

March 2025



A Reason to Pray & Praise

Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. Is anyone happy? Let them sing songs of praise. (James 5: 13)

Some people say about something that did not happen by saying, “If I had done this, I would have avoided or received this.” Some people live in their past; they either live in their past glory or regret their past failures. We must remember that what is past is past; we cannot change it. We must live in the present and prepare ourselves for the future.

In James 5, we see some practical suggestions for living in our present. James asks some simple questions and tells us what should be done in such situations. When a person is in trouble, his immediate response should be prayer. In Jam.5:13, James does not mention what kind of trouble it is. The Jewish Christians of that time were facing persecution, discrimination, and humiliation for their Christian faith. We may face various troubles in our lives. At such times, when we pray, we express our reliance on God and seek his help and power to overcome our troubles.

As we pray, we can be confident in God that “there is no need that prayer cannot meet and no problem that prayer cannot solve.” When we read the context of James 5:13, we see that prayer is the key theme in James 5:13-18. Every verse of this passage says something about prayer.

Eusebius, a third-century Christian leader, writes that James was a man of prayer who believed in the power of prayer. He was known for spending more time on his knees and praying for the people. His knees became calloused like a camel’s, so people called him “The man with Camel’s Knees.” James tells us what he practised in his life.

When a person is happy, James calls to “sing songs of praise.” Whether we suffer or prosper, we can go to God in prayer and praise. We should not forget our God who blesses us. As Steven J. Cole says, “all of life, whether suffering or sufficiency, should be lived with a God-ward, God-dependent focus.”

In chapter 1, James writes, “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds” (Jam.1:2). Pastor David Guzik says, “James has the same advice for both the suffering one and the cheerful one: take it all to the Lord. In fact, the two commands could be reversed: sufferers should sing also, and the cheerful should also pray.” Regardless of our present situation, we can pray and praise God for everything.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful
Who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness,
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

- Bro. Arputharaj Samuel, Bangalore.

Our Vision

To enlighten, enrich, and empower people to become dependent on God.

Our Mission

GODependence seeks to help people become dependent on God by engaging with God’s Word and prayer.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ on behalf of the GODependence Team. I thank God for the opportunity to reconnect with you through this newsletter once again.

This time of the year is unique as millions around the world observe fasting—either during Ramadan or Lent—dedicating themselves to fasting, prayer, and self-discipline. While these traditions come from different faiths, both reflect a deep longing for spiritual renewal and a closer walk with God. As Christians, we can learn from the steadfastness of Muslims in fasting and prayer.

Fasting is not merely about abstaining from food but about seeking God, silencing distractions, and embracing transformation. The Bible reminds us in Matthew 6:16, “When you fast, do not be like the hypocrites...” True fasting stirs our hearts toward prayer, repentance, and acts of love (Matthew 6:1-24). As we see people around us engaging in this sacred practice, let us use this season for reading the Bible, deepening our faith, and reflecting on Christ’s sacrifice.

The Ramadan Bible Reading Challenge, which aims to complete reading the entire Bible in 30 days, began on February 28 and is now in its 6th year. This year, for the first time, we have also initiated the Lenten Bible Reading Challenge to complete reading the whole Bible in 40 days, starting from March 5. We hope many of you have joined one of these special challenges along with your regular Bible reading plans. May God help us remain committed to fasting, prayer and scripture during this season.

Additionally, we are excited to launch a Talk Show starting from this month. Please pray for our team and all the ministry activities planned for 2025, that they may be carried out diligently and in an orderly manner, without any setbacks.

We deeply appreciate each one of you who actively participate in our Bible Crossword Puzzles and Let’s Play Bible Games. Please continue to pray for this ministry and help to introduce its services to others. May the name of the Lord be glorified in all we do.



**In Christ’s service,
Dr. Pethuru Devadason.**

Praise & Prayer Points - March 2025

Let's Praise God:

1. For those who successfully completed the Bible reading in February 2025.
2. For the Ramadan Bible Reading Challenge (Tamil & English) groups that started on February 28, 2025.
3. For the Lenten Bible Reading Challenge (Tamil & English) groups, which have been initiated for the first time.
4. For the over 250 students who participated in the Children's Bible Reading Challenge (CBRC) during the 2024-2025 academic year.
5. For the 13,365 individuals from various countries around the world who have registered for the GODependence Bible Reading Challenges so far.

