

Read the New Testament in a Year 2014-2015

Imagine what it might look like if 26,000 Episcopalians in Upper South Carolina were truly committed to...

***Serving Christ Not Only With Our Lips
But In Our Lives by Making, Equipping
And Sending Disciples.***

This is my vision for this Diocese. Together, we can be equipped to live out this mission by reading the Bible together. Join me in reading the New Testament in one year, beginning September 15th, and discover texts that will challenge, encourage and transform us.



How the Challenge works:

The following reading schedule is designed to help individuals and churches read successfully through the New Testament in one year. To deepen your understanding of God's Word, we also encourage you to use either N. T. Wright's "For Everyone" Bible Commentary series or the "New Jerome Bible Commentary" to accompany each reading. Please check with an Episcopal Bookstore to order the series for yourself. The "New Jerome Bible Commentary" in hard-cover is less expensive than its paperback form.

By issuing this Challenge, we hope to foster a habit of reading the Bible daily. We want this process to be one of joy and discovery. If for some reason you fall behind on your readings, do not worry about catching up. You may simply begin again with the readings for that day.

There are many fine translations of the Bible. *The New Oxford Annotated Version of the Bible* is an excellent, highly readable translation with helpful footnotes. *The New International Version of the Bible* is another good translation. Children may want to use *The Spark Story Bible* or the *DK Children's Illustrated Bible*. Youth

may want to use the *NIV Teen Bible*. Participants may also use translations that can be downloaded on Nooks, Kindles and iPhones and iPads. Even a Bible on CD is appropriate. If you are a parent who is supporting a child or a teen as they participate in this challenge, additional resources may be found at <http://thecenterforbiblicalstudies.org/resources/>

Prayer Before Reading Scripture:

As you begin, we offer this prayer written by Archbishop Thomas Cranmer who authored and compiled the 1549 *Book of Common Prayer*:

“Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.”

The Reading Schedule:

Week 1

Mon, Sept 8	Matthew 1	<i>Matthew for Everyone Part 1</i>
Tues, Sept 9	Matthew 2-3	
Wed, Sept. 10	Matthew 4	
Thurs, Sept 11	Matthew 5:1-37	
Fri, Sept 12	Matthew 5:38-6:15	
Sat, Sept 13	Matthew 6:16-34	
Sun, Sept 14	Matthew 7:1-23	

Week 2

Mon, Sept 15	Matthew 7:24-8:22	<i>Matthew for Everyone Part 1</i>
Tues, Sept 16	Matthew 8:23-9:8	
Wed, Sept. 17	Matthew 9:9-37	
Thurs, Sept 18	Matthew 10:1-31	
Fri, Sept 19	Matthew 10:32-11:15	
Sat, Sept 20	Matthew 11:16-12:14	
Sun, Sept 21	Matthew 12:15-32	

Week 3

Mon, Sept 22	Matthew 12:33-50	<i>Matthew for Everyone Part 1</i>
Tues, Sept 23	Matthew 13:1-23	
Wed, Sept. 24	Matthew 13:24-43	
Thurs, Sept 25	Matthew 13:44-14:12	
Fri, Sept 26	Matthew 14:13-36	
Sat, Sept 27	Matthew 15:1-20	
Sun, Sept 28	Matthew 15:21-39	

Week 4

Mon, Sept 29	Matthew 16	<i>Matthew for Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, Sept 30	Matthew 17:1-21	
Wed, Oct 1	Matthew 17:22-18:14	
Thurs, Oct 2	Matthew 8:15-35	
Fri, Oct 3	Matthew 19:1-22	
Sat, Oct 4	Matthew 19:23-20:16	
Sun, Oct 5	Matthew 20:17-34	

Week 5

Mon, Oct 6	Matthew 21:1-22	<i>Matthew for Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, Oct 7	Matthew 22:23-46	
Wed, Oct 8	Matthew 22:1-22	
Thurs, Oct 9	Matthew 22:23-23:12	
Fri, Oct 10	Matthew 23:13-39	
Sat, Oct 11	Matthew 24:1-28	
Sun, Oct 12	Matthew 24:29-44	

