



# PHILIPPIANS

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A summer  
Bible-reading  
plan



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- This summer we are exploring the book of Philippians in the Bible together. And we want to encourage everyone to have a go at reading it. It's a fairly short read, and we want to read in slowly, prayerfully... and then quickly!

Philippians is a letter from Paul to the church in a place called Philippi. Like all letters, it had a purpose, it is personal - and likely was never written to 'be included' in Scripture. But over the years, it was deemed so helpful that it's now part of the Bible.

Read it with intrigue. Ask questions of it. Be encouraged by it. Be challenged by it. Read with friends, with family, with the kids. Compare notes with others, exchange ideas, bring encouragement to others.

Start each reading with a moment to still yourself and just pray "help me, Jesus".

Don't let this reading plan become a legalistic thing in your life this summer - **enjoy** the word of God.

## WEEKS 1-4: READ SLOW

We've split the readings in to smaller chunks. Enjoy them. Chew them over. Read them a couple of times if you would like. Let them marinate in your mind as your day goes on.

Often our reading plans can be demanding. Let the Word of God here reach gently into the depths of who you are. In the weeks ahead we'll read more quickly. But for now, enjoy these little chunks of Paul's writing. Ask the Holy Spirit to highlight to you what He might have to say for your good, your growth and the benefit of those around you.

A video to get your started:

We often recommend the videos and podcast of the Bible Project. A few years back they prepared a short overview video for Philippians. To watch **scan the QR code** below or go to **[nenevalley.church/philippians](https://nenevalley.church/philippians)**.



*Scan me to watch the video!*

DATE	READING
Mon 1st Aug	Philippians 1:1-8
Tue 2nd Aug	Philippians 1:9-11
Wed 3rd Aug	Philippians 1:12-19
Thu 4th Aug	Philippians 1:18-26
Fri 5th Aug	Philippians 1:27-30
Sat 6th Aug	Catch up day
Sun 7th Aug	Rest day
Mon 8th Aug	Philippians 2:1-4
Tue 9th Aug	Philippians 2:5-11
Wed 10th Aug	Philippians 2:12-18
Thu 11th Aug	Philippians 2:19-22
Fri 12th Aug	Philippians 2:23-30
Sat 13th Aug	Catch-up day
Sun 14th Aug	Rest day
Mon 15th Aug	Philippians 3:1-6
Tue 16th Aug	Philippians 3:7-11
Wed 17th Aug	Philippians 3:12-16
Thu 18th Aug	Philippians 3:17-19
Fri 19th Aug	Philippians 3:18-21
Sat 20th Aug	Catch-up day
Sun 21st Aug	Rest day
Mon 22nd Aug	Philippians 4:1-7
Tue 23rd Aug	Philippians 4:8-9
Wed 24th Aug	Philippians 4:10-13
Thu 25th Aug	Philippians 4:14-19
Fri 26th Aug	Philippians 4:20-23
Sat 27th Aug	Catch-up day
Sun 28th Aug	Rest day

## WEEKS 5 & 6: READ FASTER

Philippians is a letter that would likely have been read out loud in a gathered setting for the original hearers. It was written without chapter and verse markings (the numbers). So we want to explore readings larger chunks of the book, but also trying to read it as intended - a letter of love and care from a church-planting pastor to those he entrusted the mission to in a now-distant city.

In week 5, we want to read in larger chunks - purposely crossing chapters markings.

In week 6, daily, the challenge is to read the entire letter.

See what stands out to you as you read and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you.

***If this is too much reading, why not revisit weeks 1 and 2?***

DATE	READING
Mon 29th Aug	Phillipians 1:1-26
Tue 30th Aug	Philippians 1:27-2:18
Wed 31st Aug	Philippians 2:19-3:16
Thu 1st Sep	Philippians 3:17-4:3
Fri 2nd Sep	Philippians 4:4-end
Sat 3rd Sep	Catch up day
Sun 4th Sp	Rest day
Mon 5th-Fri 9th Sep	Read all through chapters 1-4 each day. If you can, remove chapter and verse markings.
Sat 13th Aug	Catch-up day
Sun 14th Aug	Rest day



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