



BIBLE GUIDE

YOUR GUIDE TO CHOOSING THE RIGHT BIBLE FOR YOU



Your sun will never set; your moon will not go down. For the Lord will be your everlasting light. - Isaiah 60:20 (NLT)

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WHAT IS THE BIBLE?

The Bible is a remarkable collection of ancient writings Christians believe to be God's revelation to people. Some people say it's actually like a library of books and letters all bound up in one. The Bible tells the story of God's relationship with the masterpiece of his creation – people.

The Bible says that its words are 'God-breathed.' Exactly how God 'breathed' the words remains a mystery; most Christians agree that God inspired the writers as they recorded His words. The Bible consists of two parts: the **Old Testament** (the time before Jesus) and the **New Testament** (during and after Jesus' life).

There are several different types of writings included in the Bible:

- The **Old Testament** is made up of historical books, law, poetry, wisdom and prophetic books.
- The **New Testament** is made up of four Gospels, one history book, 21 letters and one prophetic book.

The books and letters in the Bible were written by more than forty different people over a period of more than 1,000 years. Some of the writers were kings, royal officials, poets and even a doctor, while some parts were written by poor uneducated fishermen. There are also some parts of the Bible where scholars and historians are unsure of authorship.

THE BIBLE IS FOUNDATIONAL TO CHRISTIAN FAITH.
IT IS THROUGH THE BIBLE THAT PEOPLE CAN LEARN MORE
ABOUT GOD AND HIS PLAN TO RESTORE ALL PEOPLE
AND THE ENTIRE WORLD TO HIMSELF, BY SENDING
HIS SON JESUS CHRIST TO LIVE ON EARTH.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO HAVE A BIBLE?

In Psalm 119:105 (NIV) it says "Your Word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Can you imagine going through life in the pitch-black darkness? You cannot see where anything is and in darkness, nothing can thrive. When we have a Bible it brings light to our path, and our direction, and gives advice, guidance, understanding and correction. We learn truths. Most importantly we are learning about and encountering the One who created our path. Faith comes from hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17) and through reading the Word of God, we come to know and encounter the Creator of all.

TIPS TO CONSIDER WHEN CHOOSING A BIBLE

- #1** It can be a good idea to have a Bible in the same translation that your minister uses to teach and preach in church. That way you'll find it easier to follow along during church services.
- #2** The best Bible is a Bible that is read often. Choose a Bible that you feel you can easily understand. Remember we all have different reading styles. So, look for a Bible version that suits you - for more info on the various translations go to page 8.
- #3** Consider your primary purpose for purchasing a Bible. Will you be taking this Bible to church, or do you plan to use it at home as a part of your personal Bible study or devotional time? Are you looking to have a bible you can take with you everywhere?
- #4** What is your budget? Often the same Bible will come in different cover formats and text sizes, which can change the price point considerably. Genuine leather will be the most expensive, next bonded leather, imitation leather then hardback, and paperback as your least expensive option.

FEATURES YOU WOULD LIKE YOUR BIBLE TO HAVE

What sort of Bible do you want to buy? Is it a gift, is it for personal reading, or study use, or is it for a special presentation or occasion? Let's look at a variety of features you may be looking for.



STUDY BIBLE

Includes cultural, archaeological, geographical, and historical information from Bible scholars that studied the Word in context, which helps bring a fuller understanding of Scripture.



TABS

Thumb Indexed Bibles have page-cut indentations which are useful to find the specific books of the Bible more easily.



CROSS-REFERENCES

These are usually listed in the margin or a centre column and help to point to other relevant scriptures to help with your studies.



CONCORDANCE

An alphabetical index of words used in the Bible with a list of Bible passages where that word appears.



DICTIONARY

A condensed dictionary can be found in some Bibles. It is an alphabetical list, explaining biblical terms, people, places, and more.



JOURNALING SPACE

Very good if you like to write notes in your Bible or even decorate it. These Bibles include extra-wide margins and lots of white space.



LARGE PRINT/GIANT PRINT

A Bible with a larger font size.



MAPS, CHARTS & TIMELINES

Very helpful to see where any given event, person, or place fits in the overall biblical story.



DEVOTIONAL

Great at encouraging the reader to apply the Word in practical ways. Often includes character studies, topical studies and action points for the reader.



TEXT BIBLES

These contain only the biblical text and don't include any references or footnotes. Red-letter Bibles include the words of Jesus Christ printed in red font.



REFERENCE BIBLES

Contain references, normally in a centre column, but sometimes at the bottom or edge of the page. References guide the reader to similar verses, passages, or topics.



SPECIALITY BIBLES

Includes white christening and white brides Bibles, lectern Bibles, pew Bibles, children's, and youth Bibles, loose-leaf, wide-margin, parallel, large print and self-pronouncing Bibles.



BIBLES HAVE DIFFERENT PRINT SIZES & FORMATS

Just as it is important to own a Bible, it is most important to be able to read your Bible and therefore Bibles can come in a variety of fonts and print sizes. Bibles are available in standard, large and up to super giant print sizes. Keep in mind the larger the print - the larger the size of the Bible.

PRINT (POINT) SIZE

TEXT SAMPLE

5	God's Word is truth and life
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SMALL BIBLE, SMALL FONT

6 - 8.5 point size

MEDIUM, STANDARD FONT

9 - 10 point size

LARGE BIBLE, LARGE FONT

10.5 - 14/16 point size

COVER FORMATS

PAPERBACK

A type of book characterised by a thick paper or paperboard cover. Pages are glued or stapled and not sewn.

HARDCOVER

A book bound with a rigid protective cover. Has a flexible, sewn spine, which allows it to lie flat on a surface when opened.

BONDED LEATHER

Bonded leather is made by shredding leather scraps and leather fibre, then mixing it with bonding materials.

MASS MARKET

A small paperback, usually non-illustrated, with a less expensive bookbinding format.

LEATHERLIKE

Having a soft but durable cover.

IMITATION LEATHER

A material made and finished to resemble genuine leather.

This document is intended as an approximate guide, and therefore the precise size of the text may vary according to the typeface used. The typeface used in this example is Times New Roman.



