



IT ALL POINTS TO JESUS

July

*Grace That Holds — When Kingdoms Fall, Christ
Remains*

A 365-DAY BIBLE COMPANION

“Holy Spirit, open our hearts to see Christ in all of Scripture.”

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About This Free Web Edition

This is the free web edition of **July**, one of the twelve monthly volumes of *It All Points to Jesus* — a companion for a 365-day journey through the whole Bible. It walks beside your own Bible reading with daily summaries, how each day points to Jesus, reflections, fellowship questions, prayer, and a practical step for the day — with the weekly reviews in their place.

Read the Word first. This companion does not reproduce the text of Scripture — read the readings first in your own Bible. Scripture quotations follow the World English Bible (WEB), a public-domain translation.

The readings follow the day-numbered plan: Day 1 is January 1 and Day 365 is December 31. July covers Days 182–212. You may begin on any day; the journey restarts every January.

A printed paperback edition of this volume is also available for those who prefer a book in hand. Print is for the hand — the Word itself is free.

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The Dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit

Before there was a world, there was a rhythm of love.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — moving together in perfect joy, each delighting in the others. When the Bible opens, the Spirit of God is hovering over the waters. God says, “Let us make man in our image.” And John tells us the Word was there from the beginning, that all things were made through him, and the Word became flesh.

That is the dance underneath everything you are about to read.

Day by day, through the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Psalms, and the Proverbs, you will see the dancers: the Father speaking and sending, the Son revealing and redeeming, the Spirit opening eyes and hearts. We encourage you to read the Scripture first. Then let this companion help you hear the music.

You are not reading alone. The moment you open the Word, you step into a rhythm that began before time itself — and you are invited to join the dance.

Scripture calls Him the head of the church — the head of the body (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18) — and in Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17).

Jesus is that spine — the one who holds it all together. We must never forget it.

“Holy Spirit, open our hearts to see Christ in all of Scripture.”

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READ THE WORD FIRST. Read Scripture in your own Bible, then use this Companion for summaries, reflection, fellowship, prayer, and a practical next step.

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

July Introduction

Grace That Holds

Welcome to July. Whether you have walked with us every day since January or you are opening this Companion for the first time, you are invited to begin right here. You do not have to catch up before you can come to Jesus. Open God's Word. Read today's passages. Then come back and walk with us. June showed us the Kingdom moving forward: Jesus reigns, the Holy Spirit leads, and the gospel goes out. July now carries us through a striking landscape of collapse, memory, mission, worship, sin, mercy, and grace. Second Kings closes with Jerusalem in ruins. Chronicles looks back across generations and remembers God's dealings with His people. Acts carries Paul through trials, storms, shipwreck, and finally to Rome. Then Romans opens the gospel like a great treasure chest and tells us why the good news of Jesus is truly good. The heartbeat of July is Grace That Holds. Kingdoms fall. Leaders fail. People sin. Religious effort cannot make us righteous. Even sincere believers struggle. Yet God keeps His promises. Christ dies for sinners. We are justified by faith. We receive peace with God. There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. The Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness.

Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ. July will not teach us that sin does not matter. It will teach us that Jesus is greater than our sin. Grace is not permission to wander from God; grace is God reaching us in Christ, bringing us home, and teaching us to live as His people.

Father — Son — Holy Spirit: The Relationship Grace Restores

The relational foundation remains alive. The Father is not a distant judge we must somehow persuade to love us. Scripture reveals the Father who keeps covenant, sends the Son, welcomes sinners through Him, and adopts believers into His family. The Son does not merely point toward salvation; Jesus is the center of it. He gives Himself for us while we are still sinners, rises from death, and becomes the One in whom we have peace, life, and hope. The Holy Spirit does not stand at the edge of this relationship. He gives life, confirms that we are God's children, helps us in weakness, and forms the character of Christ within us. So the movement continues: Father — Son — Holy Spirit — relationship with God — relationship with one another — invitation to the world. Romans makes that movement practical. Grace changes how we see ourselves and how we treat others. We stop boasting. We learn humility. We use our gifts to serve. We love sincerely. We bless instead of curse. We welcome believers who see some matters differently. The gospel creates a family around Jesus. And that family is never meant to close in on itself. Paul keeps moving because the good news belongs to others too. Grace received becomes grace shared.

When the Story Looks Broken

July begins among ruins. That matters. The Bible does not hide the consequences of rebellion. Jerusalem falls. Kings disappoint. Families and nations carry scars. Chronicles then preserves long lists of names that can seem difficult to read, but those generations quietly testify that God has not forgotten His people or abandoned His promises. Acts tells the same truth through a different kind of difficulty. Paul is arrested, accused, delayed, threatened, shipwrecked, and carried toward Rome as a prisoner. Yet what looks like interruption becomes part of the mission. Chains do not chain the gospel. Storms do not cancel Christ's purpose. Perhaps that is a word someone needs before reading another page: a broken chapter is not necessarily the end of God's story. You may not understand what He is doing. You may see ruins where you hoped to see progress. Keep looking toward Jesus. Grace holds.

Romans: The Gospel Comes Into Focus

When Romans begins, Paul explains what every human heart needs to know. All have sinned. No one earns a place with God by religious performance. Abraham himself was counted righteous by faith. Jesus died for us while we were still sinners. Through Him we receive peace with God and a new life. Then Romans goes deeper. The struggle with sin is real, but condemnation is not the believer's identity. The Spirit gives life. We are adopted as God's children. Creation groans, we groan, and the Spirit helps us in our weakness. God is at work even when we cannot see the finished picture. And Paul reaches one of the great peaks of Scripture: nothing in all creation can separate those who belong to Christ from the love of God in Him. But grace never stops at what we believe. Romans turns toward how redeemed people live. Offer your body to God. Let your mind be renewed. Use your gifts humbly. Love without pretending. Honor others. Live at peace where possible. Overcome evil with good. Welcome one another. Carry burdens. Live for the glory of God. This is grace that holds — and grace that changes us.

