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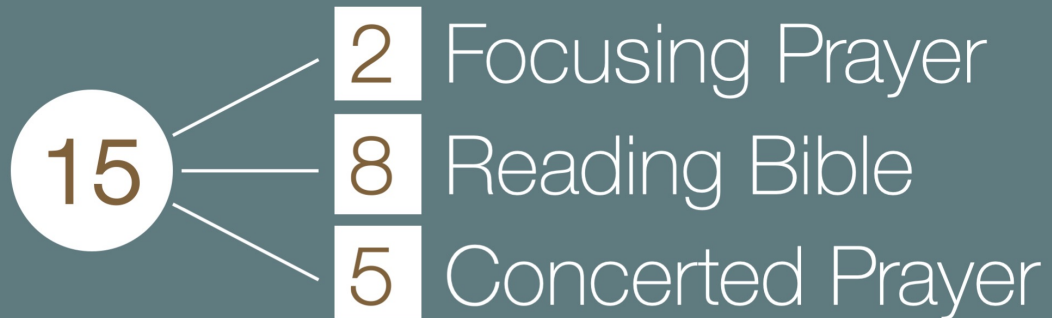
## What is it?

Regular, systematic “time-with-God” practices that help develop a robust faith in & for real life

Reading Bible + Prayer



## A Starting Point



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# “The Cambridge Seven”



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### bible reading

The bible is a large and oftentimes confusing book, but it doesn't have to be. Whether you're new to the bible or looking to grow in your understanding of it, we have some great resources and plans to help you out.



### prayer

Prayer is our direct communication Line to God. Just like any other relationship we have, growth comes out of good and consistent communication. Prayer is not just about asking God for things or confessing, but it is about growing in our relationship with God.



### triads

Triads are made up of 3-5 people of the same gender who meet regularly to discuss life and God, and how these crossroads intersect. We journey together to encourage one another, and to hold eachother accountable as we grow in our faith.



### bible memory

While reading the Bible helps us grow in our understanding of God and our relationship with him, Bible Memory help us take those words and commit ourselves to them. By internalizing God's word we grow deeper with him.



### journalling

Whether it's keeping track of prayers, helping us remember what God is teaching us, or just taking time to slow down and reflect on our day, journalling is a great tool.



### other spiritual practices

While Bible reading and prayer are core practices to help us grow in our faith, there are lots of other tools and practices we can use to engage deeper with the Word and with eachother. Stay tuned for more resources coming soon.



## god's life-giving word

The Bible is a collection of a variety of genres of literature, written over the course of thousands of years of human history by around 40 different authors. It contains history, narrative, poetry, law, and personal letters. It is a library with 66 different books, 2 sections (called "Testaments") with one message; that God, through Jesus wants to draw us all into his life and love.

Whether you're new to faith beginning to explore the Bible, or are a long-time follower of Jesus looking to go deeper, reading the Bible is one of the best ways to grow in knowing God personally.

On this page, you'll find a variety of resources, including different approaches to reading the Bible, including a variety of Bible reading plans and apps that give you a starting point for spending time with God.



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
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## Deeper Reading Resources

Whether you're learning the Bible and looking for resources to help give you more context, or looking for tools to help you go deeper into the text; there are a ton of great tools available. Listed here are some of our favourite books, study Bibles, Bible commentaries and online resources to help you go deeper in your reading.

- **Study Bibles**

- ESV Study Bible
- NIV Biblical Theology Study Bible

- **How-to Books**

- Grasping God's Word by J. Scott Duvall & J. Daniel Hays
- How to read the bible for all it's worth by Gordon Fee

- **One Volume Bible Commentaries**

- The Moody Bible Commentary by Michael Rydelnik
- The Bible from 30,000 feet by Skip Heitzig
- The Message of the New Testament: Promises Kept by Mark Dever
- The Message of the Old Testament: Promises Made by Mark Dever
- New Bible Commentary

- **Online Resources**

- <https://www.studylight.org/>
- [Biblehub.com](https://biblehub.com)
- <http://www.textweek.com/>
- <https://thebibleproject.com/>



The background features a stylized mountain range. The sky is a solid teal color, and the mountains are represented by brown and grey geometric shapes. A white line graph with a gold border is overlaid on the mountains, showing an upward trend. The text 'BASE CAMP' is written in white, bold, sans-serif capital letters, with 'BASE' on the top line and 'CAMP' on the bottom line, partially obscured by the line graph.