Let's Pray:

1. That those who have joined the March 2025 Bible Reading Challenge groups, as well as the Ramadan and Lenten Bible Reading Challenge groups, may remain steadfast and complete reading the entire Bible without giving up.
2. For the students in our Bible reading challenge groups who are appearing for their 10th, 11th, and 12th-grade government board exams this month.
3. For the preparations for the Bible Meditation groups that will begin in mid of the April 2025.
4. For the GODependence Talk Show to be conducted every month consistently, covering meaningful Christian topics as planned.
5. For the GODependence team members who are engaged in preparations to publish spiritual books, that the Lord may grant them wisdom and resources to accomplish this task.

2025 LENTEN BIBLE READING CHALLENGE

📖 2025 LENTEN BIBLE READING CHALLENGE 📖

"Look at Jesus Christ. Every time he was in trouble he used the Word of God. When he was tempted he used the Word. When he was suffering on the cross he used the Word." - Timothy Keller

🤔 Are you looking for a meaningful way to deepen your faith during this Lenten season?

🤔 Would you like to dedicate these 40 days to complete reading the whole Bible as you reflect on Christ's sacrifice?

🤔 Are you interested in growing spiritually through prayer, fasting, and scripture during this lent 2025?

🌟 Then, this 2025 Lenten Bible Reading Challenge is for you! 🙌

🌟 Special Features: 🌟

- ✅ Reading the whole Bible within 40 Days from 05 March 2025 to 20 April 2025 (Excluding the Sundays as Catch Up Days).
- ✅ Reading the Bible in Chronological Order (as events occurred).
- ✅ Daily Inspirational Quotes on fasting & prayer and Prayer concerns.
- ✅ Daily Devotional Reflections to guide you through Lent.
- ✅ Articles on Medical aspects of Crucifixion of Christ.
- ✅ Practical Spiritual Disciplines to apply during Lent.
- ✅ English and Tamil - 2 separate groups in WhatsApp.

👏 This challenge is only for those truly committed to reading the whole Bible in 40 days, deepening their faith, and reflecting on Christ's sacrifice. 🙌

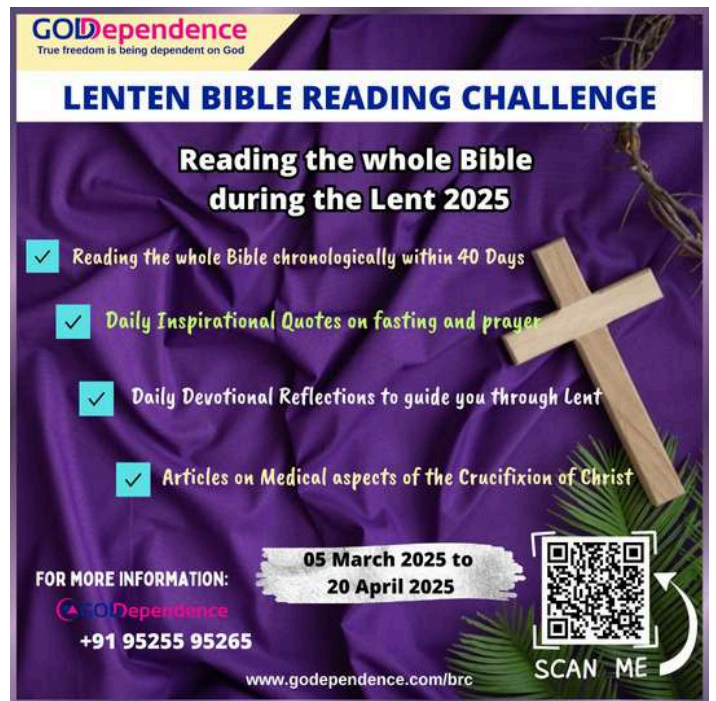
If you are interested and available, click this link to join the group now: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/LfFUE66nh3LFjw8wRoA1IW>

Thanking you.