Keep the Rhythm

Read God's Word first. The Companion comes second. If listening helps, follow along with an audio Bible. Ask what the passage reveals about God. What is He doing? What does He love? What does He oppose? What promise is He keeping? Discover Jesus. Look for Christ faithfully — not by forcing Him into every detail, but by seeing how promise, kingship, sacrifice, righteousness, resurrection, mercy, and the whole biblical story find their center in Him. Notice the Holy Spirit. Especially in Romans, watch how the Spirit gives life, adoption, help, hope, and transformation. Reflect and fellowship. Ask the question, then talk about it. Keep saying to one another: Where did you see Jesus? Live today. Do not leave the truth on the page. Let one thing you read become one thing you obey.

Prayer

Father, thank You that Your faithfulness is stronger than our failure. Lord Jesus, thank You for dying for sinners, rising again, giving us peace with God, and holding us in a love from which nothing can separate us. Holy Spirit, open our hearts to see Christ in all of Scripture. Help us when we are weak. Renew our minds. Teach us to live as beloved children of God and to extend to others the grace we have received. When we see ruins, remind us that You are still writing the story. When we fail, lead us to repentance rather than despair. When we succeed, keep us humble. Let our lives point to Jesus. For the glory of God alone. Amen.

Read the Word. Understand the Word. See Jesus in the Word. Live the Word. It ALL Points to Jesus.

Day 182 - July 1

Spread It Before the Lord

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:8

Read First: 2 Kings 18:13–19:37 • Acts 21:1–17 • Psalm 149:1–9 • Proverbs 18:8

Old Testament Summary

Assyria surrounds Jerusalem and mocks God. Hezekiah takes the threat into the Temple and prays. God answers, showing that no empire is greater than the LORD.

New Testament Summary

Paul knows hardship awaits in Jerusalem, yet he refuses to turn aside. His life belongs to Jesus, and obedience matters more than personal safety.

Psalm Summary

God's people sing a new song and rejoice in their Maker and King.

Proverbs Summary

Gossip sinks deeply into the heart. Refuse to feed on words that wound another person.

Discover Jesus Today

Hezekiah spreads the enemy's threat before God. Jesus teaches the same dependent life: bring fear to the Father and keep walking in obedience.

Heart Reflection

What burden do I need to spread before the Lord in prayer?

Fellowship Questions

Share one place in today's reading where you saw Jesus more clearly. Then discuss the reflection question together.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, keep my eyes on You and shape my life by Your Word. Holy Spirit, give me grace to trust, obey, and follow You today. Amen.

Live Today

Write down one burden and spread it before the Lord in prayer. Lord Jesus, help me not only to know Your Word but to live it. Transform my heart so that my life reflects You more each day.

Day 183 - July 2

Praise the Lord

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:9–10

Read First: 2 Kings 20:1–22:2 • Acts 21:18–36 • Psalm 150:1–6 • Proverbs 18:9–10

Old Testament Summary

Hezekiah becomes ill, prays, and receives mercy, yet later proudly displays his treasures. Manasseh leads Judah into terrible evil, but young Josiah begins differently: he does what is right before the LORD.

New Testament Summary

Paul reports what God has done among the Gentiles and then faces violent opposition in Jerusalem. Even in chaos, the gospel has carried him exactly where Christ said it would.

Psalm Summary

The Psalter ends where worship belongs: everything that has breath is called to praise the LORD.

Proverbs Summary

Laziness destroys alongside deliberate wrongdoing. Faithfulness honors God in ordinary work. The name of the LORD is a strong tower; the righteous run to Him and are safe.

Discover Jesus Today

July opens with praise. Kings show why we cannot save ourselves; Acts shows the risen Jesus sending His witnesses. The Psalter ends where every story should end — with God receiving the glory.

Heart Reflection

After six months of reading, what gives me the greatest reason to praise Jesus?

Fellowship Questions

Share one place in today's reading where you saw Jesus more clearly. Then discuss the reflection question together.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, keep my eyes on You and shape my life by Your Word. Holy Spirit, give me grace to trust, obey, and follow You today. Amen.

Live Today

Begin July by naming three reasons Jesus deserves your praise. Lord Jesus, help me not only to know Your Word but to live it. Transform my heart so that my life reflects You more each day.

Week 27 — From Ruin to Witness

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This week covers Days 184–190. Read the assigned Scripture first. Watch for the contrast between human weakness and God's faithfulness. Do not rush the

difficult portions. Names, kings, trials, storms, and arguments all belong to one unfolding story that leads us toward Jesus.

Day 184 - July 3

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:11–12

Read First: 2 Kings 22:3–23:30 • Acts 21:37–22:16 • Psalm 1:1–6 • Proverbs 18:11–12

Old Testament Summary

Josiah hears God's Word, humbles himself, renews the covenant, and tears down idols. Reform begins when Scripture is taken seriously.

New Testament Summary

Paul tells the crowd how Jesus met him, changed him, and sent him. His testimony is not about his greatness but Christ's grace.

Psalm Summary

The blessed life is rooted in God's instruction rather than the counsel of the world.

Proverbs Summary

Wealth can look secure, but pride falls quickly.

Discover Jesus Today

Josiah responds to the written Word; Paul responds to the living Christ. Jesus does not merely give us information — He calls us to repentance, faith, and a changed life.

Heart Reflection

Where is God's Word asking me to change rather than merely agree?

Fellowship Questions

Share one area where Scripture has corrected your direction.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, give me a tender heart that hears Your Word and obeys. Amen.

Live Today

Hear the Word. Remove one idol. Take one obedient step.

Day 185 - July 4

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:13

Read First: 2 Kings 23:31–25:30 • Acts 22:17–23:10 • Psalm 2:1–12 •

Proverbs 18:13

Old Testament Summary

Judah's decline reaches Jerusalem's destruction and exile. Persistent rebellion finally brings the consequences God had warned about.

New Testament Summary

Paul remains faithful under pressure. He uses his rights wisely while refusing to deny the truth about Jesus.