Week 6

Mon, Oct 13	Matthew 24:45-25:30	<i>Matthew for Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, Oct 14	Matthew 25:31-26:13	
Wed, Oct 15	Matthew 26:14-35	
Thurs, Oct 16	Matthew 26:36-56	
Fri, Oct 17	Matthew 26:57-75	
Sat, Oct 18	Matthew 27:1-26	
Sun, Oct 19	Matthew 27:27-44	

Week 7

Mon, Oct 20	Matthew 27:45-28:10	<i>Matthew for Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, Oct 21	Matthew 28:11-20	
Wed, Oct 22	Mark 1:1-20	<i>Mark for Everyone</i>
Thurs, Oct 23	Mark 1:21-45	
Fri, Oct 24	Mark 2:1-22	
Sat, Oct 25	Mark 2:23-3:19	
Sun, Oct 26	Mark 3:20-4:20	

Week 8

Mon, Oct 27	Mark 4:21-5:20	<i>Mark for Everyone</i>
Tues, Oct 28	Mark 5:21-43	
Wed, Oct 29	Mark 6:1-29	
Thurs, Oct 30	Mark 6:30-56	
Fri, Oct 31	Mark 7:1-23	
Sat, Nov 1	Mark 7:24-8:21	
Sun, Nov 2	Mark 8:22-9:13	

Week 9

Mon, Nov 3	Mark 9:14-50	<i>Mark for Everyone</i>
Tues, Nov 4	Mark 10:1-45	
Wed, Nov 5	Mark 10:46-11:11	
Thurs, Nov 6	Mark 11:12-12:33	
Fri, Nov 7	Mark 12:1-17	
Sat, Nov 8	Mark 12:18-44	
Sun, Nov 9	Mark 13:1-27	

Week 10

Mon, Nov 10	Mark 13:28-14:11	<i>Mark for Everyone</i>
Tues, Nov 11	Mark 14:12-72	
Wed, Nov 12	Mark 15:1-32	
Thurs, Nov 13	Mark 15:33-16:20	
Fri, Nov 14	Luke 1:1-38	<i>Luke for Everyone</i>
Sat, Nov 15	Luke 1:39-80	
Sun, Nov 16	Luke 2:1-52	

Week 11

Mon, Nov 17	Luke 3:1-20	<i>Luke for Everyone</i>
Tues, Nov 18	Luke 3:21-4:13	
Wed, Nov 19	Luke 4:14-44	
Thurs, Nov 20	Luke 5:1-26	
Fri, Nov 21	Luke 5:27-6:11	
Sat, Nov 22	Luke 6:12-49	
Sun, Nov 23	Luke 7:1-17	

Week 12

Mon, Nov 24	Luke 7:18-50	<i>Luke for Everyone</i>
Tues, Nov 25	Luke 8:1-39	
Wed, Nov 26	Luke 8:40-9:27	
Thurs, Nov 27	Luke 9:28-10:16	
Fri, Nov 28	Luke 10:17-11:13	
Sat, Nov 29	Luke 11:14-41	
Sun, Nov 30	Luke 11:42-12:12	

Week 13

Mon, Dec 1	Luke 12:13-48	<i>Luke for Everyone</i>
Tues, Dec 2	Luke 12:49-13:9	
Wed, Dec 3	Luke 13:10-35	
Thurs, Dec 4	Luke 14:1-15:10	
Fri, Dec 5	Luke 15:11-32	
Sat, Dec 6	Luke 16:1-17:10	
Sun, Dec 7	Luke 17:11-18:14	

Week 14

Mon, Dec 8	Luke 18:15-19:27	<i>Luke for Everyone</i>
Tues, Dec 9	Luke 19:28-20:19	
Wed, Dec 10	Luke 20:20-21:40	
Thurs, Dec 11	Luke 20:41-21:19	
Fri, Dec 12	Luke 21:20-22:2	
Sat, Dec 13	Luke 22:24-7	
Sun, Dec 14	Luke 23:1-26	

Week 15

Mon, Dec 15	Luke 23:27-56	<i>Luke for Everyone</i>
Tues, Dec 16	Luke 24:27-3	
Wed, Dec 17	Luke 24:36-53,	
Thurs, Dec 18	John 1:1-28	<i>John for Everyone, Part 1</i>
Fri, Dec 19	John 1:29-51	
Sat, Dec 20	John 2	
Sun, Dec 21	John 3:1-36	

