**Saturated With Scripture**

*Studying The Bible One Book At A Time*

1. Phase 1 (Week 1): Get Familiar
   1. Read through the book in one sitting every day.
   2. As you read look for repeated words or ideas.
   3. Record at least one thing that you noticed about the text and how it affects your faith using the H.E.A.R. method:
   * Highlight- record one thing that encouraged you.
   * Explain- write in your own words what this means.
   * Apply- write out how this should change your life.
   * Respond- write out one way you will act on this.
2. Phase 2 (Week 2): Identify The Major Themes
   1. Continue to read through the book in one sitting every day.
   2. Highlight the names of the Trinity in different colors.
   3. Each day highlight one key word or idea that is repeated in the epistle.
   4. Start a list of verses or words you want to understand better.
   5. Record one thing each day and how it affects your faith.
3. Phase 3 (Week 3): Clarify the Specifics
   1. Look up word meanings of key words.
   2. Consult a Study Bible or commentary to better understand difficult verses.
   3. Seek help understanding challenging passages through resources or people.
   4. Continue to identify connections and themes in the book.
   5. Record one thing each day and how it affects your faith.
4. Phase 4 (Week 4): Dig Deeper
   1. Take a chapter per day and summarize each paragraph or section of verses in one sentence.
   2. Try to identify the major theme of the book in one sentence or phrase.
   3. Read through the book each day and make a list of:
      1. Promises of God
      2. Commands to obey (sins to put off, virtues to put on, etc.)
      3. “One another” passages
      4. Prayers
   4. Record one thing each day and how it affects your faith.
5. Phase 5 and beyond: Explore the Depths
   1. Continue the studies suggested in phase 4.
   2. Explore what other parts of the Bible say about the major themes you highlighted.
   3. Try to identify how the life, death and resurrection of Jesus connects to what is being taught.
   4. Continue to journal about what God teaches you as you explore.

Resources for further reading/study:

* “Why Believe the Bible?” by John MacArthur
* “Dig Deeper” by Nigel Beynon and Andrew Sach
* “How to Study the Bible” by Robert West
* “Living by the Book” by Howard Hendricks and William Hendricks

**2 Peter 1**

**1** Simon Peter, a bondservant and apostle of Jesus Christ,

To those who have obtained like precious faith with us by the righteousness of our God and Savior Jesus Christ:

**2**Grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord, **3**as His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, **4**by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.

**5**But also for this very reason, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue, to virtue knowledge, **6**to knowledge self-control, to self-control perseverance, to perseverance godliness, **7**to godliness brotherly kindness, and to brotherly kindness love. **8**For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. **9**For he who lacks these things is shortsighted, even to blindness, and has forgotten that he was cleansed from his old sins.

**10**Therefore, brethren, be even more diligent to make your call and election sure, for if you do these things you will never stumble; **11**for so an entrance will be supplied to you abundantly into the everlasting kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

**12**For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth. **13**Yes, I think it is right, as long as I am in this tent, to stir you up by reminding you, **14**knowing that shortly I must put off my tent, just as our Lord Jesus Christ showed me. **15**Moreover I will be careful to ensure that you always have a reminder of these things after my decease.

**16**For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were eyewitnesses of His majesty. **17**For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” **18**And we heard this voice which came from heaven when we were with Him on the holy mountain.

**19**And so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts; **20**knowing this first, that no prophecy of Scripture is of any private interpretation, **21**for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as they were moved by the Holy Spirit.