– Team GODependence



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LET'S PLAY BIBLE GAME - 5



Send the answers with Bible references.
You can use the Bible (NKJV) to find the answers

I. Discover the places mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles

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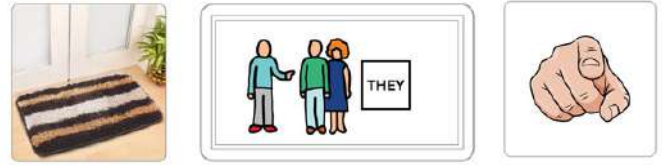


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II. Identify the names of people mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles

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III. What are the miracles performed by the Apostles?



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Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/03/2025. The first 10 persons who send the correct answer will be mentioned in the next month's newsletter.

GODependence Social Media sites

GODependence WhatsApp Channel

This is the Official whatsapp channel of GODependence in English...

Kindly keep Following this channel for the Daily Quotes in English and the regular updates on Bible Reading Challenges From GODependence. Thank you.

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Contact Numbers for the Bible Reading Challenges:

GODependence is using the following contact numbers for Bible Reading Challenges in various languages.

You can contact the appropriate number to enroll into a particular language Bible Reading Challenge groups.

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- English - +91 95255 95265
- Other Languages - +91 99628 34944

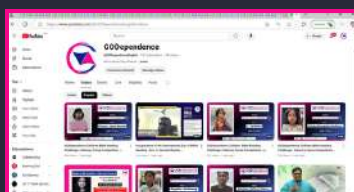
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GODependence Youtube Channel

GODependence Youtube Channel has reached 160 Subscribers and 60 Videos.

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Did You Know?



DID YOU KNOW?

Only the Bible describes the origin of the languages

The 7000 languages of the present world originated from different 'root language families.' When Linguists tried to trace them backwards, the root language families eventually led to dead ends known as 'language isolates.' They found that around 70 of the earliest languages abruptly originated in Mesopotamia in the 3rd millennium BC. Linguists do not have any explanation for this.

But this agrees with the records of the Bible. When the rebellious people started building the Tower of Babel, God said: "Come, **let us confuse their language so they will not understand each other.**" (Genesis 11:7 Bible).

Aren't you eager to read this spellbinding Book called the Bible?

Did you know?



Did you know the shortest chapter is Psalm 117? It has just two verses, urging all nations to praise God.

Did you know the Bible was written in three languages? Most is in Hebrew, with portions in Aramaic (Daniel, Ezra) and Greek (New Testament).



Last month let's play Bible game-4 the correct answers

I. Find the Incident

1. Peter caught Net full of (153) large fishes
John 21:1-12
2. The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem
John 12:12-15
3. The adulterous woman was caught in the act and brought to Jesus
John 8:3-8

II. Miracles found in the Gospel of John:

1. At the wedding in Cana, Jesus turned water into wine.
John 2:1-11
2. Jesus healed a nobleman's son, whose son was sick in Capernaum.
John 4:46-53
3. With five loaves of bread and two fish, Jesus fed 5,000 people, and there were 12 baskets of leftovers.
John 6:5-13
4. Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead.
John 11:1-46
5. Jesus healed the man who had been sick for 38 years.
John 5:2-9
6. Jesus healed the man born blind.
John 9:6-8
7. Jesus walked on water.
John 6:16-21

Correct Answers

Across:

- 3) Jacobs (John 4:6)
- 5) Vine (John 15:5)
- 7) Golgotha (John 19:17)
- 8) Bread (John 6:35)
- 11) Wine (John 2:9)
- 12) Peace (John 14:27)
- 13) Sheep (John 10:27)

Correct Answers

Down:

- 1) Mary Magdalene (John 20:1)
- 2) Word (John 1:1)
- 4) Fish (John 21:6)
- 6) Born (John 3:3)
- 9) Gate (John 10:9)
- 10) Light (John 1:5)
- 11) Water (John 4:14)

Let's Play
Bible
Game -4

Bible
Crossword
Puzzle -4

Scripture: John

GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

Congratulations to the Successful Participants as on 28 February 2025

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1 Month Bible Reading Challenge

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3. Jeeva Santhappan
4. M. Priyadarsini
5. Lidwin Annamary
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3. A. Angelin
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📖 BIBLE READING CHALLENGES - From 01 April 2025 onwards 📖

"Reading Christians are growing Christians. When Christians cease to read, they cease to grow." - John Wesley

If you have not ever read the whole Bible to learn the wholesome blessings and teachings God has preserved for us, We, GODependence, invite you to join one of our "Bible Reading Challenges", which starts on 01 April 2025. We are confident that you will never regret it once you make a decision to read the Bible and read regularly with us.