Week 16

Mon, Dec 22	John 4:1-42	<i>John for Everyone, Part 1</i>
Tues, Dec 23	John 4:43-5:18	
Wed, Dec 24	John 5:19-47	
Thurs, Dec 25	John 6:1-25	
Fri, Dec 26	John 6:26-59	
Sat, Dec 27	John 6:60-7:9	
Sun, Dec 28	John 7:10-30	

Week 17

Mon, Dec 29	John 7:31-52	<i>John for Everyone, Part 1</i>
Tues, Dec 30	John 7:53-8:20	
Wed, Dec 31	John 8:21-36	
Thurs, Jan 1	John 8:37-9:12	
Fri, Jan 2	John 9:13-41	
Sat, Jan 3	John 10:1-18	
Sun, Jan 4	John 10:19-42	

Week 18

Mon, Jan 5	John 11:1-27	<i>John for Everyone, Part 2</i>
Tues, Jan 6	John 11:28-57	
Wed, Jan 7	John 12:1	
Thurs, Jan 8	John 12:20-43	
Fri, Jan 9	John 12:44-13:20	
Sat, Jan 10	John 13:21-14:11	
Sun, Jan 11	John 14:12-31	

Week 19

Mon, Jan 12	John 15	<i>John for Everyone, Part 2</i>
Tues, Jan 13	John 16:1-33	
Wed, Jan 14	John 17	
Thurs, Jan 15	John 18:1-32	
Fri, Jan 16	John 18:33-19:16a	
Sat, Jan 17	John 19:16b-37	
Sun, Jan 18	John 19:38-20:18	

Week 20

Mon, Jan 19	John 20:19-21:8	<i>John for Everyone, Part 2</i>
Tues, Jan 20	John 21:9-25	
Wed, Jan 21	Acts 1:1-8	<i>Acts For Everyone Part 1</i>
Thurs, Jan 22	Acts 1:9-26	
Fri, Jan 23	Acts 2:1-13	
Sat, Jan 24	Acts 2:14-36	
Sun, Jan 25	Acts 2:37-47	

Week 21

Mon, Jan 26	Acts 3:1-26	<i>Acts For Everyone Part 1</i>
Tues, Jan 27	Acts 4:1-31	
Wed, Jan 28	Acts 4:32-5:16	
Thurs, Jan 29	Acts 5:17-42	
Fri, Jan 30	Acts 6	
Sat, Jan 31	Acts 7:1-3	
Sun, Feb 1	Acts 7:35-8:3	

Week 22

Mon, Feb 2	Acts 8:4-40	<i>Acts For Everyone Part 1</i>
Tues, Feb 3	Acts 9:1-9	
Wed, Feb 4	Acts 9:10-43	
Thurs, Feb 5	Acts 10:1-33	
Fri, Feb 6	Acts 10:34-48	
Sat, Feb 7	Acts 11	
Sun, Feb 8	Acts 12:1-19	

Week 23

Mon, Feb 9	Acts 12:20-13:12	<i>Acts For Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, Feb 10	Acts 13:13-25	
Wed, Feb 11	Acts 13:26-52	
Thurs, Feb 12	Acts 14:1-20	
Fri, Feb 13	Acts 14:21-28	
Sat, Feb 14	Acts 15:1-21	
Sun, Feb 15	Acts 15:22-41	

Week 24

Mon, Feb 16	Acts 16:1-24	<i>Acts For Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, Feb 17	Acts 16:25-40	
Wed, Feb 18	Acts 17:1-21	
Thurs, Feb 19	Acts 17:22-34	
Fri, Feb 20	Acts 18:1-17	
Sat, Feb 21	Acts 18:18-19:10	
Sun, Feb 22	Acts 19:11-41	

Week 25

Mon, Feb 23	Acts 20:1-38	<i>Acts For Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, Feb 24	Acts 21:1-36	
Wed, Feb 25	Acts 21:37-22:22	
Thurs, Feb 26	Acts 22:23-23:11	
Fri, Feb 27	Acts 23:12-35	
Sat, Feb 28	Acts 24:1-21	
Sun, March 1	Acts 24:22-25:12	

