



THE HEART OF LIVING HOPE
READING PLAN

SEPTEMBER - DECEMBER | 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.

You will also find sections of the plan designed to prepare our hearts for both **Easter and Christmas** this year.



Sunday's message



Towering personalities



Easter & Christmas

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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September

1	Acts 7:54-8:3; 1 Timothy 1:13	PAUL
2	Acts 9:1-31	
3	Acts 13	
4	Acts 14	
5	Mark 4:26-29	
7	Acts 15:22-41	
8	Acts 16	
9	Philippians 1	
10	Philippians 2	
11	Philippians 3	
12	Luke 13:6-9	
14	Philippians 4	
15	Acts 17	
16	Acts 18	
17	Acts 19	
18	Acts 20	
19	Matthew 13:24-30	
21	Ephesians 1	
22	Ephesians 2	
23	Ephesians 3	
24	Ephesians 4	
25	Ephesians 5	
26	Matthew 24:32-33	
28	Ephesians 6	
29	Acts 21	
30	Acts 22	



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September Memory Verse

By this my Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit
and so prove to be my disciple. John 15:8



October

1	Acts 23	
2	Acts 24	
5	Acts 25	
6	Acts 26	
7	Acts 27	
8	Acts 28	
9	2 Timothy 3:10-17, 4:6-8	
10	Matthew 25:1-13	
12	Ruth 1	RUTH
13	Ruth 2	
14	Ruth 3	
15	Ruth 4	
16	1 Samuel 16	DAVID
17	Matthew 25:14-30	
19	Psalms 23	
20	1 Samuel 17	
21	1 Samuel 18	
22	1 Samuel 19	
23	1 Samuel 20 & 1 Samuel 21	
24	Luke 17:7-10	
26	Psalms 34	
27	1 Samuel 22	
28	Psalms 57	
29	1 Samuel 23	
30	1 Samuel 24	
31	Luke 12:13-21	



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October Memory Verse

We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal. 2 Corinthians 4:18



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November

2	1 Samuel 25
3	1 Samuel 26
4	1 Samuel 27
5	1 Samuel 28
6	1 Samuel 29
7	Matthew 25:31-46
9	1 Samuel 30
10	1 Samuel 31
11	2 Samuel 1
12	2 Samuel 2
13	2 Samuel 3
14	Mark 13:32-36
16	2 Samuel 5
17	2 Samuel 6:1-11; 1 Chronicles 13:1-14
18	1 Chronicles 15; 2 Samuel 6:15-23
19	1 Chronicles 16
20	2 Samuel 9
23	2 Samuel 11
24	2 Samuel 12
25	Psalms 51
26	2 Samuel 13
27	2 Samuel 14
28	Luke 1:5-24, 67-79
30	2 Samuel 15

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November Memory Verse

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3



December

1 2 Samuel 16

2 2 Samuel 17

3 2 Samuel 18

4 2 Samuel 19

5 Luke 1:26-38

7 2 Samuel 22

8 2 Samuel 23:1-7, 24:1-25

9 1 Chronicles 28

10 1 Chronicles 29

11 1 Kings 1:1-37; 2:1-4, 10-12; Acts 13:36

12 Luke 1:39-55

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14 2 Samuel 7; Matthew 1:1-6

15 **Hope** Lamentations 3:19-24; Psalm 130

16 **Hope** Romans 15:12-13; Titus 2:11-14

17 **Peace** Isaiah 9:2-7

18 **Peace** John 14:27, 16:33; Philippians 4:6-7

19 Luke 2:1-7; Titus 2:11; John 1:1-14

21 **Joy** Isaiah 12:1-6; Psalm 16:11

22 **Joy** John 15:11; Luke 15:3-7

23 **Love** Psalm 103:8-14; Zephaniah 3:14-17

24 **Love** Romans 5:6-8; 1 John 4:9-10

25 **Love** John 3:16-17; Luke 2:1-16

28 John 1:1-5, 14, 16, 18

29 Psalm 1; Jeremiah 17:7-8

30 John 15:1-11, 16

31 Isaiah 42:5-9, 43:16-21; Hebrews 13:8



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Christmas

December Memory Verse

The grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people.

Luke 14:23

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