of the water of God's Word. In his Word you'll find rest for the weary, good news for the lost, healing for the broken, and eternal hope for the disappointed. God longs to draw you near through his Word. Will you let him?

Day 5 | A liturgy for studying the Word

To wrap up 5 Days to Grow Your Love for God's Word, we want to leave you with a liturgy that helps you center your heart on the Lord and pray for his help in growing your desire for his Word. Keep it in your Bible or frame or display it near your Bible study spot.

A Liturgy for Studying the Word

By Lauren Weir



Triune God—Father, Son, Spirit—
Out of community, you spoke
And into existence came abundance,
The textured generosity of your presence,
Followed by an invitation for your image-bearers
To commune with you.

Forgive us,
We have abandoned the meal of meditation
To consume feeds of information
Designed to whet our affections
For the narratives of this world:
Wisdom without humility,
Satisfaction without sacrifice,
Hope without hardship.

Renew our taste buds and retrain our appetites
To crave the table you set
Of dependence and delight, bread and honey,
Food that endures to eternal life,
Broken and given to us by the Word made flesh,
Who beckons us to feast forevermore.

