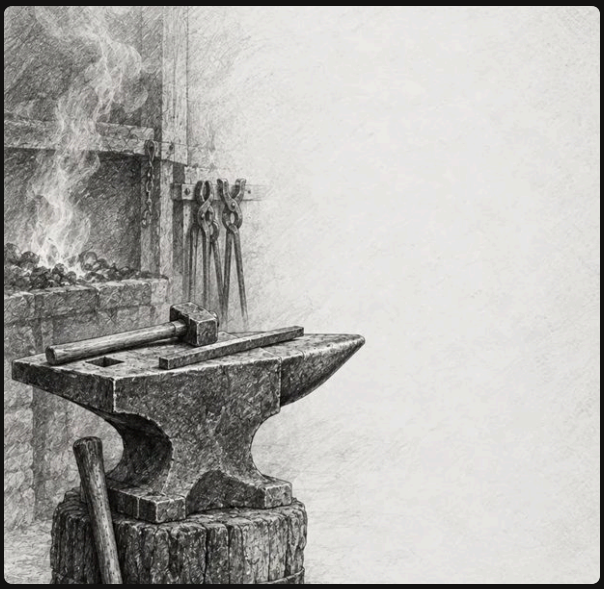
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A ONE-YEAR BIBLE READING PLAN FOR MEN

FORGED IN THE WORD.



52 WEEKS · 260 READINGS · 15 MINUTES A DAY

WHO THIS PLAN IS FOR

START WHERE YOU ARE

This plan is for the man who wants to know what the Bible says but doesn't know where to start. You don't need any background. You only need a Bible, about 15 minutes a day, and a willingness to let God's word shape you.

It doesn't try to cover the whole Bible in a year. Instead it takes you on a journey focused on biblical manhood that builds, one chapter at a time.

1. **First Steps.** Meet Jesus, then see where the story begins.
2. **Men of the Old Testament.** Learn from their strength and their failures.
3. **The Good News and the Church.** See how men obeyed the good news and how the Lord's church began.
4. **Living as a man of God.** Live it out at home, at work and among your brothers.

> *"All Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work."*
>
> 2 TIMOTHY 3:16–17

THIS PLAN BELONGS TO

STARTED ON

READING PARTNER

HOW TO USE IT

READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. SHARE.

FIVE READINGS A WEEK

One per weekday. Use Saturday to catch up and Sunday to worship with the church.

CHECK IT OFF

Mark the box beside each reading when you finish it. Small wins add up.

DON'T GO ALONE

Find one brother to read with. Talk through each week's question over coffee, by text, or at the next Ironworks breakfast.

FALL BEHIND? KEEP GOING

Don't quit because you missed a few days. Pick up at the current week.

AFTER EACH READING, ASK

1. What does this teach me about God?
2. What does it teach me about being a man?
3. Is there a command to obey, a sin to avoid, or an example to follow?
4. What will I do differently today?

WEEKS 1–10

FIRST STEPS

Meet the King, and learn where the good news begins.



IN THIS SECTION

1	Who is Jesus?	6	Faith that obeys
2	The cost of following	7	Integrity under pressure
3	The King who served	8	Called to lead
4	Made with a purpose	9	Be strong and courageous
5	Walking with God in a corrupt world	10	A father's advice to his son

> *"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."*
>
> PSALM 119:105

WEEK 1 WHO IS JESUS?

- [ ] MON Mark 1
- [ ] TUE Mark 2
- [ ] WED Mark 3
- [ ] THU Mark 4
- [ ] FRI Mark 5

MAN TO MAN
What surprised you about the way Jesus treated people?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 2 THE COST OF FOLLOWING

- [ ] MON Mark 6
- [ ] TUE Mark 7
- [ ] WED Mark 8
- [ ] THU Mark 9
- [ ] FRI Mark 10

MAN TO MAN
Jesus said to deny yourself and take up your cross (Mark 8:34). What would that cost you?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 3 THE KING WHO SERVED

- [ ] MON Mark 11
- [ ] TUE Mark 12
- [ ] WED Mark 13
- [ ] THU Mark 14
- [ ] FRI Mark 15–16

MAN TO MAN
Why does a strong man choose to serve?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 4 MADE WITH A PURPOSE

