

Summer Bible Reading Challenge

Option #1

Read Exodus through Judges

- 161 chapters, 1.8 per day

Option #2

Read Isaiah and the Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

- 133 chapters, 1.5 per day

Option #3

Read Ezekiel, Daniel, the Minor Prophets (Hosea – Malachi)

- 127 chapters, 1.4 per day

Option #4

Read one Gospel, Acts through Revelation

- Apx. 194 chapters, 2.1 per day

June 21st - September 20th (13 weeks, 91 days)



1 Kings 21

1 Some time later, Naboth the Jezreelite happened to own a vineyard in Jezreel next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria.

2 So Ahab said to Naboth, “Give me your vineyard to use as a vegetable garden, since it is next to my palace.

I will give you a better vineyard in its place—or if you prefer, I will give you its value in silver.”

1 Kings 21

3 But Naboth replied, “The LORD forbid that I should give you the inheritance of my fathers.”

4 So Ahab went to his palace, sullen and angry because Naboth the Jezreelite had told him, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.”

He lay down on his bed, turned his face away, and refused to eat.

1 Kings 21

5 Soon his wife Jezebel came in and asked, “Why are you so sullen that you refuse to eat?”

6 Ahab answered, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite and told him,

‘Give me your vineyard for silver, or if you wish, I will give you another vineyard in its place.’

And he replied, ‘I will not give you my vineyard!’”

7 But his wife Jezebel said to him, “Do you not reign over Israel? Get up, eat some food, and be cheerful, for I will get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

1 Kings 21

8 Then Jezebel wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent them to the elders and nobles who lived with Naboth in his city.

9 In the letters she wrote:

“Proclaim a fast and give Naboth a seat of honor among the people.

10 But seat two scoundrels opposite him and have them testify, ‘You have cursed both God and the king!’ Then take him out and stone him to death.”

1 Kings 21

15 When Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned to death, she said to Ahab,
“Get up and take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, who refused to give it to you for silver.

For Naboth is no longer alive, but dead.”

16 And when Ahab heard that Naboth was dead, he got up and went down to take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

1 Kings 21

17 Then the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 18“Get up and go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, who is in Samaria.

See, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, of which he has gone to take possession.

19 Tell him that this is what the LORD says: ‘Have you not murdered a man and seized his land?’

Then tell him that this is also what the LORD says: ‘In the place where the dogs licked up the blood of Naboth, there also the dogs will lick up your blood—yes, yours!’ ”

1 Kings 21

20 When Elijah arrived, Ahab said to him, “So you have found me out, my enemy.”

He replied, “I have found you out because you have sold yourself to do evil in the sight of the LORD.

21 This is what the LORD says:

‘I will bring calamity on you
and consume your descendants;
I will cut off from Ahab every male in Israel,
both slave and free.

1 Kings 21

22 I will make your house like that of Jeroboam son of Nebat and like that of Baasha son of Ahijah, because you have provoked My anger and caused Israel to sin.'


23 And the LORD also speaks concerning Jezebel: 'The dogs will devour Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.'

24 Anyone belonging to Ahab who dies in the city will be eaten by dogs, and anyone who dies in the field will be eaten by the birds of the air."

A close-up, artistic photograph of a person's face, focusing on the right eye and a portion of a beard. The lighting is dramatic, with the eye and part of the face in shadow against a dark background.

1 Kings 21

25 Surely there was never one like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, incited by his wife Jezebel.

A close-up, high-contrast photograph of a lion's face, focusing on its eye and nose. The lion's fur is a mix of golden-brown and dark brown tones. The background is a solid black, which makes the lion's features stand out.

**Men,
God is holding you accountable
for how you lead...So LEAD!**

Lead Yourself

Lead Your Families

Lead The Church

1 Corinthians 16

10 If Timothy comes, see to it that he has nothing to fear while he is with you, for he is doing the work of the Lord, just as I am.