THE FIELD GUIDE TO THE BIBLE

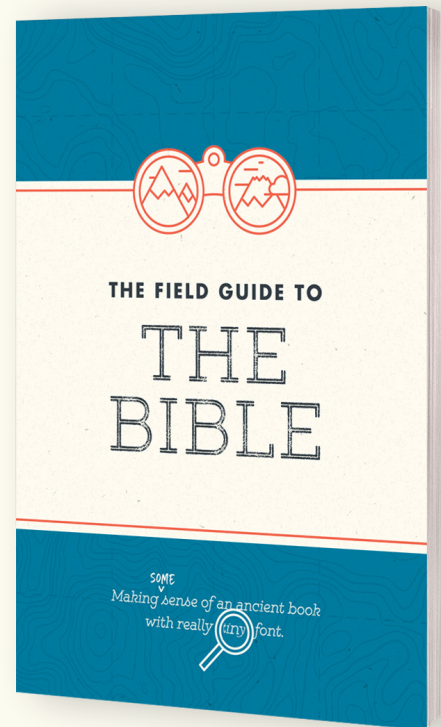
HAVE YOU EVER WANTED
A HANDBOOK FOR THE BIBLE?

Well, it's here!

The Field Guide to the Bible will help you make some sense of what can be a complicated and challenging book.

We made The Field Guide to the Bible in response to the key questions raised by young people in our research. Many told us that they don't understand the Bible, find reading it hard and have no idea where to even start. Well, now there's a practical field guide here to help.

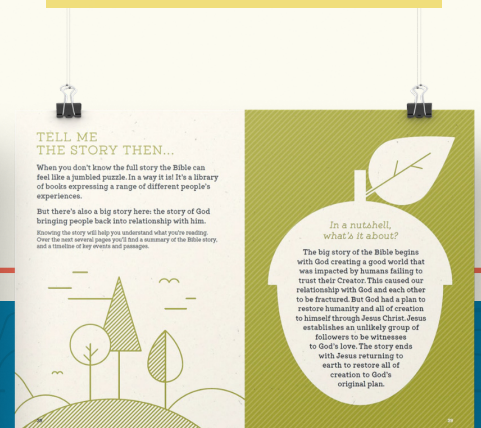
Covering topics like where to start reading, how to hear from God through the Bible and how the Bible story fits together, The Field Guide to the Bible will help you uncover the story and learn how to make the Bible an important part of your life.



USEFUL TOPICS

HANDY TIPS

EASY-TO-READ



SOME
Making sense of an ancient book
with really (tiny) font.

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THE FIELD GUIDE

THREE MAIN ENGLISH BIBLE STYLES

There are three main styles - all Bible versions and translations fit into one of these categories. Translations closer to the **Word-for-Word (WFW)** end of the scale tend to reflect the grammar of the biblical language more closely, but as a result, could be considered harder to understand. **Thought-for-Thought (TFT)** or **Paraphrase (PAR)** attempts to reflect the meaning behind a larger section of text in a way that makes the most sense for the intended reader.

1 WORD-FOR-WORD

The **WFW** goes back to the original Greek or Hebrew text and attempts to retain the sentence structure as much as possible. The **WFW** translation or literal translation aims to stick closely to the sentence structure of the original text.

Examples include: King James Version (KJV), Authorised King James Version (AKJV), New American Standard Bible (NASB), New King James Version (NKJV), English Standard Version (ESV), New Revised Standard Version (NSRV) and Revised Standard Version (RSV).

2 THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT

Rather than looking at the individual Greek or Hebrew word the **TFT** approach is to look at the phrase or sentence and translate it with a more natural phrase or sentence, for a specific language group, which renders the same meaning in a way that is easier to understand. The **TFT** aims to convey words and thoughts in a contemporary balanced way.

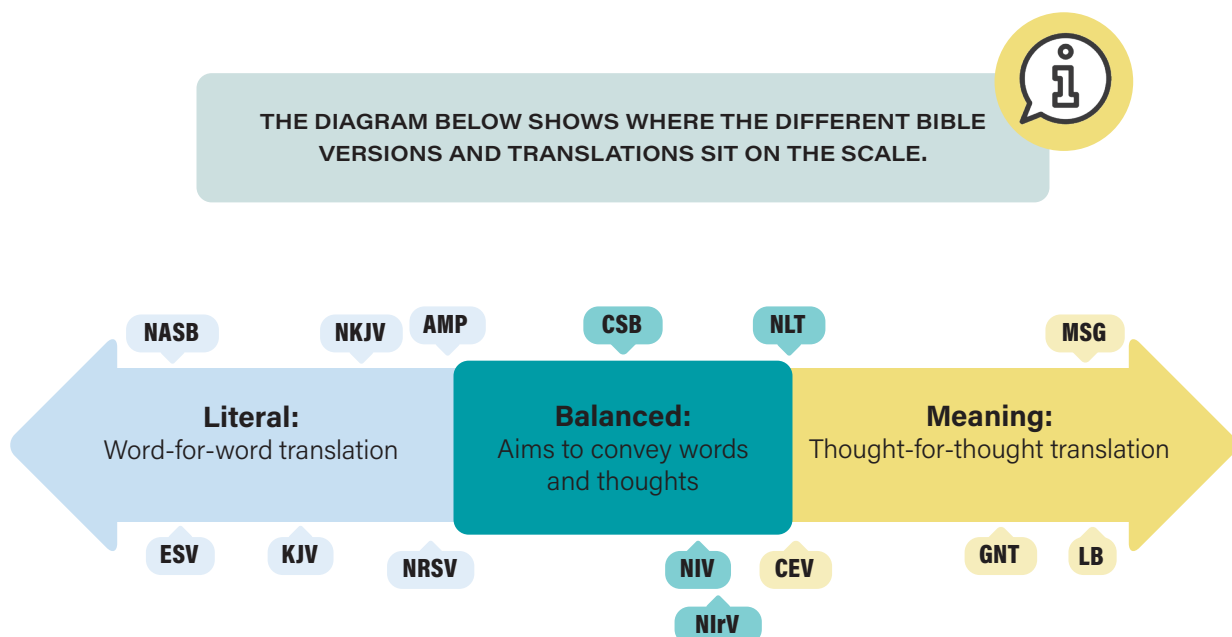
Examples include: New Living Translation (NLT), Contemporary English Version (CEV) and Good News Translation (GNT).

3 PARAPHRASE

A **Paraphrase** translation is often the work of one person or a small group of people who takes the meaning of the verse or passage and attempts to retell it in their own words using "plain language".