- [ ] MON Genesis 1
- [ ] TUE Genesis 2
- [ ] WED Genesis 3
- [ ] THU Genesis 4
- [ ] FRI Genesis 5

MAN TO MAN
God gave Adam work and responsibility before He gave him a wife (Genesis 2:15-18). What does that say about a man's purpose?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 5 WALKING WITH GOD IN A CORRUPT WORLD

- [ ] MON Genesis 6
- [ ] TUE Genesis 7
- [ ] WED Genesis 8
- [ ] THU Genesis 9
- [ ] FRI Genesis 11

MAN TO MAN
Noah obeyed when no one else did. Where are you tempted to go along with the crowd?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 6 FAITH THAT OBEYS

- [ ] MON Genesis 12
- [ ] TUE Genesis 15
- [ ] WED Genesis 17
- [ ] THU Genesis 22
- [ ] FRI Hebrews 11

MAN TO MAN
When has obeying God required you to trust Him without seeing the outcome?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 7 INTEGRITY UNDER PRESSURE

- [ ] MON Genesis 37
- [ ] TUE Genesis 39
- [ ] WED Genesis 41
- [ ] THU Genesis 45
- [ ] FRI Genesis 50

MAN TO MAN
Joseph ran from temptation and forgave his brothers. Which is harder for you?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 8 CALLED TO LEAD

- [ ] MON Exodus 3
- [ ] TUE Exodus 14
- [ ] WED Exodus 20
- [ ] THU Deuteronomy 6
- [ ] FRI Deuteronomy 34

MAN TO MAN
Moses made excuses when God called him. What excuses do you make?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 9 BE STRONG AND COURAGEOUS

- [ ] MON Joshua 1
- [ ] TUE Joshua 6
- [ ] WED Joshua 24
- [ ] THU Judges 6
- [ ] FRI Judges 7

MAN TO MAN
Joshua said, “As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.” What would it look like to say that in your home?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 10 A FATHER'S ADVICE TO HIS SON

- [ ] MON Proverbs 1
- [ ] TUE Proverbs 2
- [ ] WED Proverbs 3
- [ ] THU Proverbs 4
- [ ] FRI Proverbs 5

MAN TO MAN

Who taught you how to be a man? What did he get right or wrong?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

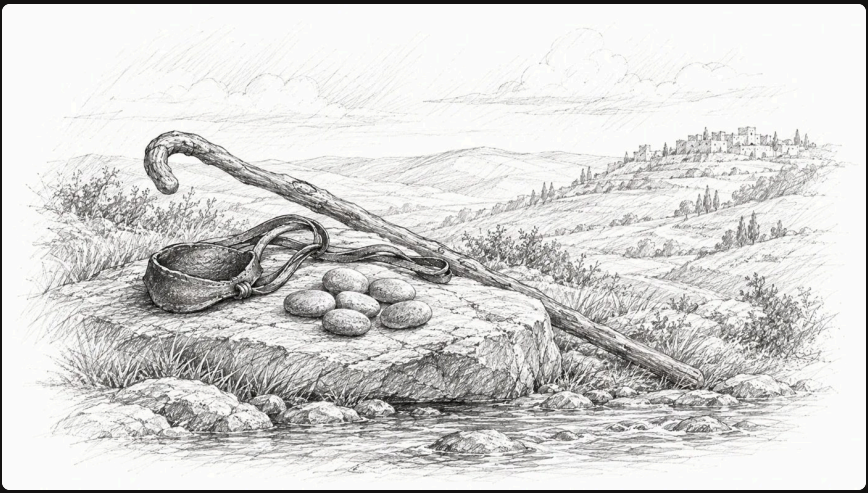
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WEEKS 11–25

MEN OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Failures and faithfulness: learning from the men who went before us.