Week 26

Mon, March 2	Acts 25:13-26:11	<i>Acts For Everyone Part 2</i>
Tues, March 3	Acts 26:12-32	
Wed, March 4	Acts 27:1-12	
Thurs, March 5	Acts 27:13-44	
Fri, March 6	Acts 28:1-22	
Sat, March 7	Acts 28:23-31	
Sun, March 8	Romans 1:1-17	<i>Paul For Everyone: Romans Part 1</i>

Week 27

Mon, March 9	Romans 1:18-32	<i>Paul For Everyone: Romans Part 1</i>
Tues, March 10	Romans 2:1-16	
Wed, March 11	Romans 2:17-3:8	
Thurs, March 12	Romans 3:9-4:12	
Fri, March 13	Romans 4:13-25	
Sat, March 14	Romans 5:1-11	
Sun, March 15	Romans 5:12-21	

Week 28

Mon, March 16	Romans 6:1-11	<i>Paul For Everyone: Romans Part 1</i>
Tues, March 17	Romans 6:11-19	
Wed, March 18	Romans 6:20-7:6	
Thurs, March 19	Romans 7:7-25	
Fri, March 20	Romans 8:1-11	
Sat, March 21	Romans 8:12-17	
Sun, March 22	Romans 8:18-39	

Week 29

Mon, March 23	Romans 9:1-13	<i>Paul For Everyone: Romans Part 2</i>
Tues, March 24	Romans 9:14-24	
Wed, March 25	Romans 9:25-10:4	
Thurs, March 26	Romans 10:5-13	
Fri, March 27	Romans 10:14-2	
Sat, March 28	Romans 11:1-6	
Sun, March 29	Romans 11:7-24	

Week 30

Mon, March 30	Romans 11:25-32	<i>Paul For Everyone: Romans Part 2</i>
Tues, March 31	Romans 11:33-12:5	
Wed, April 1	Romans 12:6-21	
Thurs, April 2	Romans 13:1-1	
Fri, April 3	Romans 14:1-12	
Sat, April 4	Romans 14:13-15:6	
Sun, April 5	Romans 15:7-13	

Week 31

Mon, April 6	Romans 15:14-33	<i>Paul For Everyone: Romans Part 2</i>
Tues, April 7	Romans 16:1-27	
Wed, April 8	1 Corinthians 1:1-17	<i>Paul For Everyone: 1 Corinthians</i>
Thurs, April 9	1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5	
Fri, April 10	1 Corinthians 2:6-3:4	
Sat, April 11	1 Corinthians 3:5-23	
Sun, April 12	1 Corinthians 4:1-13	

Week 32

Mon, April 13	1 Corinthians 4:13-5:13	<i>Paul For Everyone: 1 Corinthians</i>
Tues, April 14	1 Corinthians 6:1-11	
Wed, April 15	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	
Thurs, April 16	1 Corinthians 7:1-16	
Fri, April 17	1 Corinthians 7:17-40	
Sat, April 18	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	
Sun, April 19	1 Corinthians 9:1-18	

Week 33

Mon, April 20	1 Corinthians 9:19-27	<i>Paul For Everyone: 1 Corinthians</i>
Tues, April 21	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	
Wed, April 22	1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1	
Thurs, April 23	1 Corinthians 11:2-22	
Fri, April 24	1 Corinthians 11:23-12:11	
Sat, April 25	1 Corinthians 12:12-26	
Sun, April 26	1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13	

Week 34

Mon, April 27	1 Corinthians 14:1-12	<i>Paul For Everyone: 1 Corinthians</i>
Tues, April 28	1 Corinthians 14:13-25	
Wed, April 29	1 Corinthians 14:26-15:11	
Thurs, April 30	1 Corinthians 15:12-34	
Fri, May 1	1 Corinthians 15:35-58	
Sat, May 2	1 Corinthians 16	<i>Paul For Everyone: 2 Corinthians</i>
Sun, May 3	2 Corinthians 1:1-14	

