

called

discovering and living out your life's purpose

WEEK 4: FINISH STRONG BIBLE READING PLAN

Day 1: Back to the Start

Read Revelation 2:1–7

It can be easy to forget why you started something. As you seek to find God's call in your life, or if you know it already and are trying to live it out, it is often easy to forget your original desire for starting. When you feel discouraged in your journey, remember what you did when you first started! That early fire can encourage you in your struggles!

What was it like when you first started to follow or seek God's call?

Day 2: Test of Faith

Read Revelation 2:8–11

As you start to make an impact and truly live out your calling, you will face opposition. Whether that opposition is from the enemy or from friends, it will be tempting to give up on your call when the suffering comes. Yet Christ promises He will reward those who are able to stay true to His call. Do not despise this testing, but look instead at how it is glorifying God, and continue to pursue your call. To those who persevere, Christ will reward!

How can the obstacles in your faith walk glorify God?

Day 3: Faithful Obedience

Read Revelation 2:12–17

When you follow God's call, some people may view you as too extreme or spiritual. They may try to convince you to hold back your message or to water down your life. They may even offer alternative interpretations of how you can pursue your call without being as offensive. But they cannot speak with the authority of God, and when God calls you, He calls you for a purpose. Do not let your behavior fall short of what God has called you to do!

What distractions do you need to remove from your life to stay focused on God?

Day 4: Hold to the Promise

Read Revelation 2:18–29

When Christ called you, He made a promise, whether you realized it or not. He promised that He would guide you in your call, and that one day you would be victorious. Yet He also expects you to follow Him and His teachings. When we walk in our calling, it is easy to become so focused on our to-do lists and goals that we forget to live out our faith in all aspects of our lives. Christ calls us back into obedience with Him, and promises a great reward if we will just hold to

what He has asked. **Have you slacked in following Christ in some area of your life? How can you improve?**

Day 5: Complacency

Read Revelation 3:1–6

It happens to the best of us: after years of no huge results, no increasing numbers, and no recognition, we grow disillusioned with the call of God in our lives. We doubt the original call, question our role in God's plan, and become sick of what we are doing. In essence, our service is close to death. And yet in this moment Christ calls us to remember what we heard and believed when we first heard God call us to serve Him. When we rest on His promise and His call, we can find new strength to continue to serve Him.

Are you tired of where you are spiritually? What was your early Christian experience like?

Day 6: Protected

Read Revelation 3:7–13

As Jesus addressed His followers, He foretold times of great testing and persecution. Yet even in the midst of this, He called them to serve Him. Christ never tries to hide the cost of following Him, and yet He offers us hope. If we will simply hold onto Him and His promises, He will protect us. Whether He protects our spirits, our minds, or our bodies, He promises that His protection will be true, and that He will return to us soon.

Are you in need of God's protection today? How can you pray for God's help?

Day 7: The Final Prize

Read Revelation 3:14–22

In these verses, Christ gives a glimpse into what awaits those who faithfully serve Him. If you stay true and follow God's call to the best of your ability and understanding, He describes great rewards in store. He will come in and eat with you as your friend, and He will invite you to sit on His throne with Him. The Creator of all the Universe, the God who made the world and everything in it, has promised you that you can share His throne with Him. All you must do is follow His call. Hallelujah!

Imagine sharing a meal with Christ. How would you react? What would that meal be like?

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