Psalm Summary

God's Son is the true King; rebellion against Him cannot finally succeed.

Proverbs Summary

Listen before answering; quick words often miss the truth.

Discover Jesus Today

Earthly kingdoms rise and fall, but Psalm 2 points beyond them to God's anointed King. Jesus is the King no empire can overthrow.

Heart Reflection

Am I resisting Jesus in any part of my life?

Fellowship Questions

Why is listening an important part of faithful Christian witness?

Prayer

King Jesus, rule my heart and make me faithful when following You is costly.
Amen.

Live Today

Listen first. Then speak truth with grace.

Day 186 - July 5

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:14–15

Read First: 1 Chronicles 1:1–2:17 • Acts 23:11–35 • Psalm 3:1–8 • Proverbs 18:14–15

Old Testament Summary

Chronicles opens with generations of names, tracing God's faithfulness through real families and history toward Israel's royal line.

New Testament Summary

The Lord assures Paul that he will testify in Rome. A murderous plot cannot cancel God's purpose.

Psalms Summary

David sleeps surrounded by enemies because the LORD sustains him.

Proverbs Summary

A strong spirit and a teachable mind help us endure.

Discover Jesus Today

Genealogies remind us that God works across generations. The line ultimately moves toward Jesus, and Acts shows that His mission cannot be stopped.

Heart Reflection

Can I trust God when I cannot yet see how the pieces fit together?

Fellowship Questions

Tell how God has used another generation to strengthen your faith.

Prayer

Jesus, help me trust Your purpose even when I cannot see the whole story.
Amen.

Live Today

Remember one person whose faith helped bring you closer to Christ.

Day 187 - July 6

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:16–18

Read First: 1 Chronicles 2:18–4:4 • Acts 24:1–27 • Psalm 4:1–8 • Proverbs 18:16–18

Old Testament Summary

The family records continue, preserving the line, identity, and memory of God's people.

New Testament Summary

Paul stands before Felix and explains that his hope rests in God's promises and the resurrection.

Psalm Summary

God gives peace and security that circumstances cannot manufacture.

Proverbs Summary

Gifts may open doors, but justice and truth still matter.

Discover Jesus Today

Paul's hope is resurrection hope. Our faith is not merely ancestry, tradition, or history; it rests on the risen Jesus.

Heart Reflection

Is my faith living and personal, or only inherited?

Fellowship Questions

What difference does the resurrection make when life feels uncertain?

Prayer

Risen Jesus, make my faith living, courageous, and rooted in You. Amen.

Live Today

Carry resurrection hope into one anxious situation today.

Day 188 - July 7

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:19

Read First: 1 Chronicles 4:5–5:17 • Acts 25:1–27 • Psalm 5:1–12 • Proverbs 18:19

Old Testament Summary

Tribal records include both faithfulness and failure. God remembers people, choices, and consequences.

New Testament Summary

Paul appeals to Caesar rather than surrendering his mission. His circumstances change, but his calling does not.

Psalm Summary

David asks God to hear, lead, and protect him.

Proverbs Summary

Unresolved offense can become a wall between people.

Discover Jesus Today

Jesus calls us to faithfulness in complicated circumstances. Paul does not control the system, but he keeps serving Christ within it.

Heart Reflection

Where am I tempted to confuse a difficult situation with a defeated mission?

Fellowship Questions

How can we remain faithful when circumstances are outside our control?

Prayer

Jesus, keep me faithful wherever You place me. Guard my heart from bitterness. Amen.

Live Today

Do the next faithful thing without waiting for perfect circumstances.

Day 189 - July 8

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:20–21

Read First: 1 Chronicles 5:18–6:81 • Acts 26:1–32 • Psalm 6:1–10 • Proverbs 18:20–21

Old Testament Summary

Warriors cry out to God in battle, while the Levites are set apart for worship and service. Strength and worship both belong under God.

New Testament Summary

Paul tells Agrippa how the risen Jesus changed his life and commissioned him to open eyes and turn people from darkness to light.

Psalms Summary

David cries for mercy in weakness and trusts God to hear.

Proverbs Summary

Our words bear fruit; speech can nourish or wound.

Discover Jesus Today

Paul's testimony has one center: Jesus met him. The gospel turns people from darkness to light and from the power of sin toward God.

Heart Reflection

What would I say if someone asked how Jesus has changed me?

Fellowship Questions

Practice telling your Jesus story simply and without exaggeration.

Prayer

Lord Jesus, let my words point people from darkness to Your light. Amen.

Live Today

Use your words to give life today.

Day 190 - July 9

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:22

Read First: 1 Chronicles 7:1–8:40 • Acts 27:1–20 • Psalm 7:1–17 • Proverbs 18:22

Old Testament Summary

More genealogies preserve Israel's identity and show that God's story includes many people whose names are otherwise little known.

New Testament Summary

Paul sails toward Rome. A violent storm exposes human helplessness and the need to listen to God.

Psalm Summary

David asks the righteous Judge for protection.

Proverbs Summary

Marriage is presented as a good gift from the LORD.

Discover Jesus Today

Storms reveal where our confidence rests. Paul belongs to Jesus before he belongs to any ship, nation, or circumstance.

Heart Reflection

What storm is exposing what I really trust?

Fellowship Questions

How can belonging to Jesus steady us in uncertain times?

Prayer

Jesus, be my anchor when circumstances are beyond my control. Amen.

Live Today

Do not let the storm decide who you are. You belong to Christ.

Week 27 Review - The Big Story (Days 184–190)

Sunday Group Review - About 15 Minutes

The Big Story

Judah falls, but God's story does not. Josiah responds to Scripture, Paul keeps testifying under pressure, genealogies preserve the generations, and a storm begins to expose how little human beings control. Through it all, God remains faithful. Different books. Different centuries. One Savior. It ALL Points to Jesus.