Examples include: The Living Bible (LB), The Message (MSG) and The Passion (TPT).

THE DIAGRAM BELOW SHOWS WHERE THE DIFFERENT BIBLE VERSIONS AND TRANSLATIONS SIT ON THE SCALE.



LET'S TAKE A LOOK AT THE DIFFERENT ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS. A GREAT EXAMPLE IS TO SEE SIDE-BY-SIDE THE DIFFERENT VERSIONS OF ONE OF THE MOST FAMOUS BIBLE PASSAGES - PSALM 23

King James Version (KJV 1611)	New Revised Standard Version (NRSV)	New International Version (NIV)	New Living Translation (NLT)	Contemporary English Version (CEV)
The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.	The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.	The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.	The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.	You, Lord, are my shepherd. I will never be in need.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: He leadeth me beside the still waters.	He makes me lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside still waters; He restores my soul.	He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul.	He lets me rest in green meadows; He leads me beside peaceful streams.	You let me rest in fields of green grass. You lead me to streams of peaceful water, and You refresh my life.
He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.	He leads me in right paths for His name's sake.	He guides me along the right paths for His name's sake.	He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honour to His name.	You are true to Your name, and You lead me along the right paths.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for Thou art with me; Thy rod and Thy staff they comfort me.	Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil; for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff - they comfort me.	Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.	Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for You are close beside me.	I may walk through valleys as dark as death, but I won't be afraid. You are with me, and Your shepherd's rod makes me feel safe.
Your rod and Your staff protect and comfort me.				

DIFFERENT BIBLE VERSIONS

The best Bible for you is the one that you feel most comfortable with. It's great to have so many different Bible versions to choose from but it can be a bit overwhelming. Follow this handy Bible guide step-by-step and it will help you narrow down your choices. We also encourage you to visit your local Manna Christian Store and take a look at some of the Bibles in person. Our friendly staff would be happy to talk to you about any questions you may have. Here are some of the versions available.

WORD-FOR-WORD	THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT	PARAPHRASE	OTHER
Amplified Bible	Contemporary English Version	The Message	New Testaments & Gospels
English Standard Version	Christian Standard Bible		Bible for the Deaf
King James Version	Good News Translation		Creative Bibles
New American Standard Bible	New International Reader's Version		Bible Storybooks for Kids
New King James Version	New International Version		Bibles for Youth
New Revised Standard Version	New Living Translation		Other Language Bibles

KEY ICONS

What do you need from your Bible? Look out for these icons in this Bible Guide to help you identify the perfect Bible for you.



STUDY - A study Bible is produced for any serious learners of the Bible. It provides in-depth information designed to help the reader gain a better understanding and context for the text.



GIANT PRINT - Bibles that are typically printed with a type size of 13 points or larger. No need for a magnifying glass with this text size.



JOURNALING - A creative and fresh approach to the age-old discipline of Bible reading. With pen in hand, you can visually capture Scripture and meditate on God's Word.



SUPER GIANT PRINT - An ideal text size for pulpit use or the vision impaired. The text size is normally twice as large as most standard Bible text.



COMPACT - The small size of this Bible makes it ideal for travel. It can fit perfectly into your handbag, briefcase or backpack.



WORD-FOR-WORD - This translation or literal translation aims to stick closely to the sentence structure of the original text. Read more on page 8 and see examples from page 12.



VALUE - These Bibles are at a great price point. The price means you can buy one for yourself and gift one to someone else.



THOUGHT-FOR-THOUGHT - The TFT translation offers a contemporary language style that is clear and easy to understand. Read more on page 8 and see examples from page 16.



THINLINE - Are you looking for a smaller Bible to carry around with you? Thinline, slimline and trimline Bibles are great options. Thinner than average, typically one inch or less, lighter and easy to carry.



PARAPHRASE - A more relaxed translation that takes the meaning of the verse or passage and attempts to retell it by using "plain language." Read more on page 8 and see samples on page 21.



LARGE PRINT - Ease the strain on your eyes by reading the Bible comfortably with a print that can be more easily seen.

WORD

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WORD



The Lord is my light and my salvation; Whom shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; Of whom shall I be afraid? - Psalm 27:1 (NKJV)

AMPLIFIED BIBLE (AMP)

The Amplified attempts to take both the word meaning and context into account and attempts to offer (almost) all possible meanings of a word in each context. It also offers alternate readings and amplifications to assist the reader in understanding what Scripture really says.

- Helpful study tool that gives Scripture clearer meaning by adding additional wording.
- AMP helps the reader to gain a better understanding of Hebrew & Greek text.

I really like the Amplified, for the way it helps me think about the meaning of the words. Frequently the original Greek, Hebrew & Aramaic words are very rich with meaning, which is not always fully expressed in translation to English. The Amplified includes a significant number of footnotes and references, and features alternative renderings for many key words. A great help in understanding the meaning without having to be a language scholar.

Tim Brown

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For we walk by faith, not by sight [living our lives in a manner consistent with our confident belief in God's promises].

- 2 CORINTHIANS 5:7 AMP

ENGLISH STANDARD VERSION (ESV)

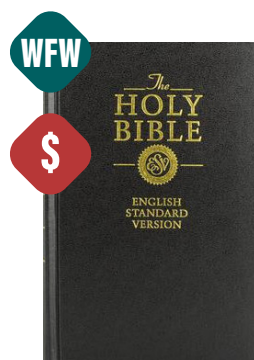
The ESV is an "essentially literal" translation of the Bible in contemporary English with the aim to emphasise "word-for-word" accuracy, literary excellence, and depth of meaning.

- A revision of the RSV - Aims to stick very closely to the form and sentence structure of the original language
- Highly literal and accurate – reads very well in public.



For from His fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.

- JOHN 1:16-17 ESV



- Complete Bible
- Medium size
- Black hardcover
- Cross references
- Footnotes
- Table of weights, measures and monetary units
- Concordance

KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

In 1604, King James I of England authorised that a new translation of the Bible into English be started. It was finished in 1611, just 85 years after the first translation of the New Testament into English appeared (Tyndale, 1526). The Authorised Version, or King James Version, is now known for its poetic flowing language.



