

God used the Books of Chronicles to turn a rabble into a new generation of faith. One day, their descendants would meet the Messiah, and the Church would be born. But His genealogy is for another day.

In the first nine chapters of Chronicles, as in all of Scripture, we hear God's voice speaking. From beginning to end, His voice always speaks effectively, as it did when He created the heavens and the earth. Notice His voice echoing through the pages of Scripture. It is the voice of God that ...

- Spoke the universe into being
- Called out to Adam and Eve when they hid from Him in Eden
- Pronounced a curse on their sin and a promise of a deliverer
- Outlined God's righteous standards from Mount Sinai
- For centuries, called His sinful people back to Him through His prophets
- Delivered warnings of judgment against His unrepentant people
- Whispered consolation and encouragement to His faithful children
- Ruled all the nations of the world, even as His people pined in exile
- Restored His people from exile after seventy years
- Cried from a manger with the voice of an infant
- Taught words of perfect truth to the nation Israel
- Stood in silence, as His own people sentenced Him to death
- Cried, "It is finished!" from the cross, after accomplishing our redemption
- Sent the Holy Spirit to fill His Church
- Calls from the pages of the Bible to redeem a people for Himself
- Deeply desires to talk with you, hear from you, fellowship with you
- Alone deserves your love, allegiance, obedience—and your time.

Have a happy New Year, as you read God's Word and follow His ways.

Prayers for Our Church

May God give Northpoint Church and its leadership a united heart and clear vision of our role in His kingdom work in Corona and the world.

Monthly Missions Focus

Pray that God will use Corona Life Services to save the lives of unborn children and lead them and their mothers to Jesus Christ as Lord.

Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to minister to you personally. Prayer requests can be emailed to prayer@northpointcorona.org or submitted by phone or Response Card. Prayer Team members are available following every worship service and at many all-church events. Additionally, you can page the on-call pastor 24 hours a day in a personal or family emergency—simply call the main number (951.734.1335), press option 9, and follow the instructions.



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Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

(Year *THREE*) January 2015

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth; yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved. Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!"

—1st Chronicles 16:29-31

The Voice

Well, it's New Year's Day—God's gift to everyone. Take time to tell Him "Thank You" and commit the next 365 days into His wise and loving hands.

You'll notice that we're starting 1st Chronicles at chapter ten. Chapters 1-9, the only ones we skip in our three-year trip through Scripture, are almost entirely genealogies—lists of names that connect father to son across centuries of history. Since it's a holiday, feel free to read through the chapters, if you like. If you do, it will help to understand that these long lists of names serve an important purpose.

The purpose is connection. The Chronicles were written to a rabble—a few thousand Israelis, just returned to the Promised Land from exile, after Cyrus, king of Persia, gave them permission. The glory days of David, Solomon, or even Hezekiah lay centuries in the past. These people were subjects of gentile conquerors. What business did they have to expect great things from God?

The first nine chapters of 1st Chronicles create a concrete connection between this returning rabble and the great heroes of faith from days gone by. Whatever the era, no matter the circumstance, the people of God are the people of God. And the great thing about God's people is the God we serve.

These genealogies connect the returning remnant with the original great men of faith: Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, etc. The occasional vignettes that pop up (Jabez, in 4:9-10, for example) demonstrate ways in which ordinary people can connect to the great God of the past. Greatness isn't in God's people, but through faith, God's people access and reflect the greatness of God.