11 No one, then, should treat him with contempt. Send him on his way in peace so that he can return to me, for I am expecting him along with the brothers.

12 Now about our brother Apollos: I strongly urged him to go to you with the brothers. He was not at all inclined to go now, but he will go when he has the opportunity.

1 Corinthians 16

13 Be on the alert. Stand firm in the faith.

Be men of courage. Be strong.

14 Do everything in love.

15 You know that Stephanas and his household were the first converts in Achaia, and they have devoted themselves to the service of the saints.

Now I urge you, brothers, 16 to submit to such as these, and to every fellow worker and laborer.

1 Corinthians 16 (Berean Study Bible)

13 Be on the alert. Stand firm in the faith.
Be men of courage. Be strong.

ESV ~ Be watchful, stand firm in the faith,
act like men, be strong.

NASB ~ Be on the alert, stand firm in the
faith, act like men, be strong.



1 Corinthians 16:13

Be on the alert.

Stand firm in the faith.

Be men of courage. Be strong.



Be on the alert. Be watchful.

- Watchful in prayer
- Watchful against temptation



1 Peter 5

8 Be sober~minded and **alert**.

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour.

9 Resist him, standing firm in your faith

Be on the alert. Be watchful.

- Watchful in prayer
- Watchful against temptation
- Watchful against indifference
- Watchful against false teachers

Acts 20:28 Keep watch over yourselves and the entire flock of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers. Be shepherds of the church of God, which He purchased with His own blood.

29 I know that after my departure, savage wolves will come in among you and will not spare the flock.

30 Even from your own number, men will rise up and distort the truth to draw away disciples after them.

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Be on the alert. Be watchful.

- Watchful in prayer
- Watchful against temptation
- Watchful against indifference
- Watchful against false teachers
- Watch for the Day of the Lord

Stand firm in the faith.

- This means caring more about what God thinks than what men think
- This means standing with brothers
- This means standing firm in the truth

1 Corinthians 15

1 Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, and in which you **stand firm**.

2 By this gospel you are saved, if you **hold firmly** to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.

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Stand firm in the faith.

- This means caring more about what God thinks than what men think
- This means standing with brothers
- This means standing firm in the truth
 - ~ we are in a battle for truth
 - ~ the word of truth is our sword



1 John 2

12 I am writing to you, little children,
because your sins have been forgiven through His
name.

13 I am writing to you, fathers,
because you know Him who is from the beginning.
I am writing to you, young men,
because you have overcome the evil one.



1 John 2

I have written to you, children, because you know the Father.

14 I have written to you, fathers,
because you know Him who is from the beginning.
I have written to you, young men, because you are
strong,
and the word of God abides in you, and you have
overcome the evil one.

A close-up, low-angle shot of a lion's face, focusing on its eye and the texture of its fur. The lion's eye is visible in the upper left, looking towards the right. The fur is a mix of golden-brown and darker brown tones, with fine details of the mane and skin texture visible. The background is dark and out of focus.

Be men of courage. Act like men.

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Be men of courage. Be strong.

- Be strong and courageous
- Be strengthened (be strong in the Lord)
- This means being willing to go against the world, the flesh, and the devil
- This means operating in this world while we are envisioning the next

Hebrews 11

32 And what more shall I say? Time will not allow me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, David, Samuel, and the prophets,

33 who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, 34 quenched the raging fire, and escaped the edge of the sword; who gained strength from weakness, became mighty in battle, and put foreign armies to flight.

Hebrews 11

35 Women received back their dead, raised to life again. Others were tortured and refused their release, so that they might gain a better resurrection.

36 Still others endured mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment.

37 They were stoned, they were sawed in two, they were put to death by the sword.

They went around in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, oppressed, and mistreated.

Hebrews 11

38 The world was not worthy of them.

They wandered in deserts and mountains,
and hid in caves and holes in the ground.

39 These were all commended for their faith,
yet they did not receive what was promised.

40 God had planned something better for us,
so that together with us they would be made
perfect.

