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slow.

What would it look like to spend multiple hours, multiple days, a week even on one passage of scripture? For me, it goes against how I regularly read the Bible. I need a Bible plan to get me through, I need this chapter and that passage and the next day I need something else. But this type of reading can often lead me to a religious form of Christianity, but I don't want to just read about God, I want to know God.

I was listening to a mentor of mine and he said something that made me check where I was at with Jesus. He said sometimes he just stays on a verse for a week or more; he said he doesn't leave it until God says he could. I was shocked. I had never done that, but I knew I wanted to try.

**SLOW** comes from that. A Bible reading plan that doesn't matter how long it takes to finish. In fact, the longer it takes the better. Instead of just reading scripture, make it the prayer of your day, your week, or your month. Memorize it, share it with your friends, recite it in your car, pray it before you sleep.

If I could think of a word to encourage you and help you use this plan, it would be: soak. Soak in the living Word of God. Let Him hold you there until you've digested the promise into who you are.

May the Lord speak to you in amazing ways. Force yourself to take this slow, meditate on the words of God, be changed.

See you later. Way later.

There are only **5** passages.

Take **5** days on each.

Giving you **25** days with Him.





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**lord** [ lawrd ]

*a person who has authority, control, or power  
over others; a master, chief, or ruler.*

**justice** [ juhs-tis ]

*the quality of being just; righteousness, equitableness,  
or moral rightness:*

**wait** [ weyt ]

*to adhere to; hence, to await:—long, tarry, wait.*

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hat wait for Him. He is worth waiting for.  
The waiting itself is beneficial to us:  
it tries faith, exercises patience,  
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How has the Lord been gracious to you?  
Are you waiting for Him?  
What kind of time is spent with Him?  
How has God been patient with you?  
How has waiting been a blessing?

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**truth** [ trooth ]

*of a truth, in reality, in fact, certainly*

**corrupt** [ kuh-ruhpt ]

*to be destroyed, to perish*

**renewed** [ ri-noo, -nyoo ]

*to be spiritually transformed, to take on a new mind*

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"It makes no sense to take the name  
of Christian and not cling to Christ.

Jesus is not some magic charm to wear like a  
piece of jewelry we think will give us good luck.  
He is the Lord. His name is to be written on our  
hearts in such a powerful way that it creates  
within us a profound experience of His peace  
and a heart that is filled with His praise."

William Wilberforce



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What does it mean to put off the old self?  
To whom do your actions belong?  
Have you asked God to renew you?  
Have you put on the new self? How?  
What has changed about your life since  
living for Christ?

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**stand** [ stand ]

*to tarry, delay, remain, continue, abide, endure,  
persist, be steadfast*

**hasten** [ hey-suhn ]

*blow with the breath or air; hence, to fan (as a breeze),  
to utter, to kindle.*



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‘God whispers to us in our pleasures,  
speaks in our conscience,  
but shouts in our pains: it is His megaphone  
to rouse a deaf world.’

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Are you committed to hearing from God?  
Where have you stationed you life?  
Are you in conversation with the Lord?  
Have you expressed your complaint?  
What is God speaking to you?

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**destroy** [ dih-stroi ]  
*to render ineffective or useless; nullify;  
neutralize; invalidate.*

**treasure** [ trezh-er ]  
*wealth, rich materials, or valuable things.*

**heart** [ hahrt ]  
*the center of the total personality, especially with  
reference to intuition, feeling, or emotion:*

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'I would not give one moment  
of heaven for all the joy and riches  
of the world, even if it lasted for  
thousands and thousands of years.'

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What has already been stolen?  
What is your treasure?  
What does your heart crave?  
Where is your heart?

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**blessed** [ bles-id; ]  
*divinely or supremely favored; fortunate:*

**counsel** [ koun-suhl ]  
*advice; opinion or instruction given in directing  
the judgment or conduct of another.*

**delight** [ dih-lahyt ]  
*to give great pleasure, satisfaction, or  
enjoyment to; please highly:*

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'Christians increasingly live on a spiritual island;  
new and rival ways of life surround it in all directions  
and their tides come further up the beach  
every time....Some give morality  
a wholly new meaning which we  
cannot accept, some deny its possibility.  
Perhaps we shall all learn, sharply enough,  
to value the clean air and "sweet reasonableness"  
of the Christian ethics which in a more Christian  
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Who do I follow?  
Who do I stand with?  
What do I stand for?  
Where do I dwell?  
Who do I scoff at?  
How long have I been there?

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