

## 52 Great Passages to Live by

Date	Passage	Key	Date	Passage	Key
1/4	Joshua 1:1-9	8 or 9	7/5	Psalms 19	
1/11	Genesis 1:1-2:3	31	7/12	James 1	4
1/18	Proverbs 3:1-12	5-6	7/19	Exodus 20:1-17	
1/25	Ephesians 2:1-10	8-9	7/26	Matthew 6:25-34	33
2/1	Ephesians 3:14-21	20-21	8/2	Romans 8:28-39	38-39
2/8	Ephesians 4:1-16	15	8/9	Isaiah 40:21-31	29-31
2/15	I Corinthians 13	4-6	8/16	Ps 139:1-18, 23-24	23-24
2/22	Galatians 5:16-26	22-23	8/23	Luke 15:11-32	10
3/1	I John 1	15	8/30	Psalms 103	
3/8	John 15:1-17	17	9/6	Ecclesiastes 3:1-14	11
3/15	Mark 10:35-45	45	9/13	Deuteronomy 6:1-12	4-6
3/22	Matthew 11:25-30	28-30	9/20	Jeremiah 29:10-14	11-13
3/29	Isaiah 52:13-53:12	3	9/27	Genesis 12:1-3	3
4/5	John 13:1-17, 34-35	35	10/4	Exodus 3:1-15	14
4/12	Luke 24:1-12	6	10/11	I Samuel 3:1-10	10b
4/19	Luke 24:13-34	30-31	10/18	Isaiah 6:1-8	8
4/26	I Corinth. 15:50-58	58	10/25	John 3:1-17	16-17
5/3	John 14:1-6	6	11/1	Hebrews 12:1-11	1-3
5/10	Psalms 23		11/8	Romans 5:1-11	8
5/17	Matthew 6:5:-15	9-13	11/15	II Peter 1:1-11	3 or 8
5/24	Philippians 4:4-9	6,7	11/22	II Corinthians 9:6-15	8
5/31	Acts 2:1-4, 42-47	44	11/29	Philippians 2:1-11	
6/7	Matthew 28:16-20	19-20	12/6	Matthew 1:18 - 2:12	21b
6/14	Isaiah 61:1-3	1	12/13	Luke 2:1-20	10-11
6/21	Matthew 5:1-12	6	12/20	John 1:1-14	14
6/28	Romans 12:1-21	1-2	12/27	Revelation 21:1-7	6

## Tips for Reading the Bible

Remember our goal is to listen to God speak through his word. This is not an academic exercise. Read at your own spiritual level. Don't worry about what you don't know!

**Pray**—Begin each reading session by asking God to teach you and speak to you from the Bible

**Use a Notebook**—Taking time to record your thoughts, questions, and observations is one great way to retain what you are learning. Establish a pattern to get started with each passage. For instance, write the reference, then write the key verse out. Follow this with anything that arises during your time of reflection.

**Read the Passage Aloud**—The Bible was written to be heard and read in public. Find a quiet place and read through the passage at least once out loud.

**Read Different Versions**—The Bible has been translated and paraphrased many times. New expressions might stir a new thought or give you a different insight. Use a version you have or you can go on-line to [www.biblegateway.com](http://www.biblegateway.com). Some to try are: The Message, New Living Translation, Contemporary English Version, English Standard Version, Amplified Bible, or New Century Version. Over time you may find one or two particularly helpful.

Maybe you know another language. Why not read the passage in a different language each week?

**Memorize**—Try writing the key verse(s) on a card and carry it with you. Memorize the verse. When you have a quiet moment in the morning, at night, or during the day, say the verse to yourself and think about what it means for you.

**Reflect**—Read the passage several times. Do you see key words or characters? What questions does it raise? What truth does it reinforce? What application for your life can you think of? What do you learn about God? Jesus? The Holy Spirit? Is God prompting you to pray or to act in some specific way?

**Be in a Group**—Take time to meet with friends and talk together about what you are learning. You could even choose one partner to share with. This is a great way to reinforce your insights and be accountable for the changes God is making in your life.