- Textual footnotes
- 64-page Bible concordance
- Harmony of the Gospels outline
- Predictions made by Jesus
- Key to Bible Map
- Four-colour presentation pages
- Center-column cross-references
- Words of Christ in Red
- Parables / Miracles of Our Lord
- Messianic Prophecies of OT
- Prophecies of Jesus' Return
- Four-color Bible Maps (8)



ONE LANGUAGE
The foundation of the contemporary English language is The King James Bible. Changing words from one language to another is not as simple as it may sound. Originally the books of the Bible were written in different languages.

And straightway coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens opened, and the Spirit like a dove descending upon him: And there came a voice from heaven, saying, Thou art my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.

- MARK 1:10-11 KJV

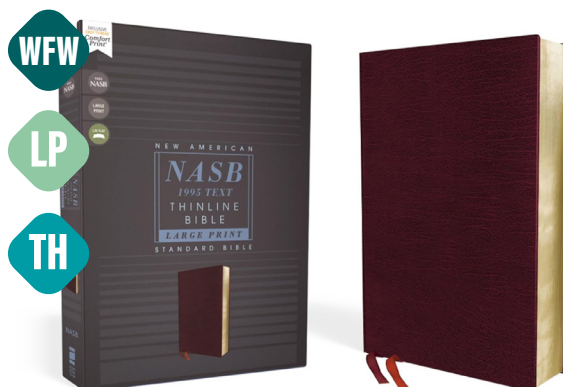
NEW AMERICAN STANDARD VERSION (NASB)

This highly respected version uses very accurate text which is excellent for study purposes. Originally considered to be very formal, it was then updated in 1995.



Boast in His holy name; Let the heart of those who seek the Lord be joyful.

- 1 CHRONICLES 16:10 NASB



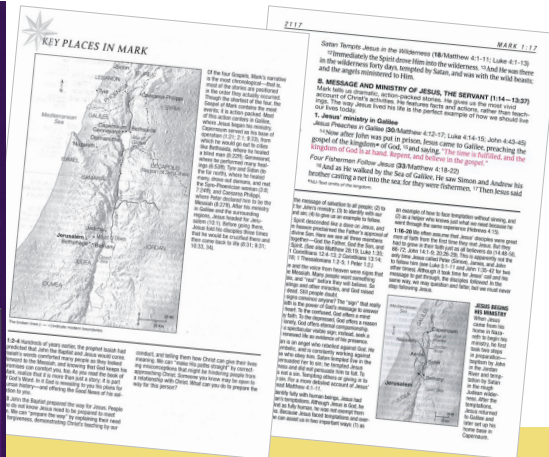
NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

The NKJV Bible was the result of one-hundred-and-thirty respected Bible scholars and church leaders working for seven years to update the vocabulary and grammar of the King James Version. The task of updating the English of the KJV involved many changes in word order, grammar, vocabulary, and spelling. One of the most significant features of the NKJV was its removal of the second-person pronouns "thou", "thee", "ye", "thy", and "thine." Verb forms were also modernised in the NKJV (for example, "speaks" rather than "speaketh").

- This version is a little more fluid than the KJV, renewing some of its more 'complex' language.
- Faithful to the original Greek, Aramaic and Hebrew text - it continues to be one of the best selling translations.

I read the NKJV version which captures the accuracy and authority that we love about the KJV but presents it in an easier-to-read language. This is one of the more literal translations of the Bible from the Hebrew and Greek (16th Century) text. I love and appreciate the priority the translators put into keeping the accuracy and meaning of the text as close to the original Scripture as possible. It has always been my preferred source when doing in-depth Bible study.

BSNZ Team Member



- Nearly 10,000 Life Application Study Tools
- Life Application Notes
- Contributors
- Book Introductions
- Profiles of Bible Figures
- Harmony Of The Gospels
- Charts And Maps
- Cross-References
- Dictionary/Concordance
- Expanded Features
- 11-point text size

And the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.

- PHILIPPIANS 4:7 NKJV



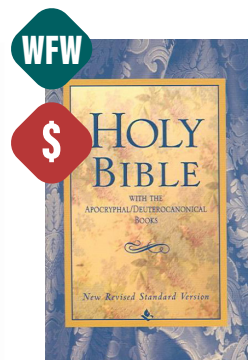
NEW REVISED STANDARD VERSION (NRSV)

A popular option for theological colleges and used for public reading. The Anglicised edition was published in 1995 by Oxford University Press.

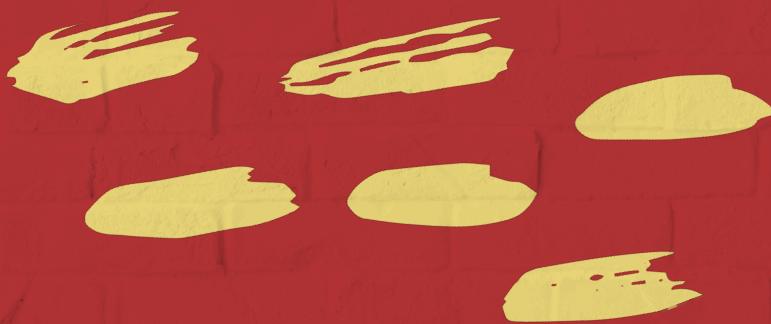


Sing to Him, sing praises to Him; tell of all His wonderful works.

- PSALM 105:2 NRSV



THOUGHT -FOR- THOUGHT



I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits, and in His Word I put my hope. - Psalm 130:5 (NIV)

CONTEMPORARY ENGLISH VERSION (CEV)

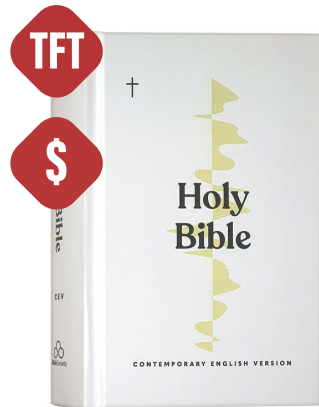
The CEV is an accurate and faithful translation of the original text using everyday words and phrases.

- Designed to be listened to – written in contemporary and understandable language
- Great for non-church going people, children or those with English as a second language



God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, gentle, and self-controlled.