Week 35

Mon, May 4	2 Corinthians 1:15-2:4	<i>Paul For Everyone: 2 Corinthians</i>
Tues, May 5	2 Corinthians 2:5-17	
Wed, May 6	2 Corinthians 3:1-18	
Thurs, May 7	2 Corinthians 4:1-18	
Fri, May 8	2 Corinthians 5:1-10	
Sat, May 9	2 Corinthians 5:11-6:13	
Sun, May 10	2 Corinthians 6:14-7:16	

Week 36

Mon, May 11	2 Corinthians 8	<i>Paul For Everyone: 2 Corinthians</i>
Tues, May 12	2 Corinthians 9	
Wed, May 13	2 Corinthians 10	
Thurs, May 14	2 Corinthians 11:1-15	
Fri, May 15	2 Corinthians 11:16-12:10	
Sat, May 16	2 Corinthians 12:11-13:4	
Sun, May 17	2 Corinthians 13:5-13	

Week 37

Mon, May 18	Galatians 1	<i>Paul For Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians</i>
Tues, May 19	Galatians 2:1-10	
Wed, May 20	Galatians 2:11-21	
Thurs, May 21	Galatians 3:1-14	
Fri, May 22	Galatians 3:15-4:7	
Sat, May 23	Galatians 4:8-31	
Sun, May 24	Galatians 5:1-12	

Week 38

Mon, May 25	Galatians 5:13-26	<i>Paul For Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians</i>
Tues, May 26	Galatians 6	
Wed, May 27	Ephesians 1:1-10	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Prison Letters</i>
Thurs, May 28	Ephesians 1:11-23	
Fri, May 29	Ephesians 2:1-10	
Sat, May 30	Ephesians 2:11-22	
Sun, May 31	Ephesians 3	

Week 39

Mon, June 1	Ephesians 4:1-24	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Prison Letters</i>
Tues, June 2	Ephesians 4:25-5:20	
Wed, June 3	Ephesians 5:21-33	
Thurs, June 4	Ephesians 6	
Fri, June 5	Philippians 1:1-18a	
Sat, June 6	Philippians 1:18b-30	
Sun, June 7	Philippians 2:1-11	

Week 40

Mon, June 8	Philippians 2:12-30	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Prison Letters</i>
Tues, June 9	Philippians 3:1-11	
Wed, June 10	Philippians 3:12-4:1	
Thurs, June 11	Philippians 4:2-23	
Fri, June 12	Colossians 1:1-14	
Sat, June 13	Colossians 1:15-23	
Sun, June 14	Colossians 1:24-2:7	

Week 41

Mon, June 15	Colossians 2:8-2:19	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Prison Letters</i>
Tues, June 16	Colossians 2:20-3:17	
Wed, June 17	Colossians 3:18-4:18	
Thurs, June 18	1 Thessalonians 1:1-2:8	<i>Paul For Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians</i>
Fri, June 19	1 Thessalonians 2:9-16	
Sat, June 20	1 Thessalonians 2:17-3:13	
Sun, June 21	1 Thessalonians 4:1-5:11	

Week 42

Mon, June 22	1 Thessalonians 5:12-28	<i>Paul For Everyone: Galatians and Thessalonians</i>
Tues, June 23	2 Thessalonians 1-2	
Wed, June 24	2 Thessalonians 3	
Thurs, June 25	1 Timothy 1:1-11	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Pastoral Letters</i>
Fri, June 26	1 Timothy 1:12-20	
Sat, June 27	1 Timothy 2:1-15	
Sun, June 28	1 Timothy 3:1-7	

Week 43

Mon, June 29	1 Timothy 3:8-16	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Pastoral Letters</i>
Tues, June 30	1 Timothy 4:1-16	
Wed, July 1	1 Timothy 5	
Thurs, July 2	1 Timothy 6:1-10	
Fri, July 3	1 Timothy 6:11-21	
Sat, July 4	2 Timothy 1:1-18	
Sun, July 5	2 Timothy 2:1-13	

Week 44

Mon, July 6	2 Timothy 2:14-26	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Pastoral Letters</i>
Tues, July 7	2 Timothy 3	
Wed, July 8	2 Timothy 4	
Thurs, July 9	Titus 1	
Fri, July 10	Titus 2	
Sat, July 11	Titus 3	<i>Paul For Everyone: The Prison Letters</i>
Sun, July 12	Philemon	