IN THIS SECTION

11 A man of honor
12 Fathers and sons
13 The danger of pride
14 Courage and friendship
15 When a good man falls
16 A man after God's heart
17 Wisdom that was wasted
18 Wisdom for daily life
19 When a strong man gets discouraged
20 Men who turned a nation back
21 Conviction in a hostile culture
22 A builder and a leader
23 When life hits hard
24 Running from God
25 The promised King

> *"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*
>
> MICAH 6:8

WEEK 11 A MAN OF HONOR

- [ ] MON Ruth 1
- [ ] TUE Ruth 2
- [ ] WED Ruth 3
- [ ] THU Ruth 4
- [ ] FRI Proverbs 31

MAN TO MAN
Boaz protected and provided for a woman who could not repay him. Where can you show that kind of honor?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 12 FATHERS AND SONS

- [ ] MON 1 Samuel 1
- [ ] TUE 1 Samuel 2
- [ ] WED 1 Samuel 3
- [ ] THU 1 Samuel 4
- [ ] FRI 1 Samuel 8

MAN TO MAN
Eli knew his sons were wrong and did not stop them (1 Samuel 3:13). Where is God asking you to step up?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 13 THE DANGER OF PRIDE

- [ ] MON 1 Samuel 9
- [ ] TUE 1 Samuel 10
- [ ] WED 1 Samuel 13
- [ ] THU 1 Samuel 15
- [ ] FRI 1 Samuel 16

MAN TO MAN
Saul started humble and ended proud. What warning signs of pride do you see in yourself?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 14 COURAGE AND FRIENDSHIP

- [ ] MON 1 Samuel 17
- [ ] TUE 1 Samuel 18
- [ ] WED 1 Samuel 20
- [ ] THU 1 Samuel 24
- [ ] FRI 2 Samuel 9

MAN TO MAN
Jonathan was loyal to David at great cost. Who is a Jonathan in your life, and whose Jonathan are you?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 15 WHEN A GOOD MAN FALLS

- [ ] MON 2 Samuel 11
- [ ] TUE 2 Samuel 12
- [ ] WED Psalm 51
- [ ] THU Psalm 32
- [ ] FRI 2 Samuel 18

MAN TO MAN
David's sin started with a look. What first steps lead you toward sin?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 16 A MAN AFTER GOD'S HEART

- [ ] MON Psalm 1
- [ ] TUE Psalm 23
- [ ] WED Psalm 27
- [ ] THU Psalm 37
- [ ] FRI Psalm 139

MAN TO MAN
Which psalm this week spoke most to where you are right now?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 17 WISDOM THAT WAS WASTED

- [ ] MON 1 Kings 3
- [ ] TUE 1 Kings 8
- [ ] WED 1 Kings 11
- [ ] THU Ecclesiastes 2
- [ ] FRI Ecclesiastes 12

MAN TO MAN
Solomon had everything and still drifted. What pulls your heart away from God?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 18 WISDOM FOR DAILY LIFE

- [ ] MON Proverbs 6
- [ ] TUE Proverbs 10
- [ ] WED Proverbs 12
- [ ] THU Proverbs 22
- [ ] FRI Proverbs 24

MAN TO MAN
Pick one proverb about work, money or words that you need to live out this week.

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 19 WHEN A STRONG MAN GETS DISCOURAGED

- [ ] MON 1 Kings 17
- [ ] TUE 1 Kings 18
- [ ] WED 1 Kings 19
- [ ] THU 2 Kings 2
- [ ] FRI James 5

MAN TO MAN
Elijah wanted to quit right after a great victory. What do you do when you are worn out?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 20 MEN WHO TURNED A NATION BACK

- [ ] MON 2 Kings 18
- [ ] TUE 2 Kings 19
- [ ] WED 2 Kings 20
- [ ] THU 2 Kings 22
- [ ] FRI 2 Kings 23

MAN TO MAN
Josiah changed things when he read God's word (2 Kings 22:11). What has your reading changed so far?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 21 CONVICTION IN A HOSTILE CULTURE

- [ ] MON Daniel 1
- [ ] TUE Daniel 2
- [ ] WED Daniel 3
- [ ] THU Daniel 6
- [ ] FRI Daniel 9

MAN TO MAN
Daniel kept praying when it was against the law. Where does your faith cost you something?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 22 A BUILDER AND A LEADER

- [ ] MON Nehemiah 1
- [ ] TUE Nehemiah 2
- [ ] WED Nehemiah 4
- [ ] THU Nehemiah 6
- [ ] FRI Nehemiah 8

MAN TO MAN
Nehemiah prayed and worked. Which one do you tend to skip?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 23 WHEN LIFE HITS HARD

- [ ] MON Job 1
- [ ] TUE Job 2
- [ ] WED Job 38
- [ ] THU Job 40
- [ ] FRI Job 42