- GALATIANS 5:22-23 CEV



CEV NZ EDITION

- CEV youth Bible
- Compact
- Easy to read text
- Articles
- Mini dictionary
- 100-day Bible reading plan

CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE (CSB)

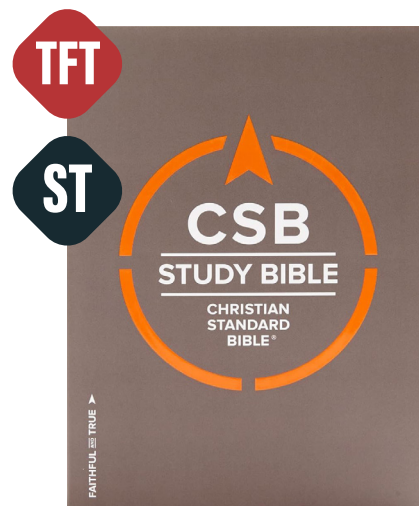
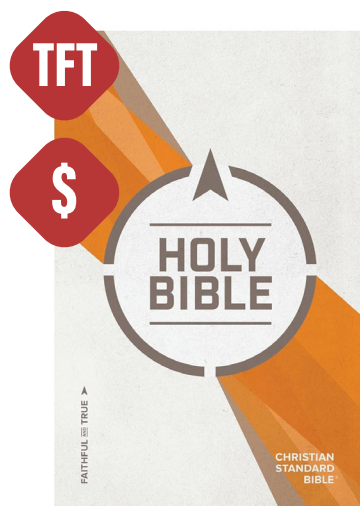
The CSB is an optimal blend of accuracy and readability, making Scripture more moving, more memorable, and more motivating to read today and share always.

- An extensive revision of the HCSB (now out of print), the CSB is a good example of a version combining both translation methods
- Highly readable and accurate, coming from a conservative theological position



God - His way is perfect; the Word of the Lord is pure. He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.

- PSALM 18:30 CSB



GOOD NEWS TRANSLATION (GNT)

A simple and readable translation that's an ideal choice for those whose first language is not English or who are new to God's Word.



Jesus said to him, "Do you believe because you see me? How happy are those who believe without seeing me!"

- JOHN 20:29 GNT



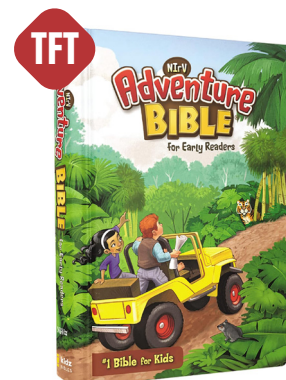
NEW INTERNATIONAL READER'S VERSION (NirV)

The NirV is a simplified Bible version based on the New International Version (NIV). This translation of the Bible is ideal for younger readers and anyone else who would benefit from easier-to-read Bible language. Simple and short sentence structures, so ideal for children or English Second Language (ESL) readers.



I give you a new command. Love one another. You must love one another, just as I have loved you.

- JOHN 13:34 NIRV



FREE

The Big Little Bible App

The Big Little Bible app brings together 30 key stories from God's big story – the Bible.

Featuring the easy-to-read Contemporary English Version and beautiful illustrations by Kiwi artist Meesh Holswich, it's designed to help young minds get comfortable with reading the Bible.

The Big Little Bible app will also help children discover that the Bible is one big, connected story about God and His plan to rescue His most precious creation – people.



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Features include:

- ✓ Save your favourite verses
- ✓ Discussion questions
- ✓ Bookmarks
- ✓ Three-level memory game
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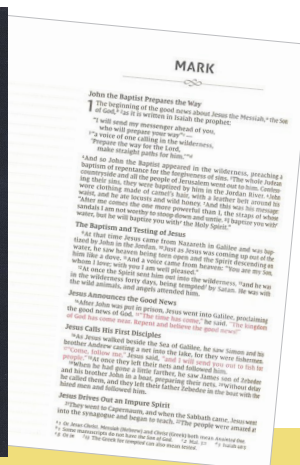
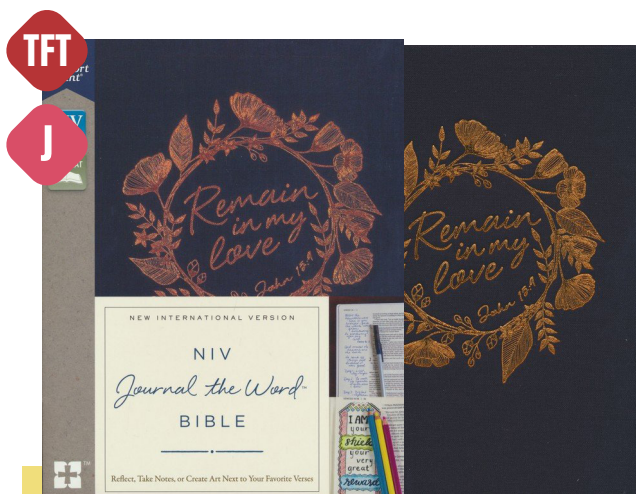
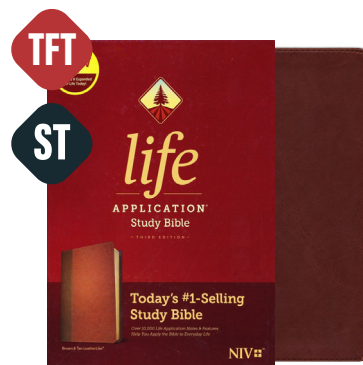
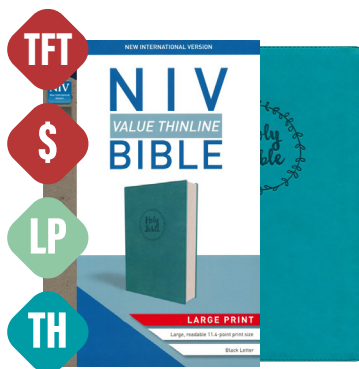
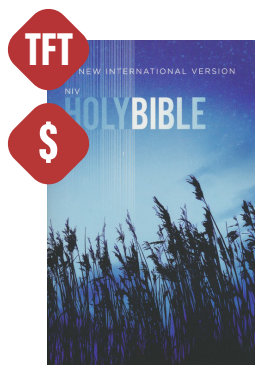


NEW INTERNATIONAL VERSION (NIV)

The NIV was published to meet the needs of a modern reader with a modern translation, while being faithful to the original text. It aims to provide a balanced translation as it retains as closely as it can the sentence and information structure for the source while using modern English, to give the reader a greater understanding of God's word.

