



## Read Through The Bible With Us JJP 2024 Annual Scripture Challenge

Janet and Jocelyn have the goal of reading through the Bible annually to keep growing. Join them in 2024 and share your Bible reading adventures by using **#readwithJJP** and **#joyfuljourneypodcast** on all social media. Email us at [joyfuljourneyquestions@outlook.com](mailto:joyfuljourneyquestions@outlook.com) to let us know when you've completed the challenge, and we'll send you a little something as an encouragement!

### Different ways to read through the Bible in one year:

- **The 365 Day Plan** - This will result in a little more than 3 chapters per day and about 12 minutes each day.
- **The 260 Day Plan** - Some people prefer to read the Bible on weekdays only, since the weekends are very hectic. Reading 4 to 5 chapters each day and investing less than 20 minutes will make this happen.
- **The 90 Day Plan** - A 90 day reading plan will require an investment of about an hour a day and allows you to more easily see the Bible as one big story with a common theme and purpose.

### How to choose a Bible reading plan:

- **Use a printed form and check off boxes** - Several different companies or ministries make a printable annual Bible reading plan available. These indicate exactly what chapters to read that day, and you just check off the boxes.
- **Use a digital plan** - There are many apps and websites that will provide a digital plan for you to follow. Janet and Jocelyn both prefer the YouVersion Bible app on their phones for digital plans, because it's simple, easy to follow, and there are lots of plans to choose from. You can even read as a group of friends.
- **Simply read** - If you read between 3 and 4 chapters a day you will read through the entire Bible in a year. You can record what you've read each day and just use a bookmark in your physical Bible.

### Choose a reading format:

- **From start to finish** - In this format you will begin in Genesis and read through to Revelation in the order of the table of contents.
- **Chronologically** - Chronological plans allow you to read the Bible in the order the events occurred. This plan will have you jumping from book to book, but you will follow a historical progression in a way that helps you understand Scriptural events differently.
- **Historically** - This plan allows you to read the books of the Bible in the order they were written.

### Tips to finish strong:

- **Include others** - Companionship and accountability help to keep us focused, and it's really fun to know that your friends are reading the exact same thing you are each day. This allows for great discussions!
- **Choose a reading time that suits you** - Choose to read at whatever time of day will allow for you to complete your reading most faithfully throughout the year. There is no right or wrong time to read the Bible.
- **Read out loud** - If you struggle to stay focused, try reading out loud.
- **Listen while you read** - Most online or app Bibles have audio readers that can read to you while you follow along. You can also find audio Bibles on most streaming music services, some are even dramatized.
- **Use an email Bible reading plan service** - There are websites that will email your daily reading to you.
- **Don't give up** - Every single person who reads the Bible in a year will find a bump in the road. Certain seasons are busier than others. We get sick. Kids or grandkids need more attention. If you get behind either read an extra chapter or two until you're caught up or simply extend your Bible reading plan as needed. Just don't stop. Shoot for growth in faithfulness and not just perfection.