The following are some of the testimonies of our Bible reading challenge participants who successfully read through the Bible:

😊 "Reading the Bible by joining in the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge group has been inspiring. Thank you." - Shanthi. D

😊 "When I first started reading in the GODependence Bible Reading Challenge, I faced obstacles. But after struggling and overcoming those obstacles, the joy God placed in my heart was immense." - Gnana Lalitha Mary. T

😊 "The GODependence Bible Reading Challenge has been very beneficial. When I read on my own, I often miss reading at times. But here, I make sure to read every day. If I miss a day, I catch up by reading the next day." - Porselvi Roy

Its Special Features are:

- * Your choice of Challenge Duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months / 3 months / 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
- * Your choice of Language group from 10 Languages [English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi or Bengali].
- * Bible Reading Portion is given daily on the previous night.
- * Daily Motivational Quotes or Clips on reading the Bible.
- * Weekly, BiWeekly & Monthly Reviews to ensure progress.
- * If you fall behind, jump back in! Our reading plan includes Catch-up days & Changing of Plans because we understand real life!
- * User-friendly WhatsApp groups regulations.
- * Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (*Conditions apply).

👉 So if you are interested in completing Reading the whole Bible, join in one of the Challenges we designed for your convenience. Please make your choice of convenient Duration plan and Language group and inform us of your decision along with your Name (as to be printed in the Appreciation Certificate on successful completion of the Challenge) and Age to the WhatsApp number +919525595265 by clicking this link: <https://wa.me/919525595265>

Thank you. God bless you. Amen. 🙏

- Team GODependence

** 📌 This message can be shared with all your family members, relatives, Christian friends, and Church members so that they also may get into the habit of reading the Bible in a regular manner!

The graphic features the GODependence logo at the top left with the tagline "True freedom is being dependent on God". The main title "BIBLE READING CHALLENGES" is centered. Below it, a quote by John Wesley is displayed next to an image of an open Bible. A date badge indicates "01 April 2025 onwards". Three key features are listed with checkmarks: "Join one of our Bible reading plans", "Start reading at your own convenience", and "Scan the QR code to Join". A QR code is provided for scanning. Contact information includes the phone number "+91 95255 95265" and the website "www.godependence.com/lbrc". A WhatsApp message format is provided: "<Your Name> <Age> <Plan Duration> <Language Group>".

Naaman's Wife's Unnamed Slave Girl

One of the greatest motivators in the Bible

(2 KING. 5:1-17)

The testimony of an unnamed slave girl has been motivating believers of all ages of Christianity.

Naaman was the commander of the army of Aram. He was a valiant soldier, highly regarded by his master, but he had leprosy.

Now, the bands from Aram had taken captive a young girl from Israel. She served Naaman's wife. She told her mistress, "If only my master would see the prophet in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

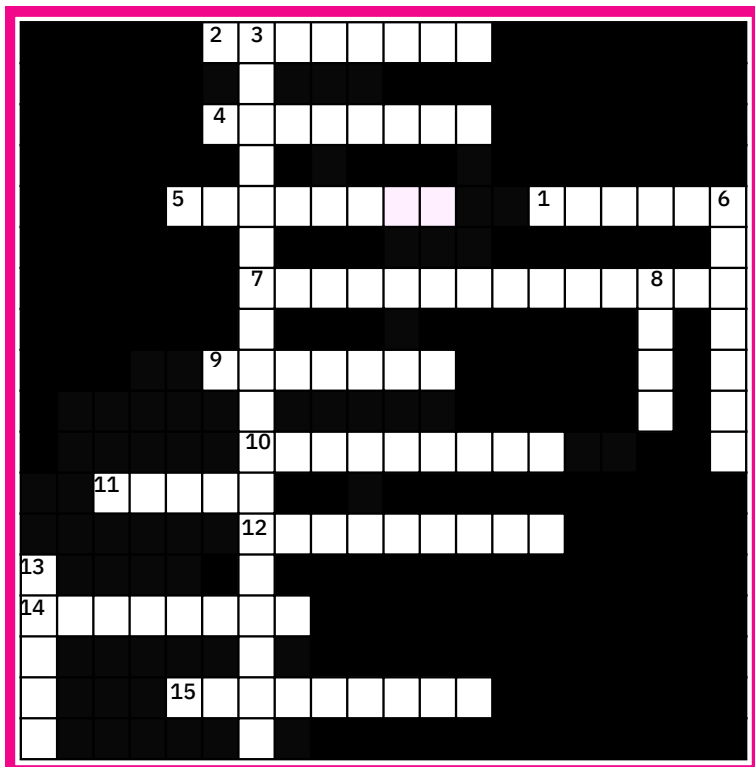
Naaman went to Samaria and dipped seven times in Jordan by the instruction of the prophet Elisha. Naaman was healed of his leprosy and became a worshipper of the true God.