- With great care and thoroughness, the NIV Bible text was produced by a group of cross-denominational scholars. They started the NIV from scratch using the original Greek, Hebrew, and Aramaic manuscripts of the Bible.
- Over one hundred experts collaborated on the complete NIV Bible. In 1978 the dream of an authentic and easy-to-understand translation created for the people became a reality.

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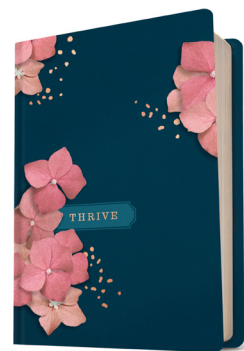
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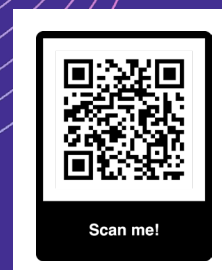
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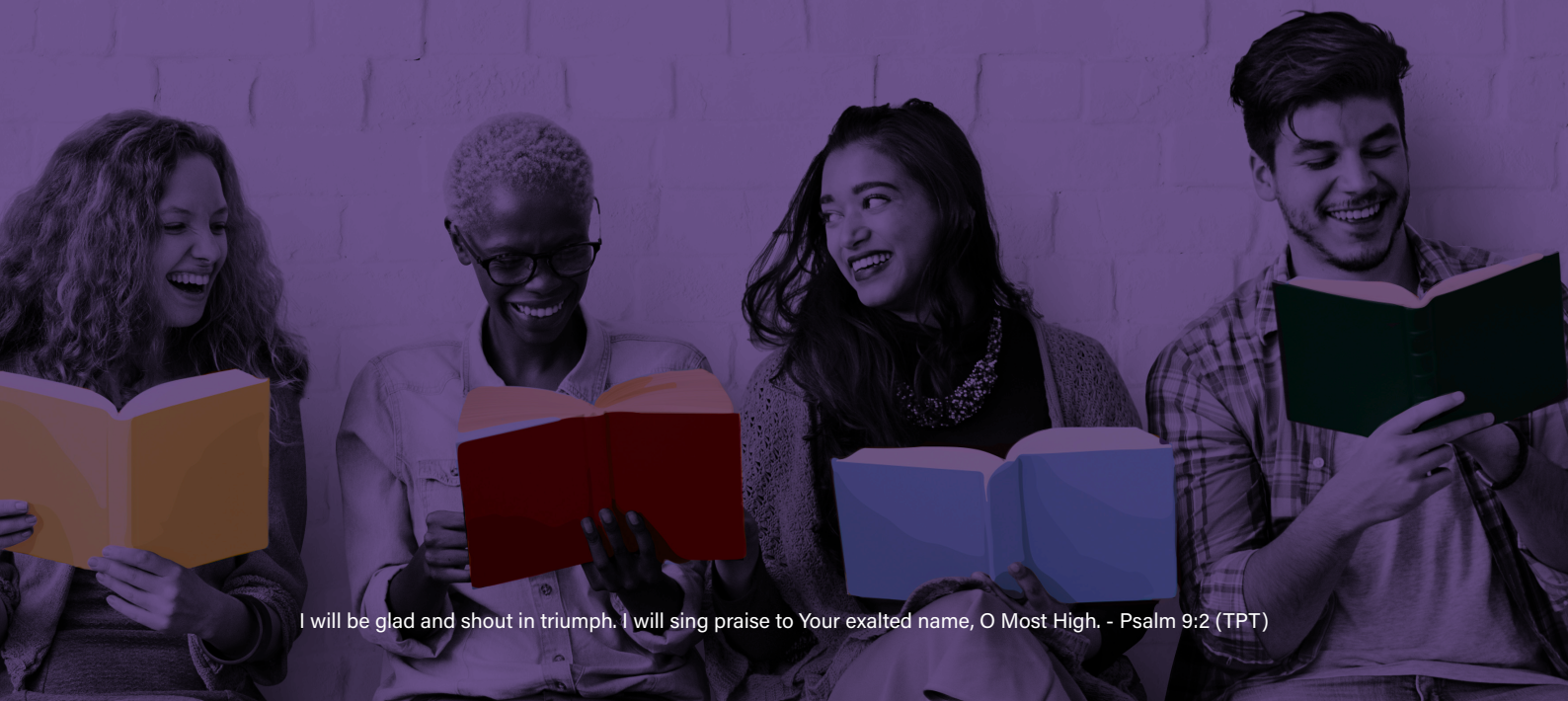
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- JOHN 1:5 MSG



