

A person is sitting at a white table, holding a white mug of coffee. In front of them is a black plate with five chocolate chip muffins. To the left, an open book is lying flat on the table. A small potted plant is visible in the background. The scene is lit with soft, natural light, creating a warm and cozy atmosphere.

# ANCHORED

*in the Word*

**October - December 2024**

Year 1 / Quarter 4

Dear friend,

*Anchored in the Word* is a resource to help you read the Bible more consistently and fruitfully. Following this guide will lead you to read thoughtfully through the entire Bible over the course of three years. There are selections to read five days per week. One day per week is devoted to the New Testament, three to the Old, and one to the Psalms.

For each day of the quarter this guide includes a passage to read, a one sentence summary of the day's reading, and a question to help you notice the text. The guide is divided by weeks with a blank page to take notes each week. As you consider the provided questions, think carefully about how the truths in these passages apply to your life.

- What does this teach me about God? Reflect on what the passage reveals about God's character, will, and ways.
- How can I apply this to my life? Think about practical ways the passage's teachings can be lived out in your daily life.
- Is there a command to obey or an example to follow? Look for direct instructions or examples set by biblical figures.
- What does this teach me about human nature or the world? Consider insights the passage offers about humanity and the world around you.
- Is there a promise to claim? Identify promises in the passage and reflect on their relevance to your life.
- How does this passage challenge or encourage me?
- What prayer points emerge from this reading? Use insights from the passage to guide your prayer life.
- How can I share this with others? Think about ways to discuss or demonstrate the lessons learned with those around you.

Remember to pray before, during and in response to reading. May God bless you as you read His Word! The goal is to let the Scripture speak into your life, guiding and transforming you according to its truth.

All quotations are the from the Legacy Standard Bible (LSB) which you can read online at [read.lsbible.org](http://read.lsbible.org) or in many Bible apps.

# Week 40 (September 30 – October 4)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Let us come before His presence with thanksgiving, Let us make a loud shout to Him with songs of praise. (Psalm 95:2)*

### **LUKE 10:17-11:28**

*Jesus rejoices in the success of the disciples, teaches about loving others, instructs on prayer, & addresses accusations about His power.*

How do Jesus' teachings and interactions in this passage emphasize the importance of compassion and prayer?

### **NUMBERS 14**

*The Israelites react with fear to the spies' report, leading to God's judgment that they will wander for forty years.*

Why do you think specific instructions were given for these items, and how might they enhance worship?

### **NUMBERS 15**

*God gives additional laws regarding offerings, unintentional sins, and Sabbath violations.*

How serious are you about following God's commands?

### **NUMBERS 16**

*Korah, Dathan, and Abiram lead a rebellion against Moses and Aaron, resulting in God's dramatic judgment against the rebels.*

What can be learned from the rebellion of Korah and its aftermath about the consequences of challenging God's appointed leaders?

### **PSALM 95**

*A call to worship and trust in Yahweh, contrasting the joy of praising God with a warning against hardening hearts as in the wilderness.*

How does this psalm balance the invitation to worship with a warning from Israel's history, and what is the intended effect on the worshiper?



# Week 41 (October 7-11)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Then He said to them, "Watch out and be on your guard against every form of greed, for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)*

### **LUKE 11:29-12:21**

*Jesus warns against seeking signs, denounces the Pharisees' hypocrisy, and teaches about the importance of being rich toward God.*

How do Jesus' warnings and parables in this passage challenge people's views on faith and prosperity?

### **NUMBERS 17-18**

*God confirms Aaron's priesthood and provides detailed instructions on the responsibilities for the priests and Levites.*

What does the miraculous sign of Aaron's staff reveal about God's authority and care for His servants?

### **NUMBERS 19:1-20:13**

*God gives laws about purification; Moses and Aaron disobey God's command, leading to their exclusion from the Promised Land.*

What is the significance of the red heifer ritual, and what lessons can be learned from Moses and Aaron's failure?

### **NUMBERS 20:14-21:35**

*Israel faces rejection by Edom, Aaron's death, victories over Canaanite kings, and serpents as God guides and disciplines them.*

How do these events demonstrate both God's provision & discipline?

### **PSALM 78:1-10**

*The psalmist recounts God's mighty deeds and faithfulness, contrasting it with Israel's disobedience and unfaithfulness.*

What specific lessons are intended for you from this history song?



# Week 42 (October 14-18)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*God is not a man, that He should lie, nor a son of man, that He should repent; has He said, and will He not do it? Or has He spoken, and will He not establish it? (Numbers 23:19)*

### **LUKE 12:22-13:9**

*Jesus teaches about trusting God for provision, being ready for His return, and the need for repentance.*

How do you express your trust in God for your provisions?