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Where it Starts; How it Sticks

*Your words were found and I ate them,  
and your words became for me a joy  
and the delight of my heart, for I am  
called by your name, O Lord, God of  
hosts*

Jeremiah 15:16





*For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any double-edged sword, piercing even to the point of dividing soul from spirit, and joints from marrow; it is able judge the thoughts and intents of the heart*

Hebrews 4:12



*All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work*

2 Timothy 3:16,17



*Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.*

2 Timothy 1:15





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# What doesn't work

Loving the word of God  
without  
loving the God of the word



*Do not cast me from your presence or  
take your Holy Spirit from me*

Psalm 51:11



*One thing I ask from the Lord, this only  
do I seek: that I may dwell in the  
house of the Lord all the days of my  
life, to gaze on the beauty of the Lord  
and to seek him in his temple.*

*My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"  
Your face, Lord, I will seek*

Psalm 42





*How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord.*

*How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord Almighty! My soul yearns, even faints, for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.*

*You, God, are my God, earnestly I  
seek you; I thirst for you, my whole  
being longs for you, in a dry and  
parched land where there is no water*

*...*

*Because your love is better than life,  
my lips will glorify you ... I will be fully  
satisfied as with the richest of foods;  
with singing lips my mouth will praise  
you*

The only thing that makes it work

Falling in love  
with the God of the “Word”



*The Lord has blessed you in all the work of your hands. He has watched over your journey through this vast wilderness. These forty years the Lord your God has been with you, and you have not lacked anything*

Deuteronomy 2:7



# A framework to remember

To be human is to “want” ... “desire”



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To be human is to “want” ... “desire”

And to be a fallen human  
is to have distorted desire





# Levels of Longing

Convenience,  
comfort, personal  
preferences ...

Casual

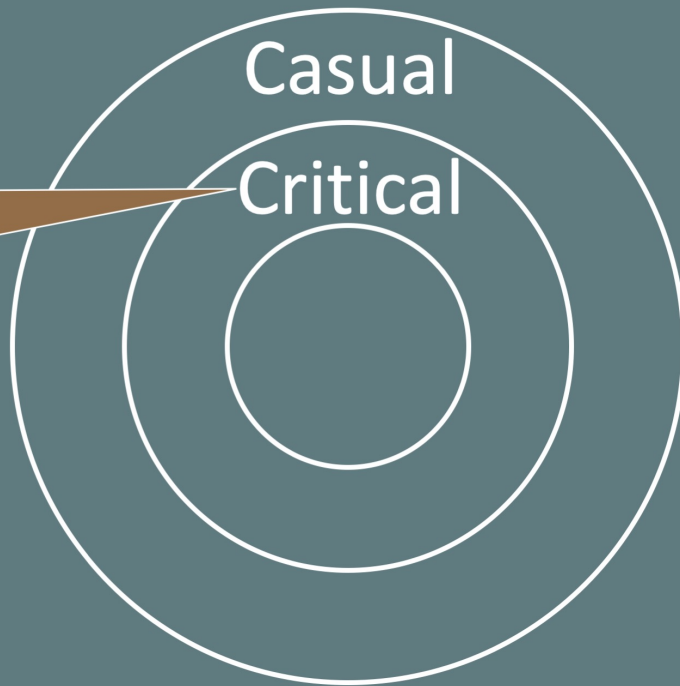


Larry Crabb, "Understanding People"



# Levels of Longing

Deep, human  
relationship ... Love  
& respect

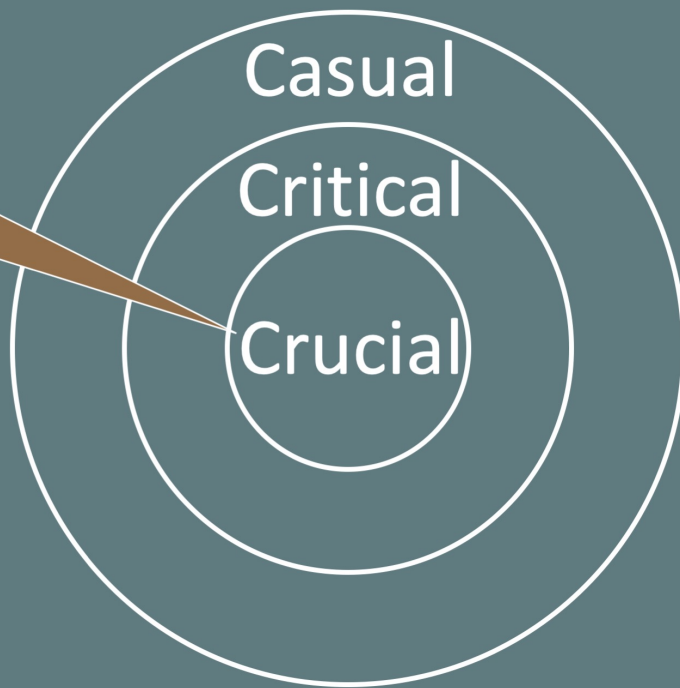


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# Levels of Longing

To live in experiential,  
real relationship with  
& in light of God



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Allow your heart to be  
awakened to the longing  
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Allow your heart to be  
awakened to the longing  
of knowing God  
... the longing for  
“communion” with God



# Where it Starts; How it Sticks

No matter how great my longing for  
God; his longing for you  
will always be greater

