



EBPC Presents: Ten Minutes in the Story- Good Intentions Gone Wrong...

Rediscovering the whole story of Scripture—then and now.

This week's daily practice invites you to spend just ten minutes a day with the Bible in your hands—reading, reflecting, and reconnecting with the larger story that shapes our faith.

How to use this daily practice:

Read (3–6 min): Old Testament first, then New Testament

Reflect (2–4 min): Short prompt.

Practice (3–8 min): One concrete, doable action.

Prayer (30–60 sec): One-sentence prayer.

Journal/Share (1–2 min): One question to note or discuss.

<p>Day 1 — Creation & Incarnation</p> <p>Read: Genesis 1:1–5; 26–31 → John 1:1–5; 14</p> <p>Reflect: Where do you notice God's creative intention today?</p> <p>Practice: 5-minute "creation pause": name 3 living things; commit to care for one.</p> <p>Prayer: "Creator God, open my eyes to your life around me."</p>	<p>Day 5 — Lament & Hope</p> <p>Read: Psalm 13 or Psalm 22 → Romans 8:18–25</p> <p>Reflect: What are you grieving and where is hope present?</p> <p>Practice: Write a one-paragraph lament; end with one sentence of hope.</p> <p>Prayer: "Hold our grief, God, and kindle hope."</p>
<p>Day 2 — Covenant & Promise</p> <p>Read: Genesis 12:1–3; 15:1–6 → Galatians 3:6–9, 14–16</p> <p>Reflect: Which promise gives you courage?</p> <p>Practice: Write one short promise to keep this week to someone in need.</p> <p>Prayer: "God of promise, make me faithful in small things."</p>	<p>Day 6 — Wisdom & Discipleship</p> <p>Read: Proverbs 3:1–12 or Ecclesiastes 3:1–8 → Matthew 7:24–29 or James 1:22–27</p> <p>Reflect: What practical wisdom do you need this week?</p> <p>Practice: Try one short habit (listening, restraint, generosity) for 24 hours.</p> <p>Prayer: "Grant us wisdom to live what we learn."</p>
<p>Day 3 — Law & Love</p> <p>Read: Exodus 20:1–21 → Matthew 5:17–20</p>	<p>Day 7 — Restoration & Sending</p> <p>Read: Isaiah 61:1–3 or Joel 2:21–27 → Acts 2:42–47; John 20:19–23</p>

<p>Reflect: How does law guide you into love?</p> <p>Practice: Two-minute exams: name one correction and one mercy today.</p> <p>Prayer: “Teach us, Lord, to let law guide us into love.”</p>	<p>Reflect: How has this week shaped your mission and belonging?</p> <p>Practice: Commit to one ongoing action that integrates consolation + service; tell one person.</p> <p>Prayer: “Send us, Spirit, to embody restoration and welcome.”</p>
<p>Day 4 — Prophetic Justice & Gospel Mercy</p> <p>Read: Amos 5:21–24 or Isaiah 58:6–12 → Matthew 25:31–46</p> <p>Reflect: Where is God calling you to act for justice?</p> <p>Practice: Take one 5–8 minute step: call, donate, sign up, or message a partner.</p> <p>Prayer: “God of justice, give us courage to love with action.”</p>	<p>Next Sunday's Service-</p> <p>Who Was this Jesus? Was Jesus Really Divine? Was Jesus Really Human?</p>