Finding Jesus This Week

- Jesus is the King earthly kingdoms cannot overthrow.
- Jesus meets people personally and changes their direction.
- Jesus gives resurrection hope when circumstances are uncertain.
- Jesus remains faithful when our systems and plans fail.

Reflect Together

1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week?
2. What passage challenged you most?
3. What did this week teach you about grace?
4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

Fellowship Questions

Go around the group and complete this sentence: "This week I saw Jesus in _____. " Keep it simple. Listen to one another and encourage one another.

Week Prayer

Father, thank You for Your faithful Word. Jesus, keep our eyes fixed on You. Holy Spirit, change what needs changing and help us live what we have read. Amen.

Week Preview

Next: Week 28 — The Gospel Cannot Be Stopped. Keep reading Scripture first and watch how every road continues to lead toward Jesus.

Week 28 — The Gospel Cannot Be Stopped

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This week covers Days 191–197. Read the assigned Scripture first. Watch for the contrast between human weakness and God’s faithfulness. Do not rush the difficult portions. Names, kings, trials, storms, and arguments all belong to one unfolding story that leads us toward Jesus.

Day 191 - July 10

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God’s Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 18:23–24

Read First: 1 Chronicles 9:1–10:14 • Acts 27:21–44 • Psalm 8:1–9 • Proverbs 18:23–24

Old Testament Summary

Israel returns from exile, but Saul’s story ends in tragedy because of persistent unfaithfulness.

New Testament Summary

The ship is lost, but every person survives just as God promised. Paul becomes a calm voice of faith in chaos.

Psalms Summary

Human beings seem small beneath creation, yet God gives them dignity and responsibility.

Proverbs Summary

True friendship can be closer than family.

Discover Jesus Today

Saul shows the ruin of self-rule; Paul shows the steadiness of surrendered faith. Jesus is the faithful King we need.

Heart Reflection

Am I trying to rule my own life, or surrendering it to Jesus?

Fellowship Questions

Who has been a faithful friend to you in a storm?

Prayer

Faithful King, teach me to trust Your Word and encourage others when fear rises. Amen.

Live Today

Be the calm, Christ-centered voice someone needs today.

Day 192 - July 11

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:1–3

Read First: 1 Chronicles 11:1–12:18 • Acts 28:1–31 • Psalm 9:1–12 •
Proverbs 19:1–3

Old Testament Summary

David is recognized as king, and mighty men gather around him. God is establishing the kingdom He promised.

New Testament Summary

Paul reaches Rome and continues proclaiming God's Kingdom and teaching about Jesus. Acts ends with the gospel still moving.

Psalm Summary

God is a refuge for the oppressed and remembers those who seek Him.

Proverbs Summary

Integrity is worth more than wealth; foolish choices can distort our path.

Discover Jesus Today

Acts ends without ending the mission. The risen Jesus continues His work through ordinary believers who carry the gospel forward.

Heart Reflection

Am I a spectator to the mission or a participant?

Fellowship Questions

What is one simple way our group can help someone hear about Jesus?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, keep Your gospel moving through us. Give us courage to speak Your name. Amen.

Live Today

Carry the story forward. Tell someone what Jesus has done.

Day 193 - July 12

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:4–5

Read First: 1 Chronicles 12:19–14:17 • Romans 1:1–17 • Psalm 9:13–20 • Proverbs 19:4–5

Old Testament Summary

David's support grows, but the first attempt to move the ark fails because holy things are handled carelessly. God still gives David victories.

New Testament Summary

Romans opens with the gospel: God's power for salvation, revealing righteousness received by faith.

Psalms Summary

God sees the afflicted and will not forget them.

Proverbs Summary

Money can attract companions, but hardship reveals relationships.

Discover Jesus Today

Romans states the heartbeat plainly: the gospel is about Jesus Christ. Human strength cannot make us right with God; salvation comes through faith.

Heart Reflection

Am I ashamed of the gospel in any setting?

Fellowship Questions

Why is the gospel good news rather than merely good advice?

Prayer

Jesus, keep me unashamed of Your gospel and dependent on Your grace.
Amen.

Live Today

Remember: the gospel is God's power, not your performance.

Day 194 - July 13

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:6–7

Read First: 1 Chronicles 15:1–16:36 • Romans 1:18–32 • Psalm 10:1–15 •
Proverbs 19:6–7

Old Testament Summary

The ark is brought to Jerusalem with reverence, sacrifice, music, and thanksgiving. David calls the people to remember God's works.

New Testament Summary

Paul explains humanity's rebellion: people exchange God's truth and glory for created things.

Psalms Summary

The psalmist asks why evil seems to prosper, yet continues calling on God.

Proverbs Summary

Popularity and favor can be shallow foundations.

Discover Jesus Today

Chronicles shows worship directed toward God; Romans shows what happens when worship is redirected toward creation. Jesus restores us to worship the Creator.

Heart Reflection

What created thing is most likely to compete for my worship?

Fellowship Questions

How can gratitude protect our hearts from idolatry?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, turn my heart away from idols and teach me to worship God with gratitude. Amen.

Live Today

Thank God specifically before asking Him for anything.

Day 195 - July 14

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:8–9

Read First: 1 Chronicles 16:37–18:17 • Romans 2:1–24 • Psalm 10:16–18 • Proverbs 19:8–9

Old Testament Summary

God promises David an enduring house and kingdom. David responds with humility and worship.

New Testament Summary

Paul warns against judging others while practicing the same sins. God looks beyond religious appearance to the heart.

Psalm Summary

The Lord is King forever and defends the helpless.

Proverbs Summary

Wisdom loves the soul; false witness destroys trust.

Discover Jesus Today

God's covenant with David reaches beyond David to the Son of David, Jesus, whose Kingdom has no end.

Heart Reflection

Do I examine other people more quickly than I examine myself?

Fellowship Questions

What does humility look like when we receive God's grace?

Prayer

Son of David, rule us with grace and truth. Make us humble before You.
Amen.

Live Today

Before correcting someone else, invite Jesus to search your heart.

