## S.O.A.P BIBLE READING PLAN

### **SCRIPTURE**

Read the selected chapters for the day and discover God's truth and love. Look for a couple of Bible verses that stand out to you and write them down.

## **OBSERVATION**

Next, what are your observations about the Bible verses you wrote down? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you understand them. Think about what these verses say and write out the truths in your own words.

### APPLICATION

Make it personal. Think about how these verses relate to your life. Write about how God wants you to apply his truth to your everyday life.

### PRAYER

Keep it simple. Ask God to help you apply His Word to your daily life.
Remember, prayer is a conversation, so listen to what God might say and write it down.

# JANUARY READING PLAN

1	Matthew 19	19 Mark 7
2	Matthew 20	20 Mark 8
3	Matthew 21	21 Mark 9
4	Matthew 22	22 Mark 10
5	Matthew 23	23 Nehemiah 1 & 2
6	Isaiah 58	24 Nehemiah 3 &
7	Daniel 10	25 Nehemiah 5 &
8	Matthew 24	26 Mark 11
9	Matthew 25	27 Mark 12
10	Matthew 26	28 Mark 13
11	Matthew 27	29 Mark 14
12	Matthew 28	30 Mark 15
13	Esther 4	31 Mark 16
14	Mark 1 & 2	
15	Mark 3	"How sweet are your
16	Mark 4	words to my taste
17	Mark 5	sweeter than honey to my mouth
18	Mark 6	Through your
tan	ding therefore	precepts I get under-

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119: 103-105



JANUARY 6TH - 26TH

# **FASTING BASICS**

#### The What:

"Simply stated, Biblical fasting is refraining from food for a spiritual purpose."

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Biblical fasting takes desire, sacrifice and strength—strength which only comes from God. The spiritual discipline of fasting is proven to produce a ripple effect of God's blessing. When you give God your first through fasting and prayer at the beginning of the year, you set the course for the entire year.

"But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." - Matthew 6:33

## The Why:

To become more like Jesus in our daily lives! By fasting food, comforts and habits in our daily routine, we create space and time to connect with our Lord and Savior throughout the day.

By combining fasting with prayer, we are utilizing the time we've created through fasting to spend time in prayer. (Isaiah 58:6-7) Fasting shows a physical action of a spiritual desire. Our physical action is to "give up" something that we want because our spiritual desire is to get more of Jesus.

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#### The How:

As you set out on this 21 day journey, take time to ask God "What would you like me to fast?" (Proverbs 20:18 & Psalms 32:8) Let Him speak into the areas of your life that you need to make room for more of Him. Common things that are fasted during this period of time are specific foods such as sweets, drinks, meats, eating out, etc.

Some will choose to fast...

- 1. Specific days
- 2. Specific meals
- 3. Periods of time

There is no specific formula to follow so simply do what God is asking of you. We would encourage you to journal about your prayer time each day. Don't rush through these moments with God, in fact, stay with Him until He speaks something to you. (Acts 13:3)

TYPES OF FASTINGS
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### What to Expect:

When you fast your body detoxifies, eliminating toxins from your system. This can cause mild discomfort such as headaches and irritability during withdrawal from caffeine and sugars. And naturally, you will have hunger pains. Limit your activity and exercise moderately. Take time to rest. Fasting brings about miraculous results. You are following Jesus' example when you fast. Spend time listening to praise and worship. Pray as often as you can throughout the day. Get away from the normal distractions as much as possible and keep your heart and mind set on seeking God's face.

"TRUE PRAYER IS A
WAY OF LIFE, NOT
JUST FOR USE IN CASE
OF EMERGENCY."

**BILLY GRAHAM**