### **NUMBERS 22:1-40**

*Balak summons Balaam to curse Israel, but Balaam encounters resistance from God, who speaks through a donkey.*

What does this story reveal about God's control over human intentions and actions?

### **NUMBERS 22:41-24:25**

*Balaam blesses Israel instead of cursing them, delivering prophetic messages about their future victories and God's favor upon them.*

How does this story encourage you when others oppose you? Is God ever hindered?

### **NUMBERS 25**

*Israel falls into sin by worshiping Baal, leading to God's judgment and a plague until Phinehas zealously intervenes to stop it.*

What lessons can be learned from Israel's sin and Phinehas' zealous action?

### **PSALM 78:11-23**

*The psalmist recounts Israel's forgetfulness of God's miracles in Egypt and the wilderness, emphasizing their ingratitude and rebellion.*

How does the recounting of Israel's history serve as a warning and an exhortation to remember and trust in God's faithfulness?





# Week 43 (October 21-25)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 14:11)*

### **LUKE 13:10-14:35**

*Jesus heals on the Sabbath, teaches about the Kingdom of God through parables, and emphasizes the cost of discipleship.*

How do Jesus' miracles and teachings in these chapters challenge societal norms and underscore the demands of following Him?

### **NUMBERS 26**

*A second census of the Israelites is conducted to determine the division of the Promised Land among the tribes.*

How does this census reflect God's faithfulness in fulfilling His promises?

### **NUMBERS 27-28**

*The daughters of Zelophehad request inheritance rights; Joshua appointed as Moses' successor; daily offerings & festivals are reiterated.*

How does the inheritance request for women demonstrate God's justice and provision?

### **NUMBERS 29**

*God provides detailed instructions for additional offerings during various festivals, including the Feast of Trumpets and the Day of Atonement.*

Why are these things important for Israel to maintain a covenant relationship with God?

### **PSALMS 78:24-40**

*The psalmist recalls Israel's persistent rebellion and God's compassion despite their unfaithfulness.*

Which one of your relationships could benefit from you demonstrating this kind of patience and mercy?



# Week 44 (October 28 – November 1)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*In the same way, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents. (Luke 15:10)*

### **LUKE 15:1–16:13**

*Jesus shares parables of the lost sheep, coin, and prodigal son to illustrate God's joy.*

How do the parables in these chapters reveal God's joy and His perspective on using material resources?

### **NUMBERS 30:1-31:24**

*God gives laws concerning vows, and Israel defeats the Midianites, purifying the spoils and people involved in the battle.*

What do the laws about vows and the handling of war spoils teach about the importance of integrity and purity?

### **NUMBERS 31:25-54**

*Instructions are given for dividing the plunder from the battle, including portions for the warriors, the congregation, and Yahweh.*

How does the division of the spoils reflect the principles of justice and gratitude towards God?

### **NUMBERS 32**

*The tribes of Reuben and Gad request to settle in the land east of the Jordan, agreeing to help the other tribes conquer Canaan.*

What does this agreement demonstrate about unity and commitment?

### **PSALM 78:41-54**

*The psalmist recounts God's miracles in Egypt and leading Israel out of bondage, contrasting it with their continued rebellion.*

How does this portion of the psalm emphasize both God's powerful acts of deliverance and Israel's persistent unfaithfulness?



# Week 45 (November 4-8)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*But it is easier for heaven and earth to pass away than for one stroke of a letter of the Law to fail. (Luke 16:17)*

### **LUKE 16:14-17:37**

*Jesus rebukes the religious hypocrites, teaches about the rich man and Lazarus, instructs on forgiveness, faith, & the coming of the kingdom.*

What do Jesus' teachings and parables reveal about the values and behaviors expected in the kingdom of God?

### **NUMBERS 33-34**

*Moses reviews Israel's journey from Egypt, and God provides detailed instructions on the boundaries and division of the Promised Land.*

How does the recounting of the journey and the boundaries of the Promised Land emphasize God's faithfulness and plans for Israel?

### **NUMBERS 35-36**

*Cities of refuge are established for accidental manslaughter, and laws regarding inheritance for daughters are given.*

How do the cities of refuge and the inheritance laws reflect God's concern for justice and the preservation of tribal integrity?

### **DEUTERONOMY 1**

*Moses recounts Israel's journey from Sinai to Kadesh Barnea, their refusal to enter the Promised Land, and the consequences of their rebellion.*

What lessons does Moses emphasize from Israel's past mistakes?

### **PSALM 78:55-72**

*The psalmist recounts God's faithfulness in giving Israel the Land and raising David as their shepherd, contrasting it with their disobedience.*

How does the psalmist use the contrast between God's faithfulness and Israel's rebellion to call for renewed commitment and trust in God?