Day 196 - July 15

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:10–12

Read First: 1 Chronicles 19:1–21:30 • Romans 2:25–3:8 • Psalm 11:1–7 •
Proverbs 19:10–12

Old Testament Summary

David's victories are followed by the tragedy of his census. Pride and self-reliance bring suffering, yet mercy appears at the altar.

New Testament Summary

Paul shows that outward religious signs cannot replace inward faithfulness. Human unfaithfulness does not cancel God's faithfulness.

Psalm Summary

The Lord remains righteous and secure when foundations shake.

Proverbs Summary

Pride and foolishness do not belong with genuine wisdom.

Discover Jesus Today

David's altar points toward our need for atonement. We cannot save ourselves by numbers, strength, heritage, or religion. We need grace fulfilled in Jesus.

Heart Reflection

Where am I measuring security by numbers, possessions, or achievement?

Fellowship Questions

Why are outward religious signs unable to change the heart?

Prayer

Jesus, forgive my pride and teach me to rely on Your mercy rather than myself. Amen.

Live Today

Replace one measure of self-reliance with prayer.

Day 197 - July 16

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:13–14

Read First: 1 Chronicles 22:1–23:32 • Romans 3:9–31 • Psalm 12:1–8 •
Proverbs 19:13–14

Old Testament Summary

David prepares for the Temple and organizes the Levites. He knows he will not build it, yet faithfully prepares the way for another.

New Testament Summary

Paul reaches the great conclusion: all have sinned, and righteousness comes through faith in Jesus Christ, not works of the law.

Psalm Summary

God's words are pure even when human words are unreliable.

Proverbs Summary

Family conflict can be painful; wisdom seeks peace.

Discover Jesus Today

Here the companion's title shines: we all fall short, but Jesus is the One through whom God makes sinners right. The Temple preparations point toward access to God; Christ opens that access.

Heart Reflection

Am I trying to earn what God offers by grace?

Fellowship Questions

How would you explain justification by faith in simple words?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You that my hope rests in what You have done, not what I can earn. Amen.

Live Today

Stop performing for God. Receive grace and obey from gratitude.

Week 28 Review - The Big Story (Days 191–197)

Sunday Group Review - About 15 Minutes

The Big Story

The storm ends with God keeping His promise. Acts reaches Rome and closes with the gospel still moving. Romans then opens the great explanation of that gospel: humanity has rebelled, religious performance cannot save, and righteousness comes through faith in Jesus. Different books. Different centuries. One Savior. It ALL Points to Jesus.

Finding Jesus This Week

- The mission of the risen Jesus continues.
- The gospel is God's power for salvation.
- The Son of David reigns forever.
- All have sinned; grace is our only hope.

Reflect Together

1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What passage challenged you most? 3. What did this week teach you about grace? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

Fellowship Questions

Go around the group and complete this sentence: “This week I saw Jesus in _____. ” Keep it simple. Listen to one another and encourage one another.

Week Prayer

Father, thank You for Your faithful Word. Jesus, keep our eyes fixed on You. Holy Spirit, change what needs changing and help us live what we have read. Amen.

Week Preview

Next: Week 29 — Grace, Faith, and New Life. Keep reading Scripture first and watch how every road continues to lead toward Jesus.

Week 29 — Grace, Faith, and New Life

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

This week covers Days 198–204. Read the assigned Scripture first. Watch for the contrast between human weakness and God’s faithfulness. Do not rush the difficult portions. Names, kings, trials, storms, and arguments all belong to one unfolding story that leads us toward Jesus.

Day 198 - July 17

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God’s Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:15–16

Read First: 1 Chronicles 24:1–26:11 • Romans 4:1–12 • Psalm 13:1–6 • Proverbs 19:15–16

Old Testament Summary

Priests, musicians, and gatekeepers are organized for worship. Many different assignments serve one purpose: honoring God.

New Testament Summary

Abraham is Paul's example that righteousness is credited through faith, not earned by works.

Psalm Summary

David asks how long, yet ends by trusting God's unfailing love.

Proverbs Summary

Laziness leads toward need; wisdom receives correction.

Discover Jesus Today

God's people serve in many roles, but salvation has one foundation: faith. Abraham believed God; we trust the God who fulfills His promise in Jesus.

Heart Reflection

Do I confuse serving God with earning God's acceptance?

Fellowship Questions

How can different gifts serve one Christ-centered mission?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for grace. Help me serve faithfully without trying to earn Your love. Amen.

Live Today

Serve from acceptance, not for acceptance.

Day 199 - July 18

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:17

Read First: 1 Chronicles 26:12–27:34 • Romans 4:13–5:5 • Psalm 14:1–7 •
Proverbs 19:17

Old Testament Summary

Israel's administration is ordered carefully. Behind the lists is a kingdom being prepared for faithful stewardship.

New Testament Summary

Abraham trusted God's promise against hope. Paul then declares that faith brings peace with God and hope even in suffering.

Psalms Summary

Humanity's corruption is universal; we need God's rescue.

Proverbs Summary

Kindness to the poor is treated as lending to the LORD.

Discover Jesus Today

Peace with God is not achieved by perfect administration or moral effort. Through Jesus we are justified by faith and brought into grace.

Heart Reflection

Where do I need to trust God's promise when circumstances look impossible?

Fellowship Questions

How does peace with God change the way we face suffering?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for bringing me peace with God. Strengthen my hope when life is hard. Amen.

Live Today

Let grace, not fear, set the tone of your day.

Day 200 - July 19

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God’s Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:18–19

Read First: 1 Chronicles 28:1–29:30 • Romans 5:6–21 • Psalm 15:1–5 •
Proverbs 19:18–19

Old Testament Summary

David charges Solomon to seek God and build the Temple. The people give generously, and David praises God as the true owner of everything.

New Testament Summary

Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Adam brought sin and death; Jesus brings grace and life.

Psalm Summary

The person who may dwell with God walks in integrity.

Proverbs Summary

Discipline and uncontrolled anger both carry consequences.

