



2024 Read Through the Bible

The holidays are over, and we all have to face the reality of getting into the routine of our daily lives. I have no idea what 2024 will bring. I do know that a daily dose of God's Word will better prepare us to face whatever the day may bring.

In Matthew 4:4 NIV *Jesus answered [Satan], "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

On February 4th our church body will begin a daily reading plan that guides us through the entire Bible in a year. It's something we've done as a church body every 4 years for as long as I can remember. Some of the best group discussions that I have experienced in my life came from this exercise. I remember listening to people give their different perspectives on what they read throughout the week, and thinking: "I've never thought of that verse in that way", or "that is a really good life application to that scripture". This is what God's Word does. It builds us up individually AND collectively. It acts as a binding mechanism between believers. It can cut us to the bone or it can fill our hearts to overflowing. It gives us hope and shapes our thoughts.

Hebrews 4:12 ESV states, *"For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart."*

We are all going through this life: the ups and downs, the good and the bad. This world is crazy and unpredictable. We are surrounded by evil. However, the Word of God lights our way

and renews our strength. So, I encourage all of us, whether you are a youth, college student or adult, to take this opportunity to dive into God's Word together this year. Let's take it in and let it change our hearts, renew our spirit, and bind us together.

2 Timothy 3:15-17 NIV says, "and how from infancy you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

- Kale Moody