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praise turned to one of victory as Israel's enemies turned against each other. God triumphed for His people, as He always intends to.

But faith easily turns to false confidence. Jehoshaphat made an unholy alliance with Ahaziah, the evil king of Israel, and incurred God's righteous judgment. Judah's spiritual advance became a decline.

But God raised up Hezekiah, who led the greatest spiritual revival in Israel's history. He purged the land of idols and purified the Lord's temple. When the Assyrians marched through the Middle East, destroyed Israel's Northern Kingdom and surrounded Jerusalem, Hezekiah went to God. *And the Lord sent an angel who destroyed every mighty warrior, commander and officer in the camp of the king of Assyria (32:21).*

God consistently showed His faithfulness when His people trusted Him. But in the end, sinful humanity turns away from God, not toward Him. Late in life, Hezekiah became proud and invited God's judgment on his kingdom. Manasseh, his heir, turned from God to destruction.

Are you frustrated by your failings? Just when you see hints of spiritual growth, do you find yourself slipping back? Do you say with Paul, *The good that I wish, I do not do; but I practice the very evil that I do not wish* (Romans 7:19). Welcome to humanity! But let God teach you from your experience and from His Word. No human has ever lived a completely righteous life.

Except One. Jesus Christ has succeeded where everyone else fails. The great miracle of His life is His perfect obedience to God, even when it meant surrender to death. He overcame the frustration of human failure and became the only perfect person humanity had to offer. And He offered Himself as the perfect sacrifice to pay for our sin. Once again, God has stepped in to save His people.

All Scripture points to Jesus Christ. Look to Him and live.

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#### Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** May God give our church a united heart and clear vision of our role in His kingdom work in Corona and the world.
- **Local Outreach:** God's Kitchen feeding Corona's homeless.
- **Missions:** Bruce and Sue Camp, with Reach Global, developing mission leaders worldwide

#### Need to pray with someone?

It is our privilege to pray for you personally. Share your prayer requests

- By email at [prayer@northpointcorona.org](mailto:prayer@northpointcorona.org)
- By phone, at 951.734.1335
- On a Response Card in the pew during the worship service

Prayer Team members are available after every worship service.

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## Bible Reading Plan and Prayer Guide

**(Year THREE) February 2018**

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*Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from this body of death?  
Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! –Romans 7:24-25*

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#### Dilemma and Deliverance

All who desire to live a righteous life will be frustrated. Experience proves this statement true and confirms the Biblical record. Righteousness is a necessity, but achieving it is an impossibility. As one song puts it, "Perfection is my enemy." The harder we try to achieve it, the more we fall short of our goal.

We're not alone. The heroes of Scripture give us company. They bear witness to our lot and identify with our frustration and failure. 2<sup>nd</sup> Chronicles is stuffed with examples. But this overwhelming spiritual frustration only underscores God's magnificent grace in redemption.

The book starts with Solomon, heir to the legacy of David. He started off well, beginning with a humble request for wisdom to lead God's people. And God used Solomon to establish Israel's golden age and build a magnificent temple to His glory. Under Solomon, the Lord was exalted, and the world took notice. "All the kings of the earth were seeking the presence of Solomon to hear the wisdom which God had put in his heart" (9:23).

With Solomon, God's promise to bless the world through Israel seemed to come true. But it is not within humanity to achieve the promises of God. Solomon succumbed to idolatry. His son, Rehoboam, divided Israel and squandered the legacy of his father and grandfather. So much for the promise of the human race.

But faithful kings, who trusted God for great things, followed Solomon. Faithful Jehoshaphat for example. Three neighboring countries ganged up on Israel. He was understandably afraid but "turned his attention to seek the Lord; and proclaimed a fast through all Judah" (20:3).

