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Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Do you already have your New Year's resolution chosen for 2021? If you don't, that's fine. And if you do, I have another one for you!

It's called the **2021 Read Scripture Challenge**, and we want to invite YOU to join us!

What is the Read Scripture Challenge, you ask? It is a Bible reading plan that will take us through the entire Bible in one year. The schedule will have us read about 4 chapters from the Bible each day (should take most people about 15-20 minutes to complete).

There are a couple of different ways you can get involved:

- Download the "Read Scripture" app on your phone, tablet, etc. This app has the daily reading schedule, along with videos that will help you learn a lot and better understand what you're reading in God's Word. You can even read the Bible directly from the app if you want!
- Use the Read Scripture Challenge reading schedule that we have included with this letter. If you aren't really a "tech-loving, app-using person", no worries! We do recommend that you use the app for the videos, but you can easily just read from your own Bible and access the videos at www.thebibleproject.com. Go to that website and click on the "Videos" tab at the top of the screen, and you'll be able to find the video assigned for a particular day of reading.
- Fill out the "Commitment" form included with this letter and return it to St. Paul. This is one way for you to say "I'm in!" and help us all make this our priority as we head into 2021.

If you need help with anything, please contact us at St. Paul and we will answer any questions you have or try to get you ready to jump into the Read Scripture Challenge with us!

Here are a few other helpful hints and words of encouragement:

- It's best to do this Challenge with someone else! Do it along with your spouse, your family, a friend, your small group, etc. Find an accountability partner so you can take on this challenge together! And invite anyone else you know, even people who don't go to St. Paul (or any church for that matter!).



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- If you miss a day or two or nine, **DON'T GIVE UP!** If you can catch up, go for it, but you can also just jump to the current day's reading and keep going forward. Give yourself some grace if you miss a few days. Starting a new habit can be very difficult, but this Read Scripture Challenge is meant to be a fun way for all of us together to grow deeper in our relationship with God.

Throughout 2021, the pastors will be basing their sermons upon the weekly readings of the Read Scripture Challenge. If you have any questions as you read through the Bible, the pastors would love to try to answer them!

Whether you've already read the entire Bible once or a bunch of times, or whether you have barely ever read anything in the Bible, the Read Scripture Challenge is for you! We are really excited for this adventure as we head into 2021! Please join us as we read God's Word together--we know the Holy Spirit will use this year to help us get to know Jesus better and to become more like Him!

In Christ,

Pastor Jeff Smith