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Matthew 24:13

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HOW TO READ THE BIBLE WHEN YOU DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START

open Scripture without pressure

A simple guide for people who want to hear God's Word but feel unsure where to begin.

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If the Bible feels intimidating, you are not alone. The goal is not to become an expert overnight. The goal is to come to God honestly, open His Word, and take one faithful next step.

1

PRAY

Ask God to help you understand, receive, and obey His Word. Keep it simple: Lord, help me see what You want me to see.

2

READ

Choose a small passage and read slowly. One paragraph is enough when you are beginning or returning.

3

NOTICE

Look for repeated words, commands, promises, warnings, questions, and anything that reveals God's character.

4

RESPOND

Turn the passage into prayer, confession, surrender, gratitude, or one practical act of obedience.

SIMPLE GOAL

Read prayerfully. Come with humility, curiosity, and a willingness to respond to what God shows you.

REMEMBER

- Questions are allowed.
- You do not have to understand everything at once.
- Start with Jesus and keep returning.

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where to begin

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If you do not know where to start, choose a clear path instead of opening randomly every day. These books and passages give you strong entry points.

JOHN

See who Jesus is, why He came, and how He gives life to those who believe.

MATTHEW

See Jesus as the promised King and teacher. Notice kingdom, righteousness, and discipleship.

LUKE

Highlights Jesus' compassion, prayer, mercy, outsiders, and the joy of salvation.

MARK

A fast-moving Gospel showing Jesus' authority, compassion, urgency, and call to follow.

ACTS

Shows the Holy Spirit empowering ordinary believers as the gospel moves outward.

GENESIS

Learn creation, sin, promise, covenant, and why the story of redemption begins.

PSALMS

Honest prayers for fear, grief, worship, repentance, trust, and real life with God.

PROVERBS

Wisdom for choices, words, discipline, relationships, humility, and the fear of the Lord.

ROMANS 8

Identity, freedom from condemnation, suffering, hope, and life in the Spirit.

BEST FIRST PLACE

Start with the Gospel of John if you want one clear beginning. Read slowly and notice what Jesus says about Himself.

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Letters for real life

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After you spend time in a Gospel, these New Testament letters are helpful for learning what it looks like to follow Jesus in real life.

EPHESIANS

Shows who you are in Christ, what grace has done, and how faith reshapes relationships, unity, spiritual warfare, and everyday obedience.

GALATIANS

Helps you understand freedom in Christ, why you cannot earn salvation, and what it means to walk by the Spirit instead of the flesh.

PHILIPPIANS

Teaches joy, humility, endurance, prayer, contentment, and keeping your mind fixed on Christ even in hardship.

JAMES

Very practical. It connects faith to speech, patience, wisdom, temptation, humility, and actually doing the Word.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR

Ask what the passage reveals about God, your heart, and one clear step of faithfulness.

WHEN IT FEELS HARD

- Read the surrounding verses.
- Ask who is speaking and who is listening.
- Obey what is clear while you keep learning.

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7-day starter plan

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Read slowly. Write one sentence about what stood out. End with one honest prayer. If you miss a day, return without shame.

DAY	READ	NOTICE	PRAYER / NEXT STEP
Day 1	John 1:1-18	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Day 2	John 3:1-21	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Day 3	John 4:1-26	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Day 4	Psalms 23	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Day 5	Matthew 6:25-34	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Day 6	Romans 8:1-17	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>
Day 7	James 1:19-27	<hr/> <hr/>	<hr/> <hr/>

KEEP IT SIMPLE The point is not to finish perfectly. Return to God and let Scripture shape your next step.

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journal page

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Print extra copies of this page whenever you want a simple place to process Scripture and prayer.

PASSAGE

WHAT STOOD OUT?

WHAT DOES THIS SHOW ME ABOUT GOD?

WHAT DO I NEED TO BELIEVE, CONFESS, SURRENDER, OR OBEY?

PRAYER RESPONSE

CLOSING PRAYER

Lord, teach me to love Your Word. Give me humility to receive it, courage to obey it, and endurance to keep returning. Amen.

