



I AM THE VINE, YOU ARE THE BRANCHES.

JOHN 15:5

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“We exist to ignite a passion in every person to glorify and enjoy God everywhere and in everything.”



**THE REAL JESUS
for THE REAL YOU.**
AN EXPOSITION OF THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

Color Coded Covers and an Abundance of Bookmarks

In 1986, Tyndale first published their One Year Bible. I remember seeing a lot of red (NIV), some yellow (KJV) and from time to time a green (NLT?) Bible cover as people tried to read through the Bible in a year, many for the first time. We quickly discovered these were great for devotions at home and horrible for Sunday School and Sword Drills since these were laid out by daily reading rather than typical 66 Books Order. Reading through the Bible each year has tremendous value, especially if you have a reading plan that includes both OT and NT readings each day. This is how I have most frequently read scripture each day.

My favorite, albeit challenging, daily reading plan is Professor Hoerner's 10 Lists/ Chapters a day plan which takes you through 10 sections of Scripture each day, takes 8 months (250 days) and takes you through Acts and Proverbs each month. Buy a bunch of bookmarks or be sure to use a Bible App for this one and don't be ashamed to use the "catch me up" option on that App. It's a lot of reading/listening but has been excellent each time I've used it.

2005 brought us the formidable Bible in 90 Days trend. I have yet to complete or even seriously try this one so I'll let those who have determine its value.

I've enjoyed our Book a Month plan for 2026. It reminds me of my Youth Group days at Grace SLO in the late 80's when many of us were using those Color Coded One Year Bibles and basically all reading the same passages each week. There is a closeness that can come through reading (the same) scripture together. There is also learning value in marinating in the same book (and author) repeatedly. Here's a statement by Paul that has jumped out at me as we've been going through Colossians, "...walk in a manner worthy..."

Besides standing out as an effective challenge to live holy, as my audio Bible occasionally rolled into 1 Thessalonians (May's book) a few weeks early, I heard it again. I'd also heard it in February (Ephesians) since that phrase is repeated three times by Paul:

*Ephesians 4:1 I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to **walk in a manner worthy** of the calling to which you have been called,*

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**SUNDAY
MORNING SERVICE
9:00am & 10:30am**

**“Jesus Loves to Party
(and You Should Too!)”
Luke 5:27-39**

<https://youtube.com/live/Sv6yWLJP5-Q>

Pastor Benji

Enjoying God's word together in 2026

read • listen to the whole book every day, or a chapter each day, or whatever works for you!

MAY: 1 THESSALONIANS



Colossians 1:10 so as to **walk in a manner worthy** of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God;

1 Thessalonians 2:12 we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to **walk in a manner worthy** of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.

I hope you've noticed some things as Grace reads and rereads a book each month. As you do, point them out to your Sunday School class, Small Group and others while you "walk in a manner worthy of the Lord."

- Pastor James

Announcements

GRACE KIDZ MINISTRY

Sunday May 10 your 6th grader moves up to Jr High and can start attending Youth Group that following Tuesday. All other Grace Kidz will move up to their next grade in August.

Newcomer's Pizza Lunch!

NEWISH TO GRACE? JOIN US!



TO BENEFIT M & M (MORTGAGE REDUCTION + MISSIONS)

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Wednesday, May 6th
6:15pm Sanctuary



The CHOSEN - Season 1
SUNDAY NIGHTS @ 6pm
Beginning May 3rd
Ed Building

BAND OF BROTHERS
MEN'S MINISTRY

Back Lot BBQ

Friday, May 15th @ 6pm

Calling all men (and sons!)
Great time for fellowship and food.

Sign up at the table near the
Grace Café