MAN TO MAN
How do you respond to God when life doesn't make sense?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 24 RUNNING FROM GOD

- [ ] MON Jonah 1
- [ ] TUE Jonah 2
- [ ] WED Jonah 3
- [ ] THU Jonah 4
- [ ] FRI Micah 6

MAN TO MAN
Is there something God has clearly told you to do that you are avoiding?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 25 THE PROMISED KING

- [ ] MON Isaiah 40
- [ ] TUE Isaiah 53
- [ ] WED Isaiah 55
- [ ] THU Jeremiah 31
- [ ] FRI Malachi 3

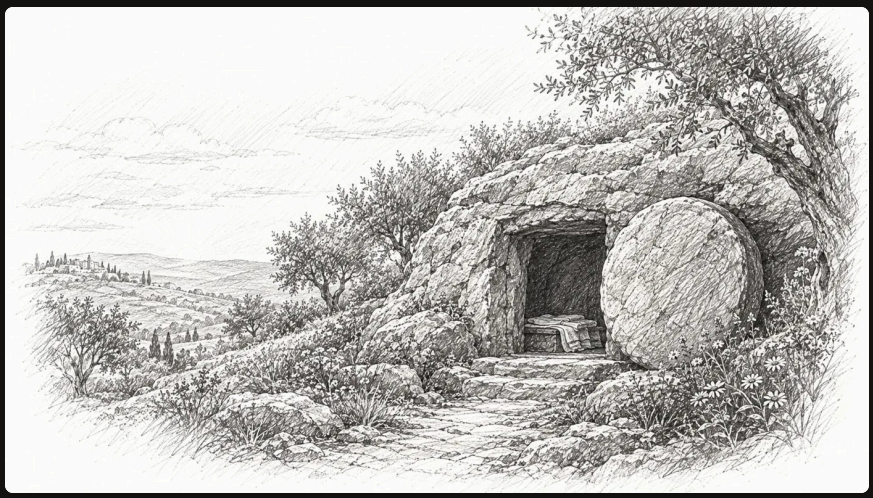
MAN TO MAN
Isaiah 53 was written centuries before Jesus. What does it tell you about Him?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEKS 26–36

THE GOOD NEWS AND THE CHURCH

What Jesus taught, and how the world responded.



IN THIS SECTION

26 The King's teaching
27 Believing in the Son
28 The Father who runs to his son
29 The church begins
30 The good news spreads
31 Taking the good news to the world
32 Standing up for the truth
33 Grace and new life
34 A living sacrifice
35 The church and the home
36 Discipline, purity and hope

> *"And Peter said to them, 'Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.'"*
>
> ACTS 2:38

WEEK 26 THE KING'S TEACHING

- [ ] MON Matthew 4
- [ ] TUE Matthew 5
- [ ] WED Matthew 6
- [ ] THU Matthew 7
- [ ] FRI Matthew 28

MAN TO MAN
Jesus said the wise man hears His words and does them (Matthew 7:24). Which teaching here is hardest for you to do?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 27 BELIEVING IN THE SON

- [ ] MON John 1
- [ ] TUE John 3
- [ ] WED John 13
- [ ] THU John 15
- [ ] FRI John 20

MAN TO MAN
Jesus washed His disciples' feet. What would washing feet look like in your home or job?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 28 THE FATHER WHO RUNS TO HIS SON

- [ ] MON Luke 9
- [ ] TUE Luke 10
- [ ] WED Luke 15
- [ ] THU Luke 22
- [ ] FRI Luke 24

MAN TO MAN
Which son in Luke 15 are you more like, the one who left or the one who stayed?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 29 THE CHURCH BEGINS

- [ ] MON Acts 1
- [ ] TUE Acts 2
- [ ] WED Acts 3
- [ ] THU Acts 4
- [ ] FRI Acts 5

MAN TO MAN
What did the people in Acts 2 ask, and what were they told to do?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 30 THE GOOD NEWS SPREADS

- [ ] MON Acts 6
- [ ] TUE Acts 7
- [ ] WED Acts 8
- [ ] THU Acts 9
- [ ] FRI Acts 10

MAN TO MAN
Look at each person who obeyed the good news in Acts 8–10. What did they all do?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 31 TAKING THE GOOD NEWS TO THE WORLD

