



Text #2 :: 2G2BT {Andy Stanley}

INTRODUCTION

The Bible. Hundreds of people live by it. Thousands of people have their morals shaped by it. But how many people actually bother to *read* it? On the surface, the Bible may seem like an irrelevant book from an ancient time. But inside the covers, the Bible is a collection of books that tells a singular story of redemption, a message that is as relevant today as ever. It's a story of a loving God that, when read, may seem 2G2BT (too good to be true).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. What assumptions have you ever made about the Bible that you've never bothered to actually find out by reading or studying?
2. Some books of the Bible tell the main storyline while the other books of the Bible fill in the historical, emotional, and relational context to the main story, very much like a photo album and a journal. How can seeing the Bible in this light help you feel less intimidated about reading the Bible?
3. Although the Old Testament speaks of events that happened in ancient times, do you identify with any parts of the Old Testament?
4. The New Testament continues with the grand theme of redemption found throughout the Bible. In what ways are you currently experiencing God's redemption in your life?
5. There is a 400 year gap between the writings of the Old and New Testament where the Israelite nation waited for God to speak and fulfill His promise. In what parts of your life do you feel like you're waiting for God to fulfill His promises?
6. What obstacles are preventing you from spending time reading the Bible this week?

THINK ABOUT IT

The Bible is the most extraordinary book in the world. Countless lives are changed by it. When read, it challenges us to think differently about ourselves and the world around us. As we begin to read the Bible and see as God sees, we are then empowered to do as God says. So all that's left is actually picking it up and reading it.

WHAT WILL YOU DO?

This week, using the attached reading guide, spend a couple minutes each morning reading a passage from the Bible.

CHANGING YOUR MIND

Your word, LORD, is eternal; it stands firm in the heavens.

Psalm 119:89

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Day after
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forth your
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The presence of my
eyes. You anoint
my head with oil. My
cup runs over. Surely
goodness and loving
kindness shall follow
me all the days of my
life, and I will dwell
in Yahweh's house

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Yahweh is
my light
and my
salvation.
Whom shall
I fear?
Yahweh is
the strength
of my life.
Of whom
shall I
be afraid?

Search me,
God, and
know my
heart.
Try me,
and know
my thoughts.
See if
there is
any wicked

To you,
O LORD,
I lift up
my soul;
in you I
trust,
O my God.
Do not let
me be put
to shame,
nor let my

The LORD
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I shall not
be in want.
He makes me
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he leads me
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waters,
he restores
my soul.
He guides me
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and love will
follow me
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my life,
and I will d

Reading Schedule

Heavenly Father,
help me see as you see.

Empower me to do
as you say.

Monday:
Ten Commandments
Exodus 20:1-20

Search me,
God, and
know my
heart.
Try me,
and know
my thoughts.

Tuesday:
David and Bathsheba
2 Samuel 11:1-26

Wednesday:
David and Nathan
2 Samuel 12:1-22

Thursday:
David's prayer
Psalm 51:1-19

Friday:
Jesus' response
John 8:1-11

He whose
walk is
blameless
and who
does what
is
righteous,
who speaks
the truth
from his
heart and
has no
slander
on his
tongue,
who does
his neighbor

God, and
upright is
the LORD;
therefore he
instructs
winners in
his ways.
He guides the
humble in what
is right and
teaches them
his way,
all the ways
of the LORD are

To you,
O LORD,
I lift up
my soul;
in your
trust,
O my God,
do not let
me be put
to shame,
nor let
enemies
triumph
over me. No
one whose
hope is in
you will
ever be
put to
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O LORD,
teach me

Old Testament

LAW

Genesis
Exodus
Leviticus
Numbers
Deuteronomy

HISTORY

Joshua
Judges
Ruth
1 Samuel
2 Samuel
1 Kings
2 Kings
1 Chronicles
2 Chronicles
Ezra
Nehemiah
Esther

POETRY

Job
Psalms
Proverbs
Ecclesiastes
Song of Solomon

PROPHETS

Isaiah
Jeremiah
Lamentations
Ezekiel
Daniel
Hosea
Joel
Amos
Obadiah
Jonah
Micah
Nahum
Habakkuk
Zephaniah
Haggai
Zechariah
Malachi

New Testament

GOSPELS

Matthew
Mark
Luke
John

HISTORY

Acts

LETTERS

Romans
1 Corinthians
2 Corinthians
Galatians
Ephesians
Philippians
Colossians
1 Thessalonians
2 Thessalonians
1 Timothy
2 Timothy
Titus
Philemon
Hebrews
James
1 Peter
2 Peter
1 John
2 John
3 John
Jude

PROPHECY

Revelations

Chronological Order of the Old Testament