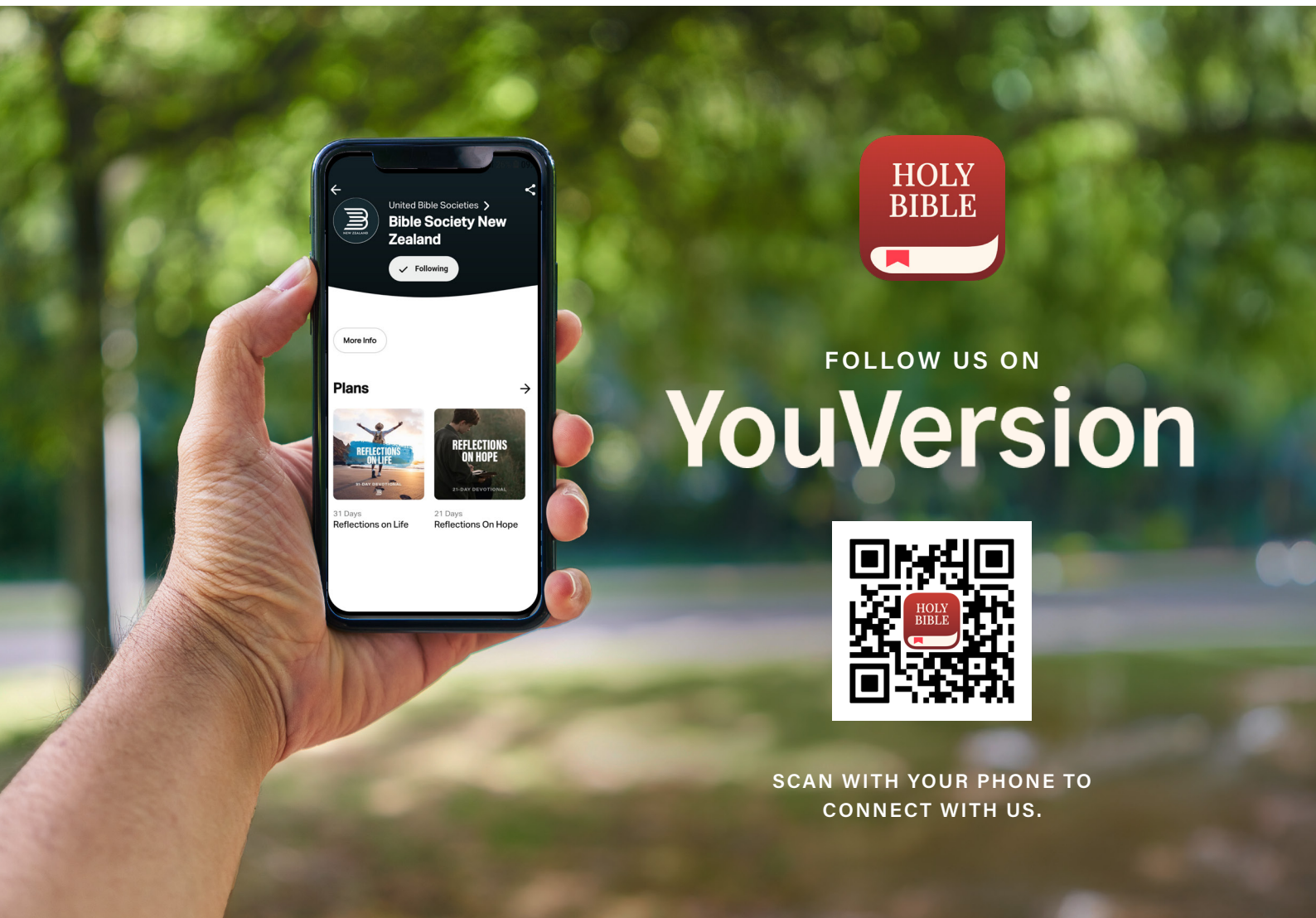
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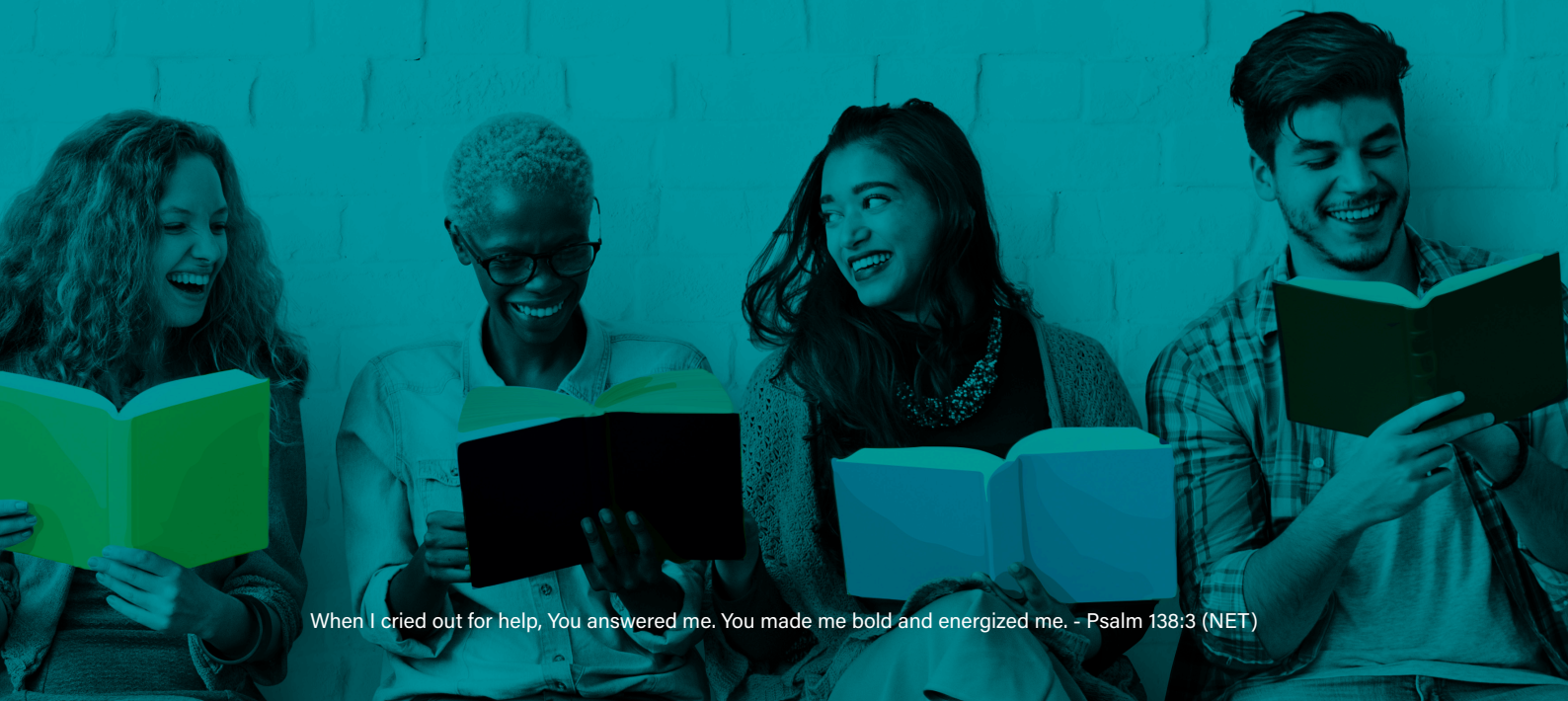
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- 1 JOHN 1:5-7 NIV



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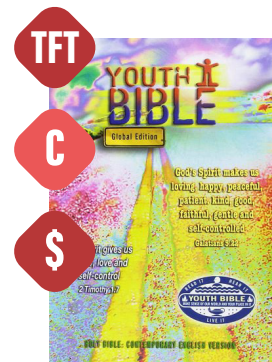
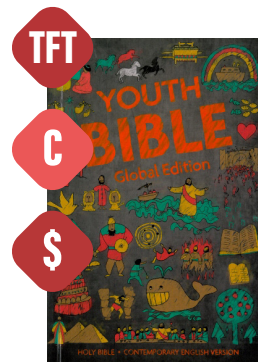
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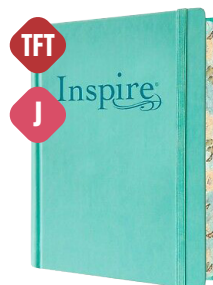
Christ gives me the strength to face anything.

