

WHY WRITE THE BIBLE?

Have you ever opened your Bible and thought “Where do I start?” We have!

We always struggled to be consistent in our Bible reading and, by talking to others, found that we were definitely not alone. After Bryony heard the author Lara Casey speak about the power of ‘Writing the Word’, she decided to give it a go.

There are so many benefits to writing by hand. It helps you retain information more easily, it engages your brain in a more active and full way and it often sparks creativity.

We know now that writing the Bible is powerful stuff. There’s something about seeing God’s Word written in our own handwriting that can speak more powerfully to us than just by reading it. It doesn’t have to be perfect and the results don’t have to look pretty. You can do it first thing in the morning, last thing at night or while you’re waiting for your tea to brew!

We are now reading and writing the Bible nearly every day, not because we are super holy or disciplined but simply because we are doing something simple! And it’s changing us.

Why not give it a go?

WHERE DO I START?

In our journals, each day starts with **Thanksgiving**. This is an opportunity to note down the things we are thankful to God for; they might be as small as a hot cup of coffee or as big as an answer to a prayer you’ve been praying for months.

Next we grab our Bibles (any translation will do), find the passage and **Write the Word**.

Then we take some time to **Reflect** on what we’ve written. We highlight words that stand out to us, ask the question “What does this show me about the Holy Spirit?” and often finish by thanking God for His Word.

Finally, we **Respond**. Sometimes this looks like us writing a prayer, or making a note of an action we want to take as a result of what we’ve read, or heard God say.

This practice can grow as much as you like; there is no blue-print so feel free to be flexible and get creative!

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BIBLE WRITING PLAN

Often between Christmas and New Year we reflect on the year that is ending and the one that is about to start.

We are sure that for all of us, the past year will have had both highs and lows; and we are also sure of God's faithfulness through it all.

For some there will be a sense of anticipation as we look ahead to 2025. For others it may be tinged with sadness and pain.

However you are feeling about saying 'goodbye' to 2024 and 'hello' to 2025, here is an opportunity to do it **with** God.

The first half of this seven day Bible Writing Plan invites you to look back on the last year. It invites you to remember what God has done; to give thanks to Him for the joys; to acknowledge any difficult or painful moments and memories; and to recognise His presence with you in 2024.

The second half of this plan will help you to bring 2025 before the Lord; to prepare yourself for the year ahead and to enter into it with your mind fixed on Him and His promises.

We suggest taking 5 minutes each day to pause as you reflect on the passage you have written out. Ask the Lord what He wants to remind you or show you. Make space to remember what He has done and allow Him to speak to you about what His promises are for you for the next year.

We have included some questions that you might like to use as you reflect on the different passages.

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God is Faithful **BIBLE WRITING PLAN**

START WITH THANKFULNESS

Day 1 | Isaiah 12:4-5

Looking back over 2024, what can you give thanks to God for?
What 'glorious things' of God can you tell about from this year?

LOOKING BACK

Day 2 | 1 Chronicles 16:8-12

As we look back at what the Lord has done, we remember who He is and that gives us strength. What of God's character have you learnt more about this year?

Day 3 | Psalm 143:5

The work of God in our lives began long ago. As you look back, where can you see that God has been at work in your life?

LOOKING BACK TO LOOK FORWARD

Day 4 | Lamentations 3:20-25

Looking back and remembering can give us hope for the future. Are there parts of your life where you need God to help you remember His faithfulness?

LOOKING FORWARD

Day 5 | Proverbs 4:25-26

As you look forward to 2025, what does it look like for you to be steadfast to God?
How will you fix your gaze on Him?

Day 6 | Hebrews 12:1

Are there things that are hindering or entangling you that you'd like God to help you change or have breakthrough in in this new year? Take time today to listen to God as you ask Him about the race is that He has for you to run in 2025.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Day 7 | Ephesians 2:10

You are God's handiwork. Do you believe this about yourself? Ask God what He wants you to know about being His handiwork today.