
The central characters of God's Word are the central characters of all history: God and Man. The conflict of the ages is the saga of God's pursuit of the human race, fleeing from a God of love. Redemption is a romance, in which God wins a people for Himself—His bride, the Church. The people God pursued from heaven to earth, to death and back is us.

As you read the Bible, rejoice. It's the story of His love for you.

By the way, speaking of the romance of redemption, have you ever puzzled over Paul's words in Ephesians 5:30-32?

We are all members of His [Christ's] body. For this reason, a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh. This mystery is great; but I am speaking of Christ and the Church.

How can Paul's admonition to husbands and wives, telling about the marriage bond, speak some mystery about Christ's relationship with the Church? It's because God is faithful. He keeps His commitments. Our hope is sure because the God we hope in is sure. When He makes a covenant, He keeps it.

That's why marriage matters. Marriage is not about falling in love, feeling in love, or staying in love. It's about keeping our covenant like God keeps His. It's living out Christ's faithfulness in a faithless world.

That's why it's called *holy* matrimony.

Prayer for ...

- **Northpoint:** Ask God to fill our church with His Spirit's enabling to make disciples who make disciples.
- **Local Outreach:** Lloyd and Nancy Peckham, teaching Bible translation
- **Missions:** Church planting by Gaborone Chapel, Gaborone, Botswana

Need to pray with someone?

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

- By email at 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 TWO) November 2019

Seeing that His divine power has granted to us everything pertaining to life and godliness, through the true knowledge of Him who called us by His own glory and excellence. —2 Peter 1:3

As You Read ...

The whole reason we read the Bible is to get to know its author. The Bible reveals God's character through his actions. As you read God's Word, get to know your God by the way He works.

- See His abundant power as He creates the universe from nothing.
- Appreciate His sufficiency as He shapes and fills a formless, empty world.
- Sense His closeness in the way He fashions Adam from dust and breathes life into his nostrils.
- Know His authority from His command to His children.
- Hear the righteous indignation in His curse on human sin.
- Enter into the hope of His promise of redemption.
- Marvel at His patience, as He uses His imperfect people to accomplish His perfect plan.

The Bible is God's revelation—a communication of Himself to us. But in grace, love, and wisdom, God also tells us the whole truth about who we are and where we've gone wrong.

- By giving humans rule over the whole earth, God gives us a glimpse of what it means to be made in His image.
- His command not to eat from the tree in the middle of the garden teaches us that our fellowship with Him is a matter of choice.
- Adam's choice to disobey and eat from that tree informs us that our alienation from our Maker is our own doing.
- God's curse, Abel's murder, the death of every member of our race, all unveil the significance of that one act of disobedience.

Every Biblical account from Cain to Judas delineates the extent of the rebellion in the heart of every human being—you and I included.

Reading and Prayer Schedule (Year TWO)

November 2019

Sunday: Church & Ministry	Monday: Home & Family	Tuesday: Job or School	Wednesday: Neighbors & Community	Thursday: Nation	Friday: World & Kingdom	Saturday: Praise for God's Blessings
<p><i>It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your steadfast love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night, to the music of the lute and the harp, to the melody of the lyre. For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work; at the works of your hands I sing for joy.</i></p> <p>–Psalm 92:1-2, 4</p>					<p>1) Read: Isaiah 48 Pray for ... The spread of the Gospel in the Middle East and the strength of the Church in that region.</p>	<p>2) Read: Isaiah 49 Praise God for ... The free country He has given us to live in and the influence God's Word has had on us as a nation.</p>
<p>3) Read: Isaiah 50 Pray for ... Genuine thanksgiving to fill our hearts, as we see and appreciate what God is doing in us, for us, and through us. Lord, give us eyes to see.</p>	<p>4) Read: Isaiah 51 Pray for ... A dynasty of faith in your home that will influence people to Christ for generations.</p>	<p>5) Read: Isaiah 52 Pray for ... A voice that speaks Jesus to those around you at work, with gentleness and respect for others but directness and clarity that honors God.</p>	<p>6) Read: Isaiah 53 Pray for ... Anyone with needs you're aware of in your neighborhood. Let them know you are praying for them.</p>	<p>7) Read: Isaiah 54 Pray for ... Godly influences in our nation's schools: May God's truth and righteousness be taught and modeled.</p>	<p>8) Read: Isaiah 55 Pray for ... God to purify His Church and make us a light to this dark world.</p>	<p>9) Read: Isaiah 56 Rejoice that ... God brought the Gospel across 20 centuries and thousands of miles to find you.</p>
<p>10) Read: Isaiah 57 Pray for ... Carolee Jefferson, Ministry Assistant Youth: May God use her work to bring honor to His name & lead students to Christ.</p>	<p>11) Read: Isaiah 58 Pray for ... You and your family to have boldness and love in sharing the Gospel with others.</p>	<p>12) Read: Isaiah 59 Pray for ... The needs of those you serve where you work or your teachers at school: May God bless them with every spiritual blessing in Christ.</p>	<p>13) Read: Isaiah 60 Pray for ... Your neighbors' ability to give thanks at this season. Ask God to give them reasons to give thanks and make you one of them.</p>	<p>14) Read: Isaiah 61 Pray for ... Spiritual renewal of our culture that leads us to look to Christ and live.</p>	<p>15) Read: Isaiah 62 Pray for ... The Church in Africa to be strong and to advance against the forces of Islam. Pray for the strength and protection of God's people.</p>	<p>16) Read: Isaiah 63 Praise God for ... Making Man male and female in His image. Thank Him for the blessings of marriage and family.</p>
<p>17) Read: Isaiah 64 Pray for ... Amber McEwen, Ministry Associate, Women's Ministries and Facilities: May God use her work to bring honor to His name & lead students to Christ.</p>	<p>18) Read: Isaiah 65 Pray for ... Your spouse and children or your closest friends: May God make them one, even as Jesus is one with the Father.</p>	<p>19) Read: Isaiah 66 Pray for ... Opportunities to express God's love for others on your job or at school.</p>	<p>20) Read: Ephesians 1 Pray for ... Your relationships and Christian influence in your neighborhood.</p>	<p>21) Read: Ephesians 2 Thank God for ... The influence of the Church in the past, present, and future of our nation.</p>	<p>22) Read: Ephesians 3 Give Praise for ... The spread of the Gospel to the ends of the earth and the worldwide influence of the Church of Jesus Christ.</p>	<p>23) Read: Ephesians 4 Rejoice that ... Your family and friends. Rejoice in God's design for relationships.</p>
<p>24) Read: Ephesians 5 Pray for ... The Christmas Tea to present Christ clearly and in a positive and winsome way, leading people to Christ.</p>	<p>25) Read: Ephesians 6 Commit ... Yourself & your family to Christ: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15).</p>	<p>26) Read: Daniel 1 Pray that ... The quality & effectiveness of your work will exalt Christ and point others to Him.</p>	<p>27) Read: Daniel 2 Pray for ... Peace and safety in your neighborhood and community, along with increased engagement between you & your neighbors.</p>	<p>28) Read: Daniel 3 Pray for ... Wisdom, godliness, & integrity for our president, Congress, & judges as they lead us. Ask God to reign in the hearts of people of all parties in our nation.</p>	<p>29) Read: Daniel 4 Pray for ... The Gospel of Jesus Christ to triumph in China & Japan, changing lives & transforming the culture.</p>	<p>30) Read: Daniel 5 Thank God for ... The Lord will come again. As on the first Christmas, "He rules the world with truth & grace."</p>