- [ ] MON Acts 11
- [ ] TUE Acts 13
- [ ] WED Acts 14
- [ ] THU Acts 15
- [ ] FRI Acts 16

MAN TO MAN
The jailer was “baptized at once” (Acts 16:33). Why didn't he wait?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 32 STANDING UP FOR THE TRUTH

- [ ] MON Acts 17
- [ ] TUE Acts 18
- [ ] WED Acts 19
- [ ] THU Acts 20
- [ ] FRI Acts 22

MAN TO MAN
The Bereans checked everything against Scripture (Acts 17:11). How do you test what you are taught?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 33 GRACE AND NEW LIFE

- [ ] MON Romans 1
- [ ] TUE Romans 3
- [ ] WED Romans 5
- [ ] THU Romans 6
- [ ] FRI Romans 8

MAN TO MAN
Romans 6 describes baptism as dying to the old life. What old life is God calling you to leave behind?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 34 A LIVING SACRIFICE

- [ ] MON Romans 10
- [ ] TUE Romans 12
- [ ] WED Romans 13
- [ ] THU Galatians 2
- [ ] FRI Galatians 5

MAN TO MAN
Which fruit of the Spirit (Galatians 5:22–23) is weakest in your life right now?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 35 THE CHURCH AND THE HOME

- [ ] MON Ephesians 1
- [ ] TUE Ephesians 2
- [ ] WED Ephesians 4
- [ ] THU Ephesians 5
- [ ] FRI Ephesians 6

MAN TO MAN
Husbands are to love their wives "as Christ loved the church." What does that ask of a man?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 36 DISCIPLINE, PURITY AND HOPE

- [ ] MON 1 Corinthians 6
- [ ] TUE 1 Corinthians 9
- [ ] WED 1 Corinthians 10
- [ ] THU 1 Corinthians 13
- [ ] FRI 1 Corinthians 15

MAN TO MAN
Paul said he disciplined his body like an athlete (1 Corinthians 9:27). What area of your life needs more discipline?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

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WEEKS 37–52

LIVING AS A MAN OF GOD

Putting it all together at home, at work, and in your relationships.



IN THIS SECTION

37	Joy and contentment	45	A man and his marriage
38	The qualities of a godly man	46	A man and his children
39	Passing it on	47	A man and his work
40	Faith that works	48	A man and his words
41	Standing firm when it's hard	49	A man and his walk
42	Growing up in the faith	50	A man and temptation
43	A better covenant	51	Finish strong
44	Running the race	52	Choose this day

> *"Rather train yourself for godliness; for while bodily training is of some value, godliness is of value in every way, as it holds promise for the present life and also for the life to come."*
>
> 1 TIMOTHY 4:7–8

WEEK 37 JOY AND CONTENTMENT

- [ ] MON Philippians 1
- [ ] TUE Philippians 2
- [ ] WED Philippians 3
- [ ] THU Philippians 4
- [ ] FRI Colossians 3

MAN TO MAN
Paul wrote about joy from a prison. What steals your contentment?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 38 THE QUALITIES OF A GODLY MAN

- [ ] MON 1 Timothy 1
- [ ] TUE 1 Timothy 2
- [ ] WED 1 Timothy 3
- [ ] THU 1 Timothy 4
- [ ] FRI 1 Timothy 6

MAN TO MAN
Read the qualities in 1 Timothy 3. Which one do you most need to grow in?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 39 PASSING IT ON

- [ ] MON 2 Timothy 1
- [ ] TUE 2 Timothy 2
- [ ] WED 2 Timothy 3
- [ ] THU 2 Timothy 4
- [ ] FRI Titus 2

MAN TO MAN
Who is your Paul, and who is your Timothy?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 40 FAITH THAT WORKS

- [ ] MON James 1
- [ ] TUE James 2
- [ ] WED James 3
- [ ] THU James 4
- [ ] FRI James 5

MAN TO MAN
James says faith without works is dead. Where does your faith need to show up in action?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 41 STANDING FIRM WHEN IT'S HARD

- [ ] MON 1 Peter 1
- [ ] TUE 1 Peter 2
- [ ] WED 1 Peter 3
- [ ] THU 1 Peter 4
- [ ] FRI 1 Peter 5

