



THE GREATEST STORY: A YEAR THROUGH THE BIBLE

How to Read Scripture

Option 1: O.I.A. (Observation, Interpretation, Application)

Observation — What does the passage say?

- Who is involved?
- What is happening?
- What stands out?
- What do I learn about God, humanity, sin, faith, or obedience?

Interpretation — What does the passage mean?

- Why was this written?
- What would the original audience have understood?
- What is the main message?

Application — How should I respond?

- Is there a truth to believe?
- A command to obey?
- A sin to avoid?
- An example to follow?
- How can I live differently because of this passage?

Option 2: Lectio Divina (Sacred Reading)

Read — Read the passage slowly and attentively. Notice words, phrases, or images that capture your attention.

Reflect — Read the passage again. Ask why a particular word, phrase, or idea stands out. What might God be showing you about Himself or about your life?

Respond — Talk with God about what you have read. Thank Him, confess sin, ask questions, and pray for the strength to obey.

Rest — Spend a few quiet moments in God's presence and allow His Word to settle into your heart.

Prayer Before Reading:

"Lord, open my eyes to see wonderful things in Your Word. Help me understand what You are saying and give me the courage to obey. Amen." (Psalm 119:18)



SEASON 2: PROMISES

Genesis 12–50 Reading Plan

Week 5 (July 5) — Abraham

Read: Genesis 12:1–25:18

God begins His covenant plan to bless all nations through Abraham.

Week 6 (July 12) — Jacob

Read: Genesis 25:19–36:43

God faithfully shapes Jacob into Israel, the family through whom His promises will continue.

Week 7 (July 19) — Joseph

Read: Genesis 37–50

God uses Joseph to preserve His covenant family and prepare the way for Israel's future.

Origins Theme: Through Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph, God faithfully preserves His covenant people and advances His promise to bless all nations.

Big Picture Questions

- What does this passage teach me about God?
- What does it reveal about humanity?
- How does sin distort God's good design?
- Where do I see God's grace and faithfulness?
- How does this point forward to God's plan of redemption?