



FOOTSTEPS EVERY DAY

A DAILY READING PLAN FOR MARK

Jesus had a predictable pattern of spending time alone with his heavenly Father the King, *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, he got up, went out, and made his way to a deserted place; and there he was praying.* (Mark 1:35) Those who follow Jesus recognize this is a critical rhythm of discipleship—seeking to become more like him by hearing and responding to what he is saying every day. When we listen for the voice of Jesus speaking through his written Word, the Holy Spirit plants faith in our hearts. When we exercise that faith by taking a concrete step in the footsteps of Jesus, we grow as his fruitful disciples and learn to live a more Jesus-shaped life.

Footsteps Every Day is a daily Bible reading plan, designed to help followers of Jesus establish a regular pattern of spending time alone with God, reading Scripture, listening in prayer, and responding with a step of faith. The plan for *Mark* is comprised of 64 passages that make up Mark's account of Jesus' life. If you read six days a week, you will read the Gospel of Mark in just over 10 weeks. If you use all four reading plans for Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John, you will go on an incredible year-long journey through all four Gospels in 313 readings, following the life of Jesus by reading every recorded thing he said and did during his life on earth!

This reading plan is designed to go with the series of Devotional Commentaries by Bob Rognlien called *Footsteps Every Day: A Devotional Commentary*, which draw on history, archaeology, and culture to illuminate the Way of Jesus and help you follow him with concrete steps of faith. For more information visit www.bobrognlien.com.

Here are some recommendations for a fruitful devotional journey:

- Pick a time in which you have the highest likelihood of being consistent each day.
- Set aside at least 15 minutes, or better 30 minutes.
- Pick a place where you will be the least distracted and interrupted.
- Make yourself comfortable but adopt an attentive posture.
- Read the Scripture passage in your own Bible. Read it again. Listen.
- Use a devotional commentary to help reflect on its meaning.
- Take some time to prayerfully listen, noting what God seems to be pointing out to you.
- Highlight important phrases and make relevant notes in the margins.
- Prayerfully ask God what he is saying to you and write down what is coming to you.
- Then ask God to show you the next step of faith he wants you to take.
- Write down the step of faith and ask someone to pray for you to follow through.
- Take that step of faith! Rinse and repeat every day!

When we read God's Word and listen to what Jesus is saying to us through the Spirit, it produces faith in our hearts. Our role is to respond to what Jesus is saying by exercising that faith, taking the next step in following the footsteps of Jesus. We are not trying to change ourselves by moral willpower, but rather are putting ourselves in the place where God's Spirit can transform us from the inside out and produce through us good fruit that lasts. This is what it means to live as a Jesus-shaped disciple. Please don't approach your daily reading as a religious task that you must perform but as a gracious daily invitation to draw near to Jesus, hear his voice, and follow where he leads you on this great adventure of discipleship!

WEEK ONE

Day 1: Mark 1:1-8
Day 2: Mark 1:9-13
Day 3: Mark 1:14-20
Day 4: Mark 1:21-34
Day 5: Mark 1:35-45
Day 6: Mark 2:1-12

WEEK TWO

Day 7: Mark 2:13-17
Day 8: Mark 1:9-13
Day 9: Mark 2:23-3:6
Day 10: Mark 3:7-19
Day 11: Mark 3:20-30
Day 12: Mark 3:31-35

WEEK THREE

Day 13: Mark 4:1-20
Day 14: Mark 4:10-20
Day 15: Mark 4:21-34
Day 16: Mark 4:35-41
Day 17: Mark 5:1-20
Day 18: Mark 5:21-34

WEEK FOUR

Day 19: Mark 5:35-43
Day 20: Mark 6:1-6
Day 21: Mark 6:7-13
Day 22: Mark 6:14-29
Day 23: Mark 6:30-44
Day 24: Mark 6:45-56

WEEK FIVE

Day 25: Mark 7:1-8
Day 26: Mark 7:9-23
Day 27: Mark 7:24-37
Day 28: Mark 8:1-10
Day 29: Mark 8:11-21
Day 30: Mark 8:22-26

WEEK SIX

Day 31: Mark 8:27-9:1
Day 32: Mark 9:2-13
Day 33: Mark 9:14-29
Day 34: Mark 9:30-37
Day 35: Mark 9:38-50
Day 36: Mark 10:1-12

WEEK SEVEN

Day 37: Mark 10:13-16
Day 38: Mark 10:17-22
Day 39: Mark 10:23-31
Day 40: Mark 10:32-45
Day 41: Mark 10:46-52
Day 42: Mark 11:1-11

WEEK EIGHT

Day 43: Mark 11:12-25
Day 44: Mark 11:27-33
Day 45: Mark 12:1-12
Day 46: Mark 12:13-17
Day 47: Mark 12:18-27
Day 48: Mark 12:28-34

WEEK NINE

Day 49: Mark 12:35-44
Day 50: Mark 13:1-13
Day 51: Mark 13:14-27
Day 52: Mark 13:28-37
Day 53: Mark 14:1-11
Day 54: Mark 14:12-31
Day 54: Mark 14:12-31

WEEK TEN

Day 55: Mark 14:32-42
Day 56: Mark 14:43-52
Day 57: Mark 14:53-65
Day 58: Mark 14:66-72
Day 59: Mark 15:1-15
Day 60: Mark 15:16-32

WEEK ELEVEN

Day 61: Mark 15:33-40
Day 62: Mark 15:40-47
Day 63: Mark 16:1-8
Day 64: Mark 16:9-20

Continue the *Footsteps Every Day* journey with Matthew, Luke, and John!