Discover Jesus Today

This is one of July’s clearest views of Jesus: we were helpless, but Christ died for us. The greater Son of David brings a Kingdom and life that death cannot defeat.

Heart Reflection

What does it mean to me that Christ loved me before I could make myself worthy?

Fellowship Questions

Finish the sentence: “Today I am thankful Jesus...”

Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for loving sinners and giving Your life for us. Amen.

Live Today

Live today as someone deeply loved by Christ.

Day 201 - July 20

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:20–21

Read First: 2 Chronicles 1:1–3:17 • Romans 6:1–23 • Psalm 16:1–11 •
Proverbs 19:20–21

Old Testament Summary

Solomon receives wisdom and begins building the Temple. The work is large because it is meant to honor the Lord.

New Testament Summary

Believers are united with Christ in His death and resurrection. Grace is not permission to remain in sin; we are called to new life.

Psalm Summary

God is our secure portion and shows us the path of life.

Proverbs Summary

Wise counsel should be received, not ignored.

Discover Jesus Today

The Temple is being built as a place of God's presence. Romans tells us that in Christ an even deeper work is underway: old life dies and new life begins.

Heart Reflection

What old pattern needs to stay buried rather than be carried into new life?

Fellowship Questions

What does it mean practically to be alive to God in Christ?

Prayer

Jesus, help me walk in the new life You purchased for me. Amen.

Live Today

Choose one action today that belongs to your new life in Christ.

Day 202 - July 21

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:22–23

Read First: 2 Chronicles 4:1–6:11 • Romans 7:1–13 • Psalm 17:1–15 •
Proverbs 19:22–23

Old Testament Summary

The Temple is furnished, the ark enters, and God's glory fills the house.
Worship reaches its center: God among His people.

New Testament Summary

Paul describes the law's good purpose while exposing how sin twists even good commands.

Psalm Summary

David asks God to hear his righteous plea and guard him.

Proverbs Summary

Loyal love and reverence for God are better than empty desire.

Discover Jesus Today

The glory-filled Temple reveals humanity's deepest longing: God with us.
Jesus fulfills that longing and frees us from sin's mastery.

Heart Reflection

Do I treat God's presence as ordinary?

Fellowship Questions

How can God's holiness deepen rather than weaken our joy?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You for bringing us near to God. Make me hungry for Your presence. Amen.

Live Today

Give God your undistracted attention for a few minutes today.

Day 203 - July 22

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:24–25

Read First: 2 Chronicles 6:12–8:10 • Romans 7:14–8:8 • Psalm 18:1–15 •
Proverbs 19:24–25

Old Testament Summary

Solomon dedicates the Temple, fire falls, and God's glory fills it. God promises to hear humble, repentant people.

New Testament Summary

Paul cries over the conflict within himself, then announces the answer: Jesus Christ. Romans 8 opens with no condemnation for those in Christ.

Psalms Summary

God is the rock, fortress, and rescuer.

Proverbs Summary

Correction can awaken wisdom; laziness wastes opportunity.

Discover Jesus Today

Who will rescue me? Paul asks. The answer is Jesus. Religion can name the problem; Christ delivers the sinner and removes condemnation.

Heart Reflection

Do I live as though Jesus forgave me, or do I keep sentencing myself?

Fellowship Questions

What is the difference between conviction and condemnation?

Prayer

Jesus, thank You that there is no condemnation for those who belong to You. Lead me by Your Spirit. Amen.

Live Today

Reject condemnation. Confess sin, receive grace, and keep walking.

Day 204 - July 23

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:26

Read First: 2 Chronicles 8:11–10:19 • Romans 8:9–25 • Psalm 18:16–36 • Proverbs 19:26

Old Testament Summary

Solomon's wealth and fame grow, but after his reign the kingdom begins to fracture under Rehoboam's pride.

New Testament Summary

The Spirit gives life, confirms our adoption, and teaches us to wait with hope for the redemption God will complete.

Psalm Summary

God reaches down and rescues David from overwhelming waters.

Proverbs Summary

Dishonoring parents brings shame and destruction.

Discover Jesus Today

Earthly glory fades. Solomon's kingdom divides. But those in Christ receive a Kingdom inheritance as God's adopted children.

Heart Reflection

Where am I tempted to put confidence in success that cannot last?

Fellowship Questions

What does being adopted by God change about our identity?

Prayer

Father, thank You for adopting us through Christ. Holy Spirit, teach us to live as Your children. Amen.

Live Today

Face one uncertainty today as a child of God, not an orphan.

Week 29 Review - The Big Story (Days 198–204)

Sunday Group Review - About 15 Minutes

The Big Story

Priests, worshipers, leaders, and Temple builders fill Chronicles while Romans moves from Abraham's faith to peace with God, Christ's death for sinners, new life, and freedom from condemnation. God's presence and God's grace meet in Jesus. Different books. Different centuries. One Savior. It ALL Points to Jesus.

Finding Jesus This Week

- Jesus brings peace with God.
- Jesus died for us while we were sinners.
- Jesus leads us into new life.
- In Christ there is no condemnation.

Reflect Together

1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What passage challenged you most? 3. What did this week teach you about grace? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

Fellowship Questions

Go around the group and complete this sentence: “This week I saw Jesus in _____.” Keep it simple. Listen to one another and encourage one another.

Week Prayer

Father, thank You for Your faithful Word. Jesus, keep our eyes fixed on You. Holy Spirit, change what needs changing and help us live what we have read. Amen.

Week Preview

Next: Week 30 — Held by the Love of Christ. Keep reading Scripture first and watch how every road continues to lead toward Jesus.

Week 30 — Held by the Love of Christ

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

This week covers Days 205–211. Read the assigned Scripture first. Watch for the contrast between human weakness and God’s faithfulness. Do not rush the difficult portions. Names, kings, trials, storms, and arguments all belong to one unfolding story that leads us toward Jesus.