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year THREE)

January 2015

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: School or Job	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
Praise God from whom all blessings flow!				1) Read: 1 st Chronicles 10 Pray for ... God to revive the Church in the United States, filling us with the Holy Spirit, the knowledge of God, & His love through Jesus Christ.	2) Read: 1 st Chronicles 11 Pray for ... God to transform lives through the ministry of our partner church in Ethiopia.	3) Read: 1 st Chronicles 12 Return Thanks for ... God's constant faithfulness, even when things seem hopeless.
4) Read: 1 st Chronicles 13 Pray for ... John Sloan, the Preaching Pastor, to feed us from God's Word and lead us in His will.	5) Read: 1 st Chronicles 14 Pray for ... Your parents and brothers and sisters: May God provide what they need so they grow in His grace.	6) Read: 1 st Chronicles 15 Pray for ... Your spiritual example and testimony, so those around you will see Christ in you.	7) Read: 1 st Chronicles 16 Pray for ... Creative ways & good opportunities to get to know the neighbors to the left & right of your home. Pray for Christ's love to shine through you.	8) Read: 1 st Chronicles 17 Pray for ... The leaders of our state & federal governments to have wisdom to obey God's will. Pray that He will turn the heart of California's leaders to honor Him.	9) Read: 1 st Chronicles 18 Pray for ... The Lord to reign in the affairs of men throughout the earth: May God's justice, righteousness, truth, and grace cover all the earth.	10) Read: 1 st Chronicles 19 Praise God for ... His provision for your daily needs and answers to your prayers
11) Read: 1 st Chronicles 20 Pray for ... God to use Scott Williams, Adult Pastor to equip us for service & cultivate our fellowship as Christians.	12) Read: 1 st Chronicles 21 Pray for ... God to protect your spouse (or your parents) and children (or siblings) and keep them in His will	13) Read: 1 st Chronicles 22 Pray for ... The integrity and success of your school or workplace: May God's Spirit use you to lead others to follow in His ways.	14) Read: 1 st Chronicles 23 Pray for ... The salvation of your neighbors across the street. Ask God for opportunities to connect with them.	15) Read: 1 st Chronicles 24 Pray for ... God to bring the Gospel to every household in America. Ask God to guide you to someone He wants to reach through you.	16) Read: 1 st Chronicles 25 Pray for ... The nations of Europe, North, Central, & South America: May Lord reign in the affairs of men throughout these regions.	17) Read: 1 st Chronicles 26 Give Praise ... To God for the beauty of creation and His sovereign goodness in your life.
18) Read: 1 st Chronicles 27 Pray for ... Brent Whitefield, Pastor of Outreach: Ask God to use him to lead & equip Northpoint to reach out to our community & grow by adding new believers.	19) Read: 1 st Chronicles 28 Pray for ... Your church family (friends and prospective friends at Northpoint): May they grow in God's grace & display it to others.	20) Read: 1 st Chronicles 29 Pray for ... Your leaders, coworkers and friends: May they come to know Christ & His love	21) Read: Mark 1 Pray for ... he neighbors to you interact with most regularly: Ask God to create moments when you can tell them of your hope in Christ Jesus.	22) Read: Mark 2 Pray for ... God to transform our education system, media, & businesses, so they uphold Biblical truth.	23) Read: Mark 3 Pray for ... God to raise up new generations of missionaries to take the Gospel to the ends of the earth.	24) Read: Mark 4 Thank God List five things in your life that God has given you, then tell God thanks for each one.
25) Read: Mark 5 Pray for ... God to use our Youth Pastor, Jonathan Clubb, to lead our students to Christ, to trust Him, love Him, and follow His ways.	26) Read: Mark 6 Pray for ... Seek God's eternal blessing for your extended family: uncles, aunts, cousins, & their families.	27) Read: Mark 7 Pray for ... Ask Christ to reveal Himself through you to your fellow students or those you serve through your job.	28) Read: Mark 8 Pray for ... Community Workers, city leaders, teachers, police & fire departments. Pray for their physical, spiritual, & emotional safety.	29) Read: Mark 9 Pray for ... God to use His blessings on us to serve others & glorify Himself, so that we use our wealth to serve others and honor His will.	30) Read: Mark 10 Pray for ... The Church in Middle East. Ask God to protect & build His church, while working to establish liberty, stability, & bring peace & stability in that region.	31) Read: Mark 11 Thank God for ... Your family and friends. They are special gifts from Him to you.