

## WHY WRITE THE BIBLE?

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

Over the past few years we have experimented with different ways of building life-giving spiritual rhythms into our daily lives. We now find great joy and encouragement in writing out bits of the Bible, as well as recording our thanksgivings and taking time to pray each day.

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.

Writing out the Bible is a powerful practice. There’s something about seeing God’s Word written in our own handwriting that can speak to us in a new way. 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!

Why not give it a go?

## HERE’S WHAT TO DO EACH DAY:

1. **Thanksgiving** - Start the day by writing down the things you are thankful for, big or small.
2. **Write the Word** - Grab a Bible and find the passage for that day. Write it out in the space provided.
3. **Reflect** - 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.
4. **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.
5. **Rest** - Take a day to rest, reflect or catch up. Oh, and don’t worry if you miss a day; we’re not about perfection here!

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

## Ruth

### BIBLE WRITING PLAN

The book of Ruth follows the story of Naomi, her daughter-in-law Ruth and a man named Boaz. Yes, it's a love story, but one that also demonstrates the power of hope in God and His redeeming nature. Naomi, Ruth and Boaz are characters of integrity who act honourably towards each other and who ultimately form part of the lineage that leads to Jesus!

As you read and write your way through Ruth, try to spot the themes of honour, faithfulness and loyalty and how God works His purposes out through the decisions and will of the humans in the story.

<b>Day 1</b>   1:1-2	<b>Day 15</b>   2:21-23
<b>Day 2</b>   1:3-5	<b>Day 16</b>   3:1-4
<b>Day 3</b>   1:6-7	<b>Day 17</b>   3:5-8
<b>Day 4</b>   1:8-10	<b>Day 18</b>   3:9-11
<b>Day 5</b>   1:11-14	<b>Day 19</b>   3:12-13
<b>Day 6</b>   1:15-18	<b>Day 20</b>   3:14-15
<b>Day 7</b>   1:19-22	<b>Day 21</b>   3:16-18
<b>Day 8</b>   2:1-3	<b>Day 22</b>   4:1-2
<b>Day 9</b>   2:4-7	<b>Day 23</b>   4:3-4
<b>Day 10</b>   2:8-9	<b>Day 24</b>   4:5-7
<b>Day 11</b>   2:10-12	<b>Day 25</b>   4:8-10
<b>Day 12</b>   2:13-14	<b>Day 26</b>   4:11-12
<b>Day 13</b>   2:15-18	<b>Day 27</b>   4:13-16
<b>Day 14</b>   2:19-20	<b>Day 28</b>   4:17-22