The young slave girl teaches both young and old by her example:

- She continued to trust in the Lord even though she had been away from her family and dear ones.
- She loved her enemies. She could have been bitter towards her captors, but she loved them and wanted them to get blessings from God.
- She was not discouraged by her low status in that house, but she had the faith to speak the truth.
- Her life teaches that God can use even very humble people to bring the rich and prominent persons to salvation. She was like a small tug towing a big ship to the harbour.
- We should share the gospel with everyone, irrespective of their status in society.

- Bro. A. R. Peter, Palakad, Kerala.

Bible Crossword Puzzle - 5



Scripture Portion: Acts of the Apostles

Across

1. The city where Paul saw an altar 'To an Unknown God'
2. Paul's companion on his first missionary journey
4. The disciple who replaced Judas Iscariot
5. The city where Paul was imprisoned with Silas and an earthquake set them free
7. The profession of Lydia, who was converted by Paul
9. The city where followers of Jesus were first called Christians
10. The Jewish ruling council that persecuted the apostles
11. The city where Paul was shipwrecked
12. The event when the Holy Spirit descended on the disciples
14. The young man who fell from a window while Paul was preaching
15. The Roman centurion who was the first Gentile convert

Down

3. The couple who lied to the Holy Spirit and died
6. The first Christian martyr
8. The apostle known for his missionary journeys
13. The governor who imprisoned Paul for two years



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- Send the answers with Bible references.
- You can use the Bible to find the answers

- Click on the given link and send the correct answer before 25/03/2025.
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Acts

Time of Writing: A.D. 62

Time of Events: A.D. 30 - A.D. 62

Author of the Book: Luke

Type of Book: History of the Church

Introduction to the Book

- The book called "The Acts of the Apostles" is the second part of the Gospel of Luke (1:1). In the latter part of this book, the author writes that he is presenting a compilation of the events he himself witnessed. Passages such as "we travelled," "we stayed," and "we preached" indicate that the author of this book was a companion of Paul (16:10-17; 20:1-18; 27:1-28:16).

Context and Purpose

- This book provides the history of the early church. It also shows how the apostles were witnesses of Christ in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and the surrounding world, as well as the gift of the Holy Spirit and the many miracles that took place to confirm the apostles' message. This book covers the transitional period between Christ's ascension and the fulfillment of the New Testament covenant. The author writes this book to emphasize that neither Christ nor His followers committed any crime against the Roman Empire, and that Paul, who was chosen as an apostle to the Gentiles, did no great wrong against the Jews. It is clear in this book that it is the church's duty to testify to God's plan of salvation with the help of the Holy Spirit. The ministry of the apostles—especially Peter and Paul—is highlighted. The book concludes with Paul testifying in Rome.