# Week 46 (November 11-15)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Know therefore today, and take it to your heart, that Yahweh, He is God in heaven above and on the earth below; there is no other.*

*(Deuteronomy 4:39)*

## LUKE 18

*Jesus teaches about persistent prayer, humility, wealth, & the kingdom of God, healing a blind beggar and predicting His death & resurrection.*

How do Jesus' teachings and actions in this chapter challenge societal values and highlight the principles of His kingdom?

## DEUTERONOMY 2

*Moses recounts Israel's journey through the wilderness, their encounters with Edom, Moab, & Ammon, and the defeat of King Sihon.*

What does the account of Israel's journey and their interactions with neighboring nations reveal about God's guidance and provision?

## DEUTERONOMY 3:1-4:14

*Moses recounts the defeat of King Og of Bashan, and reminds Israel of God's laws, urging obedience and preparing them to enter the Land.*

How do the victories over Og and Sihon, along with Moses' exhortations, reinforce the importance of obedience to God?

## DEUTERONOMY 4:15-49

*Moses warns against idolatry, emphasizes the uniqueness of God, and reminds Israel of their deliverance from Egypt.*

What warnings and reminders does Moses give to ensure Israel remains faithful to God as they enter the Promised Land?

## PSALM 36

*The psalmist contrasts the wickedness of men with the steadfast love and righteousness of God.*

How does the psalmist's depiction of God's attributes inspire trust and confidence in His care and justice?





# Week 47 (November 18-22)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*You shall love Yahweh your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. (Deuteronomy 6:5-6)*

### **LUKE 19**

*Jesus brings salvation to Zacchaeus, teaches the parable of the ten minas, and laments over Jerusalem, foretelling its destruction.*

How do Jesus' actions and teachings in this chapter reveal His mission?

### **DEUTERONOMY 5-6**

*Moses emphasizes the importance of loving God wholeheartedly, instructing Israel to teach these commands to their children.*

What does Moses' emphasis on obedience and love for God reveal about the foundation of Israel's relationship with Him?

### **DEUTERONOMY 7-8**

*Moses warns Israel against idolatry, highlights their chosen status, and reminds them of God's provision and the lessons of the wilderness.*

How do Moses' warnings and reminders about idolatry and dependence on God prepare Israel for life in the Promised Land?

### **DEUTERONOMY 9-10**

*Moses recounts Israel's rebellion with the golden calf, emphasizes God's mercy, and urges them to circumcise their hearts and fear the Lord.*

What lessons does Moses draw from Israel's past disobedience?

### **PSALM 119:17-32**

*The psalmist prays for understanding and strength to keep God's commandments amidst persecution.*

How does the psalmist's prayer reflect a reliance on God's word for guidance, comfort, and perseverance in times of trouble?



# Week 48 (November 25-29)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Whatever I am commanding you, you shall be careful to do; you shall not add to nor take away from it. (Deuteronomy 12:32)*

### **LUKE 20**

*Jesus teaches and responds to questions in the temple, and warns against the hypocrisy of the scribes.*

How do Jesus' interactions with the religious leaders and His teachings in this chapter challenge their authority?

### **DEUTERONOMY 11**

*Moses urges Israel to love and obey God, promising blessings for obedience and warning of curses for disobedience, emphasizing the need to teach these commands to their children.*

How does Moses reinforce the importance of teaching God's commands?

### **DEUTERONOMY 12-13**

*Moses instructs Israel to worship God only at the designated place, destroy idolatrous sites, and warns against false prophets and idolatry.*

Why does Moses place such strong emphasis on centralized worship, and what are the consequences of failing to do so?

### **DEUTERONOMY 14-15**

*God gives laws on clean and unclean animals, tithing, the Sabbatical year, and the treatment of servants.*

How do these laws reflect God's concern for holiness, social justice, and the well-being of the community?

### **PSALM 115**

*A psalm contrasting the power and faithfulness of God with the impotence of idols, urging trust in the Lord.*

How does the psalmist use the contrast between God and idols to encourage trust and praise among God's people?



# Week 49 (December 2-6)

## VERSES OF THE WEEK

*If I were hungry I would not tell you, For the world is Mine, as well as its fullness. (Psalm 50:12)*

### **LUKE 21:1-22:13**

*Jesus observes the widow's offering, foretells the destruction of the temple and end times, and observes the Passover.*

How do Jesus' teachings on the widow's offering and the end times prepare His disciples for the coming challenges?

### **DEUTERONOMY 16-17**

*Moses instructs Israel on the observance annual festivals, establishes justice, and outlines rules for future kings.*

What significance do the festivals hold in shaping Israel's identity?

