### Scripture Reading Schedule

### Week 5: July 28-August 3

Monday	Esther 4
Tuesday	Luke 1
Wednesday	Luke 2
Thursday	John 11
Friday	Judges 6
Saturday	Judges 7

### Week 6: August 4-10

Monday	1 Samuel 3
Tuesday	1 Kings 3
Wednesday	1 Kings 19
Thursday	Isaiah 6
Friday	2 Kings 18
Saturday	2 Kings 19

### Week 7: August 11-17

Monday	2 Chronicles 34
Tuesday	Nehemiah 2
Wednesday	Jeremiah 38
Thursday	Daniel 1
Friday	Daniel 5
Saturday	Exodus 3

### Week 8: August 18-24

Monday	Leviticus 25
Tuesday	Ruth 2
Wednesday	1 Kings 21
Thursday	Nehemiah 5
Friday	Isaiah 5
Saturday	Isaiah 58

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### Week 9: August 25-31

Monday	Jeremiah 34
Tuesday	Amos 2
Wednesday	Amos 6
Thursday	Micah 6
Friday	Luke 3
Saturday	Mattthew 6

### Week 10: September 1-7

Monday	Ezra 9
Tuesday	Exodus 15
Wednesday	Exodus 33
Thursday	Psalm 22
Friday	Daniel 9
Saturday	Habakkuk 3

# God Still Speaks: Stories from the Bible



# Summer 2025 Reading Guide

The Bible - it's one of the most influential books in human history. It explores the big questions of why we exist. It's inspired many people to do amazing things. It's also confused many others.

Chances are you've got a Bible sitting around at home somewhere - but perhaps find it intimidating to open. *What is this book?* 

The Bible is a small library of books that all emerged out of the history of the people of ancient Israel. And in one sense, they were just like any other ancient civilization. But among them were a long line of individuals called prophets, and they viewed Israel's story as anything but ordinary. *They saw their story as a central part of what God was doing for all humanity.* 

It begins by introducing us to a beautiful mind, the author of all reality, a being called God. And he has the power to take the dark chaos of the uncreated world and bring about order and beauty and a garden full of life.

And to crown this accomplishment, God makes creatures in his own image called humanity. And they are commissioned to rule this beautiful world on God's behalf by harnessing all of its potential and creating even more beauty and order.

In this work humans are given a choice: they could partner with God and find freedom by trusting him or they could seize power and define good and evil on their own.

Unfortunately, we humans choose the latter. Then and today.

The result is fractured relationships, violent power grabs, creation corrupted and broken.

The Bible tells this story. But it also tells the story of God's rescue. It begins with the story of one man named Abraham who responds to God in faith and trust. From this one man will come a new people, a new nation, that has another chance to say 'yes' and trust God. And if they succeed, it will open up a new way forward for the rest of humanity.

But it does not go well. Despite God's personal guidance, Abraham's family gives in to the same temptation that humanity always does: redefining good and evil themselves, apart from God.

Even with God's guidance, Israel fails. Who then can succeed? God promises this is not the end.

One shall come who will write a better ending to the human story and create a new beginning.

In Jesus, God arrives to rule the world through himself, teaching that real power is serving others.

Jesus is God become human, being for Israel and all humanity what we could never be for ourselves. He came to take the consequences of our evil into himself, and his sacrificial love proved more power than evil, then even death itself.

And so, the story closes with a choice: to stick with the old way of being human or to venture into this new way shaped by Jesus. Energized by God's power, knowing that they are loved and forgiven by God and can love and forgive others in return.

The story ends with promise: that God's work is not over, that Jesus will return again and change everything. A promised day when all wrongs are made right, evil is eradicated and Heaven and Earth are united. God's plan for humanity fulfilled, ruling the world together in the love and power of God.

This Summer, you are invited once again to step into this story and see the story of Christ interwoven with your own. To ask the question: *How is God speaking in these words?* 

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### <u>Week 1: June 30-July 6</u>

Monday	Genesis 1
Tuesday	Genesis 3
Wednesday	Genesis 22
Thursday	Exodus 3
Friday	Exodus 20
Saturday	1 Samuel 17

### Week 2: July 7-13

Monday	2 Samuel 11
Tuesday	2 Samuel 12
Wednesday	1 Kings 18
Thursday	Job 38
Friday	Psalm 51
Saturday	Isaiah 40

### Week 3: July 14-20

Monday	Daniel 6
Tuesday	Amos 4
Wednesday	Genesis 2
Thursday	Genesis 18
Friday	Genesis 24
Saturday	Genesis 27

### Week 4: July 21-27

Monday	Judges 4
Tuesday	Ruth 1
Wednesday	1 Samuel 1
Thursday	1 Kings 17
Friday	1 Kings 21
Saturday	Esther 2