Jehoshaphat trusted in the Lord and led his people to do the same. As he led his army to battle against overwhelming odds, Jehoshaphat gave the order to begin praising God. Their song of

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# Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year THREE)

February 2018

<b>Sunday:</b> Church & Ministry	<b>Monday:</b> Home & Family	<b>Tuesday:</b> School or Job	<b>Wednesday:</b> Neighbors & Community	<b>Thursday:</b> Nation	<b>Friday:</b> World & Kingdom	<b>Saturday:</b> Praise for God's Blessings
				<b>1) Read:</b> Mark 12 <b>Pray for ...</b> Godly influences in the businesses of America. Pray that Godly principle will guide their practices, not just the dictates of the marketplace.	<b>2) Read:</b> Mark 13 <b>Pray for ...</b> The liberation of North Korea and the conversion of its people to Christ. Pray that God's light will shine brightly in that dark land.	<b>3) Read:</b> Mark 14 <b>Praise the Lord for...</b> The blessing of being in a healthy church. Rejoice in the "church family" God has given you.
<b>4) Read:</b> Mark 15 <b>Pray for ...</b> God's presence with Jeff Grant, our new Worship leader and his wife Chelsae, as they lead us to worship God & give ourselves to Him in faith, joy, & love.	<b>5) Read:</b> Mark 16 <b>Commit ...</b> Your household to Christ. "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).	<b>6) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 1 <b>Pray for ...</b> Opportunities to express God's love for those you serve through your job.	<b>7) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 2 <b>Pray for ...</b> Your relationships and Christian influence in your neighborhood. Acknowledge God's right to command you to, "Go and make disciples."	<b>8) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 3 <b>Pray for ...</b> The love of God to spread throughout His Church in America, so that we are "filled with all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:18).	<b>9) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 4 <b>Pray for ...</b> The triumph of the Gospel throughout Latin America. May the Gospel be the "power of God to salvation for all who believe."	<b>10) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 5 <b>Praise ...</b> Your Creator for His glorious creation and for giving you life. "Of His fullness we have all received, and grace upon grace."
<b>11) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 6 <b>Pray for ...</b> Tim East & Steve Flood. Ask God to make the truth of His Word clear to them and to strengthen their faith as they walk with Him each day.	<b>12) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 7 <b>Pray for ...</b> Your grandparents and brothers and sisters. Thank God for them and ask Him to keep them in His care.	<b>13) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 8 <b>Pray for ...</b> The quality and effectiveness of your work to exhibit excellence and exalt Jesus Christ.	<b>14) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 9 <b>Pray for ...</b> The city where you live. Ask God burden your heart to reach the lost of your neighborhood and community.	<b>15) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 10 <b>Pray for ...</b> Our nation's judges, to humbly seek Christ in their judgments.	<b>16) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 11 <b>Pray for ...</b> The spread of the Gospel of Jesus Christ in China and Japan. Ask God to turn those ancient cultures to Himself.	<b>17) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 12 <b>Give God Thanks ...</b> That the Gospel has spread across the world and into your life. Great is the power of the cross!
<b>18) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 13 <b>Pray for ...</b> Mark Kiker & Vinoj Zechariah (lay elders). Ask God for divine discernment in leading Northpoint according to His will in all things.	<b>19) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 14 <b>Pray for ...</b> Your church family (friends and prospective friends at Northpoint). Confess our tendency to minister in our own strength. Commit our work to the Lord.	<b>20) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 15 <b>Pray for ...</b> Your spiritual example and testimony. Pray that others will see Christ in you.	<b>21) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 16 <b>Pray for ...</b> Confess our sin as a community. We delight in the blessings God has given us yet neglect to love God and others.	<b>22) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 17 <b>Pray for ...</b> God's forgiveness of our sin as a nation that has rejected God's rule over us (Luke 19:14).	<b>23) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 18 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to bring peace, stability, and the spread of the gospel to the Muslim nations.	<b>24) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 19 <b>Thank God ...</b> For providing godly leadership to Northpoint Church. Praise Him for His past, present, and future faithfulness.
<b>25) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 20 <b>Pray for ...</b> Marti Wiegman (Women's Ministry Director), that God will use her ministry to transform the women of our church into the image of Christ.	<b>26) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 21 <b>Pray for ...</b> Confess our sin as a community. We delight in the blessings God has given us yet neglect to love God or others.	<b>27) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 22 <b>Pray for ...</b> God to use organizations like the Harvest Crusades, the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, and others to reach every household in America with the Gospel of Jesus Christ.	<b>28) Read:</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> Chronicles 23 <b>Pray for ...</b> Our community leaders to seek God in all their decisions and policies, so Christ will be exalted in Corona.	<p><i><b>If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.</b></i></p> <p><b>-1 John 1:9</b></p>		