



2026 ROOTED Reading Plan – Growing Deep

The ROOTED Rhythm (weekly)



5 days reading + 1 day reflection + 1 day worship

- Sun: Family Reading
- Mon-Thu: Read (10-20 min)
- Fri: Re-read one key passage + short journal (3 prompts below)
- Sat: Worship + “one truth / one step” application

1. The “**one truth / one step**” application is simple Sabbath (or end of week) wrap-up so that we do just read the Bible — we respond to it. In a single sentence name what God has showed you this week in your reading — **One Truth. This is what you received.**
2. In the next sentence write one concrete action you will take in the next next 24-72 because of that truth — **One step. This is what you're doing.**

3 simple journal prompts (use every week)

1. What does this show me about God?
2. What does this expose or heal in me?
3. What is one act of obedience/service I will do this week?

2026 Month-by-month ROOTED Reading Plan

January — Rooted in Beginnings (God, creation, covenant)

Read: Genesis 1-50 + Mark 1-8

Week targets:

- W1: Gen 1-11 | Mk 1-2
- W2: Gen 12-25 | Mk 3-4
- W3: Gen 26-36 | Mk 5-6
- W4: Gen 37-50 | Mk 7-8

Memory verse: Genesis 12:2-3

Service practice: “First step serving” — everyone picks one ministry/helper role for the month.



February — Rooted in Deliverance (freedom, formation)

Read: Exodus 1-40 + Mark 9-16

Week targets:

- W1: Ex 1-12 | Mk 9-10
- W2: Ex 13-24 | Mk 11-12
- W3: Ex 25-31 | Mk 13-14
- W4: Ex 32-40 | Mk 15-16

Memory verse: Exodus 14:13-14

Service practice: "Show up faithful" — serve twice this month (same ministry if possible).

March — Rooted in Holiness (identity, worship, everyday obedience)

Read: Leviticus 1-27 + Psalm 1, 15, 19, 23, 24, 51, 84, 103, 139

Week targets:

- W1: Lev 1-7 + Psalms 1,15
- W2: Lev 8-16 + Psalms 19,23
- W3: Lev 17-23 + Psalms 24,51
- W4: Lev 24-27 + Psalms 84,103,139

Memory verse: Leviticus 20:7-8

Service practice: "Clean hands" — reconcile one strained relationship (call/text + prayer).

April — Rooted in the Wilderness (trust, complaint, guidance)

Read: Numbers 1-36 + Philippians

Week targets:

- W1: Num 1-10 | Phil 1
- W2: Num 11-20 | Phil 2
- W3: Num 21-30 | Phil 3
- W4: Num 31-36 | Phil 4

Memory verse: Philippians 1:6

Service practice: "Carry a load" — help one person/family in a practical way (meal, ride, childcare support).

May — Rooted in the Word (love God, teach the next generation)

Read: Deuteronomy 1-34 + 2 Timothy

Week targets:



- W1: Deut 1–8 | 2 Tim 1
- W2: Deut 9–16 | 2 Tim 2
- W3: Deut 17–26 | 2 Tim 3
- W4: Deut 27–34 | 2 Tim 4

Memory verse: Deuteronomy 6:4–7

Service practice: “Teach one” — every believer helps one person (child/youth/new believer) learn Scripture.

June — Rooted in Courage (entering purpose)

Read: Joshua + Ephesians

Week targets:

- W1: Josh 1–6 | Eph 1
- W2: Josh 7–12 | Eph 2
- W3: Josh 13–18 | Eph 3–4
- W4: Josh 19–24 | Eph 5–6

Memory verse: Joshua 1:9

Service practice: “Ownership month” — commit to a consistent team (not “when I can”).

July — Rooted in Faithfulness (cycles, compromise, God’s patience)

Read: Judges + Ruth + James

Week targets:

- W1: Judg 1–5 | Jas 1
- W2: Judg 6–10 | Jas 2
- W3: Judg 11–16 | Jas 3–4
- W4: Judg 17–21 + Ruth | Jas 5

Memory verse: James 1:22

Service practice: “Integrity in action” — choose one private habit to align with Jesus (speech, money, purity, time).

August — Rooted in a Shepherd (leadership, repentance, worship)

Read: 1 Samuel 1–31 + Psalm 23, 27, 63, 90

Week targets:

- W1: 1 Sam 1–7 | Ps 23
- W2: 1 Sam 8–15 | Ps 27
- W3: 1 Sam 16–24 | Ps 63
- W4: 1 Sam 25–31 | Ps 90



Memory verse: 1 Samuel 16:7

Service practice: "Support leadership" — pray daily for leaders + encourage one servant-leader weekly.

September — Rooted in the Kingdom (wisdom, justice, everyday discipleship)

Read: Proverbs + selected teachings of Jesus (Matthew 5-7; 13; 18; 25)

Week targets:

- W1: Prov 1-7 | Matt 5
- W2: Prov 8-14 | Matt 6-7
- W3: Prov 15-22 | Matt 13,18
- W4: Prov 23-31 | Matt 25

Memory verse: Matthew 6:33

Service practice: "Mercy week" — one outreach act as a household (care package, visit, giving, local service).

October — Rooted in the Spirit (the church ignited)

Read: Acts 1-28

Week targets:

- W1: Acts 1-7
- W2: Acts 8-14
- W3: Acts 15-21
- W4: Acts 22-28

Memory verse: Acts 1:8

Service practice: "Every member a minister" — each person serves weekly somewhere this month.

November — Rooted in Grace (gifts, maturity, unity)

Read: 1 Corinthians 1-16 + 1 John

Week targets:

- W1: 1 Cor 1-4 | 1 Jn 1
- W2: 1 Cor 5-8 | 1 Jn 2
- W3: 1 Cor 9-12 | 1 Jn 3-4
- W4: 1 Cor 13-16 | 1 Jn 5

Memory verse: 1 Corinthians 13:13

Service practice: "Build the body" — use your gift: join a team that matches your wiring.



December — Rooted in Hope (promise, waiting, Christ revealed)

Read: Isaiah 40–66 (selected) + Luke 1–2 + John 1 + Revelation 21–22

Week targets:

- W1: Isa 40–44 | Luke 1
- W2: Isa 45–49 | Luke 2
- W3: Isa 50–55 | John 1
- W4: Isa 56–66 | Rev 21–22

Memory verse: Isaiah 40:31

Service practice: “Incarnational generosity” — serve/give in a way that costs you something (time, comfort, convenience).



Family, don't let this plan become another thing you “finish.” Let it become a place you meet Jesus. If you miss a day, don't quit— go back. God is not grading you; He's growing you. Every page you open is another root going down—into truth, into love, into strength. Stay with it, stay together, and watch what the Lord does in you this year: deeper faith, steadier joy, clearer purpose, and a life that bears fruit. We're getting ROOTED—one chapter at a time, one prayer at a time, one obedient step at a time.

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