Day 205 - July 24

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 19:27–29

Read First: 2 Chronicles 11:1–13:22 • Romans 8:26–39 • Psalm 18:37–50 •
Proverbs 19:27–29

Old Testament Summary

Judah's kings experience both mercy and judgment. Strength comes when they humble themselves before God.

New Testament Summary

The Spirit helps us pray, God works through all things, and nothing can separate believers from the love of God in Christ.

Psalm Summary

David celebrates God's victory and faithful love.

Proverbs Summary

Refusing instruction leads away from knowledge and wisdom.

Discover Jesus Today

Kings fail and kingdoms shake, but Romans 8 gives an unshakable promise: nothing in creation can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus.

Heart Reflection

What fear loses power when I remember that nothing can separate me from Christ's love?

Fellowship Questions

Which truth in Romans 8 would you carry into a difficult week?

Prayer

Jesus, hold me in Your love when I feel weak, confused, or afraid. Amen.

Live Today

When fear speaks, answer with this truth: I am held in Christ's love.

Day 206 - July 25

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:1

Read First: 2 Chronicles 14:1–16:14 • Romans 9:1–24 • Psalm 19:1–14 •
Proverbs 20:1

Old Testament Summary

Asa begins well, removes idols, and seeks God, but later relies on human power rather than the Lord. A strong beginning still requires continued trust.

New Testament Summary

Paul grieves for Israel and wrestles with God's sovereign mercy and purpose.

Psalm Summary

Creation and Scripture both declare God's glory and expose our need for cleansing.

Proverbs Summary

Wine can deceive and master the person who treats it carelessly.

Discover Jesus Today

Asa's story warns us not to outgrow dependence on God. Romans reminds us that salvation rests in God's mercy, not human achievement. Jesus remains our only confidence.

Heart Reflection

Where have I begun relying on myself after once depending on God?

Fellowship Questions

Why can success make dependence on God harder?

Prayer

Jesus, keep me dependent on Your mercy from beginning to end. Amen.

Live Today

Return one self-reliant area of life to God today.

Day 207 - July 26

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:2–3

Read First: 2 Chronicles 17:1–18:34 • Romans 9:25–10:13 • Psalm 20:1–9 •
Proverbs 20:2–3

Old Testament Summary

Jehoshaphat seeks God and strengthens Judah, but his alliance with Ahab nearly costs him his life.

New Testament Summary

Paul emphasizes that righteousness comes by faith and that everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.

Psalm Summary

The people pray for God to help and protect the king.

Proverbs Summary

Anger in authority is dangerous; quarrels should not be fed.

Discover Jesus Today

Jehoshaphat's alliances blur wisdom, but Romans makes the saving allegiance clear: confess Jesus as Lord and believe God raised Him from the dead.

Heart Reflection

Does my loyalty to Jesus shape my other alliances and decisions?

Fellowship Questions

What makes the invitation everyone who calls on the Lord such good news?

Prayer

Lord Jesus, You are my King. Give me courage to trust and confess You.
Amen.

Live Today

Let your allegiance to Jesus guide one decision today.

Day 208 - July 27

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:4–6

Read First: 2 Chronicles 19:1–20:37 • Romans 10:14–11:12 • Psalm 21:1–13
• Proverbs 20:4–6

Old Testament Summary

Jehoshaphat appoints judges and then faces a vast army. Judah prays, worships, and watches God deliver them.

New Testament Summary

Faith comes by hearing, yet many reject the message. Paul insists God has not rejected His people and preserves a remnant by grace.

Psalms Summary

The king rejoices in God's strength and salvation.

Proverbs Summary

Diligence prepares; wisdom draws out deep counsel, and a faithful person is rare.

Discover Jesus Today

Judah admits, “we don’t know what to do,” and turns toward God. Romans shows that rescue is grace from beginning to end. Jesus is where helpless people turn.

Heart Reflection

Can I admit before God that I do not know what to do?

Fellowship Questions

Why can helplessness become a doorway to deeper faith?

Prayer

Jesus, when I do not know what to do, fix my eyes on You. Amen.

Live Today

Name the problem. Admit your limits. Turn your eyes toward Christ.

Day 209 - July 28

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God’s Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:7

Read First: 2 Chronicles 21:1–23:21 • Romans 11:13–36 • Psalm 22:1–18 • Proverbs 20:7

Old Testament Summary

Dark leadership brings violence and idolatry, but God preserves the royal line and restores rightful worship through courageous faithfulness.

New Testament Summary

Paul warns Gentile believers against pride and marvels at God’s wisdom, mercy, and unsearchable ways.

Psalm Summary

The suffering psalm begins with abandonment and describes anguish that Christians have long recognized as pointing toward the crucified Christ.

Proverbs Summary

The righteous person leaves a faithful legacy.

Discover Jesus Today

Psalm 22 brings us near the cross. Human kingdoms become corrupt, but Jesus enters suffering, bears rejection, and remains the true King.

Heart Reflection

When God feels distant, can I still bring Him my honest prayer?

Fellowship Questions

How does Psalm 22 help us understand Jesus' suffering?

Prayer

Crucified Lord, meet us in suffering and keep our hope anchored in You.
Amen.

Live Today

Bring your pain to Jesus instead of hiding it.

Day 210 - July 29

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:8–10

Read First: 2 Chronicles 24:1–25:28 • Romans 12:1–21 • Psalm 22:19–31 •
Proverbs 20:8–10

Old Testament Summary

Joash begins under godly influence but later turns away; Amaziah also mixes obedience with pride. Partial faithfulness proves fragile.

New Testament Summary

Romans 12 calls believers to offer themselves to God, renew their minds, use their gifts humbly, love sincerely, and overcome evil with good.

Psalms Summary

Psalms 22 moves from suffering toward praise among the nations.

Proverbs Summary

Justice requires honest standards and impartial judgment.

Discover Jesus Today

Jesus gave Himself for us; Romans asks for our response: offer your whole life to God. Grace produces transformed living, not halfhearted religion.

Heart Reflection

What part of my life have I kept off the altar?