MAN TO MAN
Peter once denied Jesus and later wrote this letter. What does that tell you about second chances?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 42 GROWING UP IN THE FAITH

- [ ] MON 2 Peter 1
- [ ] TUE 2 Peter 3
- [ ] WED 1 John 1
- [ ] THU 1 John 3
- [ ] FRI 1 John 4

MAN TO MAN
Peter lists qualities to add to your faith (2 Peter 1:5–7). Which one will you work on next?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 43 A BETTER COVENANT

- [ ] MON Hebrews 1
- [ ] TUE Hebrews 2
- [ ] WED Hebrews 4
- [ ] THU Hebrews 10
- [ ] FRI Hebrews 11

MAN TO MAN
Hebrews 10:25 warns against neglecting to meet together. Why do men drift from the assembly?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 44 RUNNING THE RACE

- [ ] MON Hebrews 12
- [ ] TUE Hebrews 13
- [ ] WED 1 Thessalonians 4
- [ ] THU 1 Thessalonians 5
- [ ] FRI Jude

MAN TO MAN
What "weight" do you need to lay aside to run well (Hebrews 12:1)?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 45 A MAN AND HIS MARRIAGE

- [ ] MON Genesis 2
- [ ] TUE Proverbs 5
- [ ] WED Matthew 19
- [ ] THU Ephesians 5
- [ ] FRI 1 Peter 3

MAN TO MAN
What is one way you can love your wife (or prepare to) the way Scripture describes?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 46 A MAN AND HIS CHILDREN

- [ ] MON Deuteronomy 6
- [ ] TUE Psalm 127
- [ ] WED Proverbs 4
- [ ] THU Ephesians 6
- [ ] FRI Luke 15

MAN TO MAN
What do you want your children (or the young people around you) to learn from watching you?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 47 A MAN AND HIS WORK

- [ ] MON Proverbs 6
- [ ] TUE Luke 12
- [ ] WED Colossians 3
- [ ] THU 2 Thessalonians 3
- [ ] FRI 1 Timothy 6

MAN TO MAN
Do you work heartily, "as for the Lord and not for men" (Colossians 3:23)?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 48 A MAN AND HIS WORDS

- [ ] MON Proverbs 15
- [ ] TUE Proverbs 16
- [ ] WED Matthew 12
- [ ] THU Ephesians 4
- [ ] FRI James 3

MAN TO MAN
What would the people closest to you say about how you talk to them?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 49 A MAN AND HIS WALK

- [ ] MON Ecclesiastes 4
- [ ] TUE Proverbs 27
- [ ] WED Romans 12
- [ ] THU Galatians 6
- [ ] FRI Hebrews 10

MAN TO MAN

"Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." Who walks beside you and sharpens you?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 50 A MAN AND TEMPTATION

- [ ] MON Genesis 39
- [ ] TUE Proverbs 7
- [ ] WED Matthew 4
- [ ] THU 1 Corinthians 10
- [ ] FRI 1 John 2

MAN TO MAN

What is your way of escape when temptation comes (1 Corinthians 10:13)?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 51 FINISH STRONG

- [ ] MON Deuteronomy 31
- [ ] TUE Joshua 14
- [ ] WED 1 Kings 2
- [ ] THU Psalm 71
- [ ] FRI Psalm 90

MAN TO MAN

Caleb was still ready to follow the Lord fully at 85 (Joshua 14:10–14). What will keep you faithful for the long haul?

MY TAKEAWAY _____

WEEK 52 CHOOSE THIS DAY

- [ ] MON Psalm 1
- [ ] TUE Joshua 24
- [ ] WED Micah 6
- [ ] THU 2 Timothy 4
- [ ] FRI Matthew 28

MAN TO MAN

Looking back over the year, what has God changed in you? What is your next step?

MY TAKEAWAY

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AFTER THE YEAR

A FOUNDATION, NOT A FINISH LINE

> *"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love."*
>
> 1 CORINTHIANS 16:13–14

READ THE WHOLE BIBLE

Next year, read it cover to cover.

GO DEEPER IN ONE BOOK

Pick a book you loved this year and read it slowly with a brother.

LEAD ANOTHER MAN

"What you have heard from me … entrust to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also" (2 Timothy 2:2).

LOOKING BACK, WHAT HAS GOD CHANGED IN YOU?



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