- PHILIPPIANS 4:13 CEV



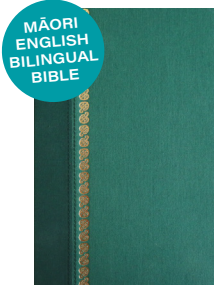
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marama ki tōku ara.

NGĀ WAIATA 119:105

Your word is a
lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.

PSALM 119:105

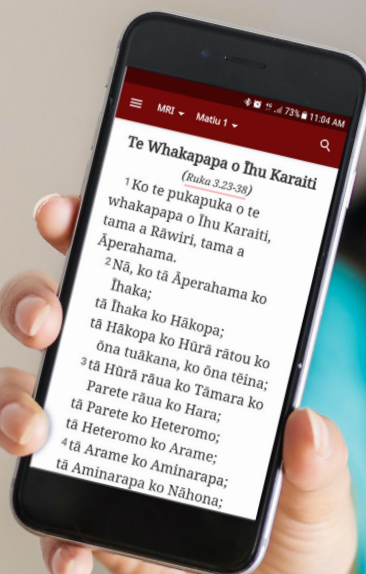
你的话是我脚前的灯，
是我路上的光。

诗篇 119:105

O lau afioga o le sulu
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ENCOURAGING VERSES

Here is a list of verses to encourage you during these times.
Share with others that you know are struggling or
going through a difficult season.

When in sorrow	John 14
When people fail you	Psalms 27
When you have sinned	Psalms 51
When you worry	Matthew 6:19-34
When you are in danger.....	Psalms 91
When God seems far away	Psalms 139
When your faith needs stirring	Hebrews 11
When you are lonely and fearful	Psalms 23
When you grow bitter and critical	1 Corinthians 13
When you feel down and out	Romans 8:31-39
When you want peace and rest	Matthew 11:25-30
When the world seems bigger than God	Psalms 90
When you want Christian assurance	Romans 8:1-30
When you leave home for work or travel	Psalms 121
When your prayers grow narrow or selfish	Psalms 67
When you want courage for a task	Joshua 1
When you think of investments/returns	Mark 10
How to get along with others	Romans 12
For great invention/opportunity	Isaiah 55
For Paul's secret to happiness	Colossians 3:12-17
Understanding Christianity	2 Corinthians 5:15-19
If you are depressed	Psalms 27
If you want to be fruitful	John 15
If you lack funds	Psalms 37
If you are losing confidence in people	1 Corinthians 13
If people seem unkind	John 15
If discouraged about your work	Psalms 126

GOD'S PROMISES HIS GOODNESS

When things get tough, it can be easy to focus on ourselves and our difficulties. Read these Bible promises about who God is and let them lift your eyes away from your own situation to the God who is infinitely good.

PSALM 145:9

The Lord is good to all; He has compassion on all He has made.

PSALM 84:11

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favour and honour; no good thing does He withhold from those whose walk is blameless.

JAMES 1:17

Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.

2 SAMUEL 7:28

Sovereign Lord, you are God! Your covenant is trustworthy, and you have promised these good things to your servant.

PSALM 19:7

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

PSALM 34:8

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

NAHUM 1:7

The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in Him.

1 CHRONICLES 16:34

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever.

GOD'S PROMISES HIS PROVISION

The Bible is full of examples of God providing for His people. Time and again the God of life promises to provide whether our need is land, food, shelter, comfort or hope.

MATTHEW 6:31-33

So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

PROVERBS 3:5-6

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight.

PSALM 34:10

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

MATTHEW 7:9-11

Which of you, if your son asks for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a snake? If you, then, though you are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father in heaven give good gifts to those who ask Him!

2 CORINTHIANS 9:8

And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work.

ROMANS 8:32

He who did not spare His own Son, but gave Him up for us all - how will He not also, along with Him, graciously give us all things?

JESUS' PROMISES

During His time on earth, Jesus made many promises about the peace and hope He offers us. This collection of Jesus' promises gives us great hope that He truly is the Saviour of the world.

MATTHEW 11:28-30

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

JOHN 14:6

Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

JOHN 8:12

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.

ISAIAH 61:1

The Spirit of the Sovereign Lord is on me, because the Lord has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim freedom for the captives and release from darkness for the prisoners.

JOHN 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commands. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever.

JOHN 10:10

The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

JOHN 11:25

Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying."

JOHN 15:5

Yes, I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who remain in me, and I in them, will produce much fruit. For apart from me you can do nothing.

JOHN 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

SALVATION

Finally, take a moment to remember the most precious of all God's promises to us. Thanks to Jesus' sacrifice on the cross, God promises to forgive us and give us eternal life with Him.

2 CHRONICLES 7:14

If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land.

ROMANS 10:9-10

If you declare with your mouth, "Jesus is Lord," and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

JOHN 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

1 JOHN 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.

JOHN 8:36

So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.

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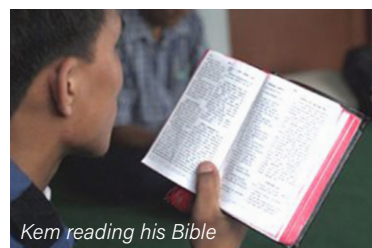
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Then one day Kem remembered a mentally unstable woman from his village in Nepal, who had terrorized the village with her screams and strange behaviour. One day, a brave person caught hold of her and prayed for her in the name of Jesus and, immediately, she was healed.

Kem wondered about Jesus and if He could heal him too but, he didn't know how to pray to Him. Then, one day, a friend gave Kem a New Testament in Nepali. He began to read it from cover to cover. The friend talked to him about Jesus and began to pray for him. Kem repented. He gave his life to Jesus. Within a week he was healed of all symptoms of his illness.



Kem reading his Bible

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