Key Verses

Acts 1:8, 2:4, 4:12, 4:19-20, 9:3-6, 16:31

Summary of the Book

- The statement of the risen Lord in Acts 1:8 serves as the central message of this book. Jews, Samaritans, Greeks, and people of other nations are filled with the Holy Spirit and become witnesses of the Lord. As the ministry of the Word grows and expands, churches are established everywhere. Therefore, this book can also be called "The Acts of the Holy Spirit." The sermons of Peter, Stephen, and Paul, as well as the conversion experiences of Peter and Paul, are found in this book. When describing Christians, the book highlights unity, fellowship, prayer, witnessing, service, and sharing love (11:27-30; 2:42-47; 4:32-37) as distinctive qualities of the disciples. The conversion of Paul on the road to Damascus (Acts 9:1-31) is a special feature of this book. The disciples, empowered by the Holy Spirit, became His witnesses in Jerusalem (Acts 1-8:3), in Judea and Samaria (8:4-12:25), and to the ends of the earth (13:1-28). The latter part of the book includes Paul's three missionary journeys (13:1-21:16), his trials in Jerusalem and Caesarea (21:17-26:32), and his journey to Rome (27:1-28:31). This book emphasizes the work of the Holy Spirit in guiding the early church and spreading the Gospel to all nations, showcasing the transformative power of faith and the unity of believers in Christ.

Jesus Christ in the Book

- The Book of Acts confirms the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant. In the Old Testament, the primary activity was the external "anointing" of God's people. Among them were Moses (Numbers 11:17), Othniel (Judges 3:8-10), Gideon (Judges 6:34), and Saul (1 Samuel 10:6-10). After Jesus' ascension, the Holy Spirit came to dwell in the hearts of believers (Romans 8:9-11; 1 Corinthians 3:16), guiding and strengthening them from within. The Holy Spirit is God's gift to those who come to Him in faith. Paul, who was "blameless concerning the righteousness based on the law" (Philippians 3:6), realized that all his legal efforts were futile and considered them "rubbish." He said, "I do not have a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ—the righteousness that comes from God on the basis of faith" (Philippians 3:8-9). In Acts 10:9-15, Peter's vision of the sheet filled

with unclean animals is another sign of the transition from the Old Covenant to the New Covenant, where Jews and Gentiles unite in a universal church. In Peter's vision, the "unclean" animals symbolized the Gentiles, who were declared "clean" by God through Christ's sacrificial death. The Old Covenant law fulfilled its purpose (Galatians 3:23-29).

Practical Application

- The Book of Acts shows how God, through His Spirit, strengthens ordinary people and enables them to do extraordinary things. It demonstrates how God took a group of fishermen and commoners and used them to turn the world upside down (Acts 17:6). God transformed Paul, who once persecuted Christians, into the greatest Christian evangelist in history, and he went on to write nearly half of the New Testament books. God used the persecution experienced by Christians to spur the incredible and rapid expansion of the growing church. In the same way, God can transform our hearts, strengthen us through the Holy Spirit, and give us a fervor to spread the gospel of salvation through Christ. If we try to accomplish God's work in the world by our own strength, we will fail. Like the disciples in Acts 2, we must faithfully proclaim the gospel, trust God for the results, and devote ourselves to "the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer" (Acts 2:42).

Structure of the Book

1. Preface (Ascension) - 1:1-11
2. Witnessing in Jerusalem - 1:12-8:3
3. Witnessing in Judea and Samaria - 8:4-12:25
4. Witnessing to the Ends of the Earth - 13:1-28:31

Testimonies

Testimony #1

Bro. Simon - Bangladesh

Your name, place, family background

Shalom everyone. Praise the Lord. I am Simon from Bangladesh and this is one year I have become a believer. I was born into a Muslim family. But over the years I read and research many things in my previous religious book Quran. In my research and search I discovered Jesus in Quran and that led me to start reading the Bible. It's grabbing me to come back and read those things. This I say it's God's plan. God has truly helped me to move forward in various aspect in my life opening up opportunities along the way.

How many times you have read the entire Bible so far? Of them, how many of them are through our GODependence Bible Reading Challenges?

So far I have read the entire Bible three times. One of this time I participated in the GODependence Bible reading challenge which was a special experience for me.

The detailed account of this particular successfully completed Bible Reading Challenge experiences ... its blessings .. the obstacles encountered in it ... the experience of overcoming the obstacles...

During this challenge I faced various obstacles. Sometimes there was a lack of time and other times I struggled with maintaining focus. However, I believe that the God's blessing was through the challenge itself, I was able to overcome these hurdles. Every chapter taught me something new and my relationship with God grew deeper. Through this reading the Bible, I feel stronger and my faith has become more steadfast.