Fellowship Questions

Which command in Romans 12 would most change our fellowship if we practiced it?

Prayer

Jesus, because You gave Yourself for me, I offer myself to You. Renew my mind and teach me to love. Amen.

Live Today

Overcome one small evil with deliberate good.

Day 211 - July 30

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:11

Read First: 2 Chronicles 26:1–28:27 • Romans 13:1–14 • Psalm 23:1–6 •
Proverbs 20:11

Old Testament Summary

Uzziah's strength turns into pride; Jotham grows strong by walking steadily with God; Ahaz chooses idolatry and brings ruin.

New Testament Summary

Believers are called to live responsibly, love their neighbors, and wake up spiritually because salvation is nearer than when we first believed.

Psalm Summary

The Lord is our Shepherd, provider, guide, protector, and host.

Proverbs Summary

Even children reveal character through their actions.

Discover Jesus Today

Kings prove unreliable, but Psalm 23 gives us the Shepherd-King. Jesus leads His people through both green pastures and dark valleys.

Heart Reflection

Where is pride most likely to grow when life is going well?

Fellowship Questions

What does it look like to let Jesus shepherd us through a dark valley?

Prayer

Good Shepherd, guide me today. Keep success from making me proud and fear from making me wander. Amen.

Live Today

Follow the Shepherd's next step, not your pride or fear.

Week 30 Review - The Big Story (Days 205–211)

Sunday Group Review - About 15 Minutes

The Big Story

Kingdoms rise and fracture, strong leaders become proud, and helpless people cry to God. Romans 8 declares that nothing can separate us from Christ's love, then Romans 9–13 calls us to faith, humility, worship, transformed living, and love. Different books. Different centuries. One Savior. It ALL Points to Jesus.

Finding Jesus This Week

- Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ.
- Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved.
- Psalm 22 points us toward the suffering Savior.
- Jesus is the Shepherd-King who leads His people.

Reflect Together

1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What passage challenged you most? 3. What did this week teach you about grace? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

Fellowship Questions

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Week Preview

Next: Week 31 — Welcome, Mercy, and Mission. Keep reading Scripture first and watch how every road continues to lead toward Jesus.

Week 31 — Welcome, Mercy, and Mission

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

This week covers Days 212–214 (Days 213–214 continue in August). Read the assigned Scripture first. Watch for the contrast between human weakness and God’s faithfulness. Do not rush the difficult portions. Names, kings, trials, storms, and arguments all belong to one unfolding story that leads us toward Jesus.

Day 212 - July 31

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

Read God’s Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:12

Read First: 2 Chronicles 29:1–36 • Romans 14:1–23 • Psalm 24:1–10 •
Proverbs 20:12

Old Testament Summary

Hezekiah reopens and cleanses the Temple, restores sacrifice, and leads Judah back toward worship.

New Testament Summary

Paul tells believers not to despise or judge one another over disputable matters. Each belongs to the Lord.

Psalm Summary

The earth belongs to God; the King of glory is welcomed in.

Proverbs Summary

God gives both hearing and sight; use both wisely.

Discover Jesus Today

Hezekiah clears away what kept worship from functioning. Romans asks us to clear away contempt and judgment so Christ remains Lord of the fellowship.

Heart Reflection

Am I making a preference into a test Jesus did not make?

Fellowship Questions

How can Christians disagree without despising one another?

Prayer

King of glory, cleanse my heart and teach me to welcome fellow believers as You have welcomed me. Amen.

Live Today

Choose grace over winning one unnecessary argument.

July Review - The Big Story

Grace That Holds

July began in the ruins of Judah and ends with Hezekiah reopening and cleansing the Temple. Between those moments, Chronicles traced generations, David's kingdom, Temple worship, divided kings, reform, failure, and restoration. Acts carried Paul through trials, storms, shipwreck, and finally Rome. Nothing could stop the gospel. Then Romans opened the heart of the message. Humanity is sinful. Religious performance cannot rescue us. Abraham was counted righteous by faith. Christ died for us while we were still sinners. We are invited into new life. There is no condemnation for those who belong to Christ.

The Spirit helps us. Nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ. Everyone who calls on the Lord will be saved. Grace changes the way we worship, serve, love, disagree, suffer, and hope. July teaches us something wonderfully simple: God's grace is stronger than our failure. That does not make sin small. It makes Jesus great.

Finding Jesus This Month

- The promised Son of David — the King whose Kingdom will not end.
- The true presence of God — greater than the Temple.

- The gospel Paul carries — centered completely on Jesus.
- The One who justifies sinners by faith.
- The second Adam who brings grace and life.
- The One in whom there is no condemnation.
- The Shepherd of Psalm 23.
- The suffering Savior reflected in Psalm 22.
- The Lord whom everyone may call upon and be saved.
- The mercy of God reaching even deeply fallen people.

Reflect Together

1. What truth from Romans most strengthened your faith? 2. Which king's story gave you the clearest warning? 3. Where did you see God's mercy most clearly? 4. Has July changed the way you understand grace? 5. What one change will Jesus see you changing as you enter August?

Group Prayer

Father, thank You that Your grace has carried Your people through every generation. Lord Jesus, thank You for dying for sinners, giving us peace with God, freeing us from condemnation, and holding us in Your love. Holy Spirit, help us live as people transformed by grace. Amen.

August Preview

We leave July knowing that grace holds us. In August we will keep moving through the kings and deeper into Paul's teaching, watching the gospel shape the life of God's people. Scripture first. Jesus at the center. One day at a time. Read, read some more, and keep reading until you see Jesus face-to-face.

Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone

About It All Points to Jesus

After two and a half years of reading the Bible every day together, a husband and wife felt the Holy Spirit speak a simple vision: everyone in the world reading the same portion of Scripture on the same day — Old Testament, New Testament, Psalm, and Proverbs — and seeing how it all points to Jesus.

These little monthly volumes are companions for that journey. Read the Word first in your own Bible; then let the summaries, reflections, and questions help you see Christ on every page.

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