### **DEUTERONOMY 18-19**

*God provides laws regarding the Levitical priests, forbids occult practices, promises a prophet like Moses, and establishes cities of refuge and laws for witnesses.*

How do the provisions for priests and prophets, as well as the cities of refuge, underscore God's commitment to guidance, justice, and protection?

### **DEUTERONOMY 20:1-21:9**

*Moses gives instructions for warfare, including exemptions, treatment of captives, and purification rites for unsolved murders, emphasizing ethical conduct in conflict.*

What principles of justice and compassion are reflected in the laws for warfare and the treatment of captives?

### **PSALM 50**

*God calls His people to true worship, emphasizing the importance of thanksgiving, righteousness, and the futility of empty rituals.*

How does the psalmist convey the importance of genuine worship and the consequences of hypocrisy in the relationship with God?



# Week 50 (December 9-13)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*A father of the fatherless and a judge for the widows, Is God in His holy habitation. (Psalm 68:5)*

### **LUKE 22:14-71**

*Jesus initiates the Last Supper before being betrayed by Judas, arrested, and faces questioning by the Sanhedrin.*

How do these events highlight Jesus' foreknowledge of and commitment to His mission?

### **DEUTERONOMY 21:10-22:30**

*Moses gives laws on various moral and social issues and makes prohibitions against sexual immorality.*

How do these laws reflect the balance between justice and compassion?

### **DEUTERONOMY 23-24**

*God provides various laws on who can enter the assembly, cleanliness in the camp, vows, treatment of escaped slaves, and social justice, including care for the poor and marginalized.*

What do these laws reveal about God's care for the vulnerable?

### **DEUTERONOMY 25-26**

*Moses instructs on fair punishments, just measures, the treatment of widows, and the firstfruits offering.*

How do the rituals of firstfruits and tithes reinforce the people's dependence on God?

### **PSALM 68:1-15**

*A psalm celebrating God's power, victories, and provision for His people, portraying Him as a defender of the oppressed and the righteous.*

How does the psalmist's depiction of God's might and care inspire confidence and praise among the faithful?





# Week 51 (December 16-20)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*Blessed be the Lord, who daily bears our burden, The God who is our salvation. Selah. (Psalm 68:19)*

### **LUKE 23**

*Jesus is tried before Pilate and Herod, crucified between two criminals, and buried in a tomb by Joseph of Arimathea.*

How do these events demonstrate Jesus' innocence and fulfil prophecy?

### **DEUTERONOMY 27:1-28:14**

*Moses instructs Israel to set up stones with the law on them, promising prosperity and protection for obedience.*

What is the significance of the blessings for obedience, and how do they serve to motivate the Israelites to follow God's commands?

### **DEUTERONOMY 28:15-68**

*Moses outlines the curses for disobedience, detailing the various calamities and sufferings that will befall Israel.*

What do the curses teach about the seriousness of covenant faithfulness?

### **DEUTERONOMY 29-30**

*Moses renews the covenant, reminding Israel of God's past faithfulness and calling them to choose life & prosperity through obedience to God.*

What does Moses' call to choose life and his reminder of God's faithfulness reveal about the nature of the covenant relationship?

### **PSALM 68:16-35**

*The psalmist celebrates God's victories and provision for His people, then calls for the nations to praise Him.*

How does the psalmist's depiction of God inspire worship and recognition of His sovereignty among all nations?



# Week 52 (December 23-27)

## VERSE OF THE WEEK

*And they said to one another, "Were not our hearts burning within us while He was speaking to us on the road, while He was opening the Scriptures to us?" (Luke 24:32)*

### **LUKE 24**

*Jesus rises from the dead, appears to His disciples, ascends to heaven, commissioning the disciples as witnesses.*

How do Jesus' resurrection appearances and His explanation of the Scriptures provide assurance and purpose to His disciples?

### **DEUTERONOMY 31:1-29**

*Moses passes leadership to Joshua, writes down the law, and instructs Israel to read it regularly, warning them of future disobedience.*

What does Moses' transfer of leadership and his warnings about future disobedience reveal about the importance of faithfulness and continuity?

### **DEUTERONOMY 31:30-32:52**

*Moses sings a song recounting God's faithfulness and Israel's rebellion, urging them to remember and obey the law before his death.*

How does Moses' song serve as both a reminder and a warning to Israel about the consequences of their actions?

### **DEUTERONOMY 33-34**

*Moses blesses the tribes of Israel, views the Promised Land from Mount Nebo, and dies, leaving a legacy of leadership and prophecy.*

What significance do Moses' blessings and his final acts hold for the future of Israel and their journey into the Promised Land?

### **PSALM 18:1-14**

*David praises God for His deliverance and strength.*

How does David's depiction of God's deliverance in these verses inspire confidence and trust in God's protection and power?