Week 45

Mon, July 13	Hebrews 1:1-2:4	<i>Hebrews for Everyone</i>
Tues, July 14	Hebrews 2:5-3:6	
Wed, July 15	Hebrews 3:7-19	
Thurs, July 16	Hebrews 4:1-13	
Fri, July 17	Hebrews 4:14-6:12	
Sat, July 18	Hebrews 6:13-7:10	
Sun, July 19	Hebrews 7:11-28	

Week 46

Mon, July 20	Hebrews 8:1-13	<i>Hebrews for Everyone</i>
Tues, July 21	Hebrews 9:1-14	
Wed, July 22	Hebrews 9:15-28	
Thurs, July 23	Hebrews 10:1-18	
Fri, July 24	Hebrews 10:19-39	
Sat, July 25	Hebrews 11:1-22	
Sun, July 26	Hebrews 11:23-40	

Week 47

Mon, July 27	Hebrews 12:1-11	<i>Hebrews for Everyone</i>
Tues, July 28	Hebrews 12:12-29	
Wed, July 29	Hebrews 13	
Thurs, July 30	James 1	<i>The Early Christian Letters for Everyone</i>
Fri, July 31	James 2	
Sat, Aug 1	James 3	
Sun, Aug 2	James 4	

Week 48

Mon, Aug 3	James 5	<i>The Early Christian Letters for Everyone</i>
Tues, Aug 4	1 Peter 1:1-21	
Wed, Aug 5	1 Peter 1:22-2:10	
Thurs, Aug 6	1 Peter 2:11-3:7	
Fri, Aug 7	1 Peter 3:8-4:11	
Sat, Aug 8	1 Peter 4:12-5:14	
Sun, Aug 9	2 Peter 1	

Week 49

Mon, Aug 10	2 Peter 2	<i>The Early Christian Letters for Everyone</i>
Tues, Aug 11	2 Peter 3	
Wed, Aug 12	1 John 1:1-2:2	
Thurs, Aug 13	1 John 2:3-29	
Fri, Aug 14	1 John 3:1-4:6	
Sat, Aug 15	1 John 4:7-21	
Sun, Aug 16	1 John 5	

Week 50

Mon, Aug 17	2 John	<i>The Early Christian Letters for Everyone</i>
Tues, Aug 18	3 John	
Wed, Aug 19	Jude	
Thurs, Aug 20	Revelation 1	<i>Revelation for Everyone</i>
Fri, Aug 21	Revelation 2:1-11	
Sat, Aug 22	Revelation 2:12-29	
Sun, Aug 23	Revelation 3	

Week 51

Mon, Aug 24	Revelation 4	<i>Revelation for Everyone</i>
Tues, Aug 25	Revelation 5	
Wed, Aug 26	Revelation 6:1-7:8	
Thurs, Aug 27	Revelation 7:9-8:13	
Fri, Aug 28	Revelation 9	
Sat, Aug 29	Revelation 10:1-11:14	
Sun, Aug 30	Revelation 11:15-12:18	

Week 52

Mon, Aug 31	Revelation 13:1-18	<i>Revelation for Everyone</i>
Tues, Sept 1	Revelation 14	
Wed, Sept 2	Revelation 15-16	
Thurs, Sept 3	Revelation 17	
Fri, Sept 4	Revelation 18	
Sat, Sept 5	Revelation 19	
Sun, Sept 6	Revelation 20:1-21:5	

Week 53

Mon, Sept 7	Revelation 21:6-21	<i>Revelation for Everyone</i>
Tues, Sept 8	Revelation 21:22 –22:21	

Congratulations!

You have finished and have done something truly memorable and spiritual rewarding that has transformed your life in ways that you may not yet even see. The Lord will honor the effort you have made.

Rather than rest upon your laurels, we strongly encourage you to begin reading the Bible again, this time moving more slowly and deliberately, but ensuring that each day you read a portion of the Scriptures. You may wish to read a different translation this time so that you read passages, which are now more familiar to you,

and see slight differences that will reveal deeper meanings and more truths to you. As always, we encourage you to put yourself in the presence of God before you read any portion of the Bible.

Once again, congratulations on achieving a major spiritual goal in your life. You can build greatly on the important spiritual work that you have done.