To what extent the Methodology of the GODependence Bible Reading Challenges WhatsApp group helped you to complete the Challenge successfully?

The WhatsApp group method during the GODependence Bible reading challenge was a huge help in completing the challenge successfully. Discussions and prayers with group members encouraged me and kept me motivated to grow regularly by sharing experience with one another. We all grew spiritually.

What would you like to say to the Christian world about the Bible and its necessity of reading it?

I want to tell you the Christian world that the Bible is the guide for our lives. It gives us strength love and hope in our faith. Without reading the Bible, we cannot know God's will and His plan for us. Bible reading is essential for our spiritual growth. May God's blessing be with you all. If you ever take on a Bible reading challenge, I'm sure it will transform your life. Thank you.

Testimony #2





Sis. Divyabharathi - Chennai

Praise the Lord... I am Divyabharathi. E, I am from Palavanthangal & We are converted from Hindu background. I read the entire Bible in one time, only by grace of God. Praise the Lord.

It is very useful for me. So many times I tried 1 month but unable to complete. But this time, I took decision to complete Bible in One month by December 27th itself. I had fever in the full month of January. I was unable to sit or stand. I was in sick bed, continuously having cough, breathing problem. Jesus helped me, given energy strengthened me, given me a grace in the sickness situation. Jesus enabled me to complete the Bible reading plan everyday portions. Even in my fever, by God's grace I completed the portions day to day without pending.

While reading Bible, God gave me promise verse and strengthened me and helped me. It was a big blessing for me. I had stress and depression. I got delivered. It helped me to get close with God and get to know more about Him and Bible. Thank you, Jesus and thank you Team for given this opportunity.

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- Even in any difficult time the God's word really penetrates and helps me a lot
- Inspiring Experiences | Reading Bible in 6 Months  [M. PAULINE](#)
- God's Word gave me Hope; I was very Blessed  [SIS. HANNAH SEB](#)



Bible Reading Challenges

Salient features of GODependence Bible Reading Challenges

1. Your choice of duration ranges from 1 Month to 1 Year. [Reading the whole Bible in 1 month / 2 months/ 3 months/ 4 months / 6 months or 1 Year].
2. Choice of Language - 10 Languages (English, Tamil, Hindi, Malayalam, Kannada, Telugu, Odia, Punjabi, Marathi and Bengali).
3. The Bible Reading portion is shared on the previous night itself.
4. Daily motivational quotes on reading the Bible.
5. Weekly, Bi-Weekly & Monthly reviews to check the Bible reading progress.
6. Catch-up days and Choice of changing the duration plans if required.
7. User-friendly WhatsApp group regulations - Exclusive group for Bible Reading.
8. Certificate of Appreciation and Prizes (conditions apply)
9. No fee is involved anywhere in the process, directly or indirectly.
10. Scope for further engagement with the Word of God (Bible Meditation, Bible Memorization, and Bible Study)

A wonderful opportunity to read the Bible regularly and systematically at your convenience.

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Ramadan & Lenten Bible Reading Challenges - 2025

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The Ramadan Bible Reading Challenge (English & Tamil) groups, which aims to complete reading the entire Bible in 30 days, began on February 28 and is now in its 6th year. 290 persons have joined in these groups.

This year, for the first time, we have also initiated the Lenten Bible Reading Challenge (English & Tamil) groups to complete reading the whole Bible in 40 days, starting from March 5. Around 1250 persons have joined in these groups.



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GODependence Talkshow - March 2025



Topic: Lenten Fasting: Ritual or Spiritual?

(A Christian Doctor's perspective on the physical and spiritual benefits of fasting)

Date: 16 March 2025 Sunday 5-6 pm IST

Children's Bible Reading Challenges

Children's Bible Reading Challenges for the Academic Year 2024-25 has come to end by first week of March 2025. More than 250 Students had enrolled for the same.

New batch for the next Academic Year 2025-26 will start from first week of June 2025. Notification message on this will be shared in the groups in the month of May 2025.



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Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) - from April 2025



We will be restarting the Bible Meditation Groups (BMG) from the middle of April 2025 and conduct them continuously. The training for the participants will be given in the month of March & April 2025.

Notifications and details on the training will be sent in the Bible Reading Challenge groups.

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