



THE HEART OF LIVING HOPE  
**READING PLAN**

MAY-AUGUST | 2026



BIBLE READING PLAN

# Instructions

Join with our faith family as together we hear, read, consider, pray, and memorize the word of God that is "living and active...profitable for teaching, reproof, correction, and training in righteousness, so that the person dedicated to God may be equipped for every good work." (*Hebrews 4:12; 2 Timothy 3:16-17, NEB*)

**Each Saturday we will read and pray through the Scripture text for that Sunday's message.** Pray for Pastor Jason and other preachers who will proclaim the gospel through messages from the series, "The Heart of Living Hope in the Stories of Jesus." It's a celebration of the gospel that has defined Living Hope Baptist Church for the past fifty years through an exploration of the parables of Jesus. Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare your heart and the hearts of all in our faith-family to listen carefully, think deeply, feel rightly, and live that Scripture joyfully with our lives.

**From Monday through Friday each week, the 2026 Bible Reading Plan** will help us get to know our spiritual heritage through **the Bible's accounts of the lives and faith of the towering personalities of the Scriptures** like Abraham and Sara, Joseph, Moses, Ruth, King David, Esther, Peter, Paul and more. We'll slowly walk through the stories of their lives – their encounters with God; their choices, triumphs, and failures; their leadership of God's people; their contribution to the advance of God's mission; the development of their character, and more. As we enter into these lives and learn from their experiences and examples (both positive and negative), pray that the Lord will deepen our faith and shape us more like Jesus.



**Sunday's message**



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# Five Key Questions:

1

## What is the context or setting of this chapter/ passage?

It's always important to note what comes before and after a chapter or passage. If it is a story, grasp the basics of what is happening with the 5 W's: Who? What? When? Where? Why? If it is a teaching passage, identify the subject being addressed and the flow of the ideas or truths. Note any repeated words or phrases.

2

## What does this teach me about God (the Father, Son, and/or Holy Spirit), His character and ways?

3

## What does this show me about the beauty or brokenness of human beings?

4

## What does this reveal about the Gospel of Jesus?

Think through the 4 aspects of The Story of Scripture (Creation, Fall, Rescue, and Restoration); or The Three Circles (God's Design, Sin & Brokenness, and the Gospel of Jesus who came, lived, died in our place, rose again, now reigns as King, and will return).

5

## How should this passage change me?

Is there...

- a **truth** to learn or believe?
- an **error** to correct?
- an **example** to follow?
- a reason to **praise**?
- a **sin** to avoid or confess?
- a **promise** to grasp?
- a **command** to obey?

You might want to use a simple journal to jot down some of your observations. That's one way to make it "stick" to your heart more easily.



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# May

|    |                                              |             |
|----|----------------------------------------------|-------------|
| 1  | Deuteronomy 31                               |             |
| 2  | Matthew 13:44-46                             |             |
| 4  | Deuteronomy 32                               |             |
| 5  | Deuteronomy 33                               |             |
| 6  | Deuteronomy 34                               |             |
| 7  | Matthew 17:1-8; Hebrews 3:1-6                |             |
| 8  | Psalms 90                                    |             |
| 9  | Luke 18:9-14                                 |             |
| 11 | Luke 1:28-56; Matthew 1:18-21                | THREE MARYS |
| 12 | Luke 2                                       |             |
| 13 | John 2:1-12, 19:23-26; Acts 2:6-14           |             |
| 14 | Luke 10:38-42; John 12:1-8                   |             |
| 15 | John 11                                      |             |
| 16 | Matthew 20:1-16                              |             |
| 18 | Luke 8:1-3; Matthew 27:45-50, 55-61, 28:1-10 |             |
| 19 | John 20:11-18                                |             |
| 20 | Genesis 37                                   | JOSEPH      |
| 21 | Genesis 38                                   |             |
| 22 | Genesis 39                                   |             |
| 23 | Luke 7:41-42                                 |             |
| 25 | Genesis 40                                   |             |
| 26 | Genesis 41                                   |             |
| 27 | Genesis 42                                   |             |
| 28 | Genesis 43                                   |             |
| 29 | Genesis 44                                   |             |



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## May Memory Verse

Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love,  
steadfastness, gentleness. 1 Timothy 6:11



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# June

1 Genesis 45

2 Genesis 46

3 Genesis 47

4 Genesis 48

5 Genesis 49

6 Psalm 46

8 Genesis 50

9 1 Kings 17

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10 1 Kings 18

11 1 Kings 19

12 1 Kings 21

13 Psalm 23

15 2 Kings 1

16 2 Kings 2

17 Malachi 4:4-5; Matthew 11:1-15

18 Matthew 17:1-13

19 Esther 1

ESTHER

20 Psalm 36:5-9; 87:6-7

22 Esther 2

23 Esther 3-4

24 Esther 5

25 Esther 6

26 Esther 7

27 Psalm 43

29 Esther 8

30 Esther 9-10



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## June Memory Verse

My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart  
and my portion forever. Psalm 73:26



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# July

**PETER**

**1** Mark 1:14-39; Mathew 8:14-17

**2** Luke 5:1-11; Mark 3:13-19

**3** Matthew 14:22-33

**4** Matt 21:28-32

**6** Luke 8:40-56

**7** John 6:53-69

**8** Matthew 16:13-28

**9** Mark 9:2-10; Luke 9:28-36

**10** Matthew 18:21-35

**11** 1 Sam 12:1-15; Psalm 51

**13** Mark 10:17-31

**14** Mark 13:1-13, 32-37

**15** John 13:1-16

**16** Matthew 26:26-35; John 13:36-38; Luke 22:31-34

**17** Mark 14:32-50

**18** Hosea 1

**20** Mark 14:53-54, 66-72; Luke 22:54-62

**21** Mark 16:1-7; John 20:1-10

**22** John 21:1-23

**23** Acts 1:6-26

**24** Acts 2:1-41

**25** Joshua 6

**27** Acts 3

**28** Acts 4:1-22

**29** Acts 5

**30** Acts 8:9-25

**31** Acts 9:32-43

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## July Memory Verse

I have stored up your word in my heart,  
that I might not sin against you. Psalm 119:11



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# August

**1** Luke 14:16-23

**3** Acts 10:1-11:18

**4** Acts 12:1-19

**5** Acts 15:1-19

**6** Galatians 2:11-21

**7** 1 Peter 1

**8** Matthew 22:1-14

**10** 1 Peter 2

**11** 1 Peter 3

**12** 1 Peter 4

**13** 1 Peter 5

**14** 2 Peter 1

**15** Matthew 18:10-14

**17** 2 Peter 2

**18** 2 Peter 3

**19** Nehemiah 1-2

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**20** Nehemiah 3

**21** Nehemiah 4

**22** Matthew 13:31-32

**24** Nehemiah 5

**25** Nehemiah 6:1-7:4

**26** Nehemiah 8

**27** Nehemiah 9

**28** Nehemiah 10:28-39, 12:27-32, 38, 43

**29** Matthew 13:1-23

**31** Nehemiah 13:4-31



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## August Memory Verse

And the master said to the servant, "Go out to the highways and hedges and compel people to come in, that my house may be filled."

Luke 14:23

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