



GOOD NEWS &

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**CHRISTMAS READING PLAN**

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COTTONWOOD CREEK CHURCH

# WEEK 1

# hope



**11/30**

Hope: Do you trust in what you can't see?

Romans 8:24-26, For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? 25 But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently. 26 In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit Himself intercedes for us through wordless groans.

**12/1**

Hope: Are you tired? Where is your strength?

Isaiah 40:31, But those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

**12/2**

Hope: What does it mean to have a living hope today?

1 Peter 1:3-4, Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, 4 and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in Heaven for you,

## **12/3**

Hope: How does God's presence give us hope in hard days?

Isaiah 43:1-2, But now, this is what the LORD says— He Who created you, Jacob, He Who formed you, Israel: "Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have summoned you by name; you are Mine. 2 When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.

## **12/4**

Hope: Can others see your overflowing hope?

Romans 15:13, May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in Him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

## **12/5**

Hope: How does your future hope affect your daily life?

Ephesians 1:18, I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which He has called you, the riches of His glorious inheritance in His holy people,



hope

# WEEK 2

# peace



## **12/6**

Peace: Is Jesus the source of your peace?

Luke 2:14, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rests."

## **12/7**

Peace: What area of your life needs to refocus on the Lord?

Isaiah 26:3, You will keep in perfect peace those whose minds are steadfast, because they trust in You.

## **12/8**

Peace: Do you live as though Jesus has overcome the world?

John 16:33, "I have told you these things, so that in Me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

## **12/9**

Peace: How is worry stopping peace in your life?

Philippians 4:6-7, Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

## **12/10**

Peace: How can you be a peacemaker?

James 3:17-18, But the wisdom that comes from Heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. 18Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

## **12/11**

Peace: What burdens do you need to give to the Lord?

Matthew 11:28-30, "Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30For My yoke is easy and My burden is light."

*peace*

# WEEK 3

*joy*



## **12/12**

Joy: How does God's presence give you joy?

Psalm 16:11, You make known to me the path of life; You will fill me with joy in Your presence, with eternal pleasures at Your right hand.

## **12/13**

Joy: What is keeping you from rejoicing in the Lord today?

Psalm 118:24, The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

## **12/14**

Joy: How can you choose joy today?

James 1:2, Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

## **12/15**

Joy: Do you look for joy in the wrong things?

Psalm 4:7, Fill my heart with joy when their grain and new wine abound.

## **12/16**

Joy: Is your joy in in your circumstances or in Jesus?

Philippians 4:11-13, I am not saying this because I am in need, for I have learned to be content whatever the circumstances. 12I know what it is to be in need, and I know what it is to have plenty. I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation, whether well fed or hungry, whether living in plenty or in want. 13I can do all this through Him Who gives me strength.

## **12/17**

Joy: Is your joy contagious?

1 Peter 1:8-9, Though you have not seen Him, you love Him; and even though you do not see Him now, you believe in Him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, 9for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.



joy

# WEEK 4

*love*

## **12/18**

Love: How much does God love you?

Romans 5:8, But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

## **12/19**

Love: How can you show sincere love in your life?

Romans 12:9-10, Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil; cling to what is good. 10Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves.

## **12/20**

Love: Do you dwell in the love of God?

Ephesians 3:17b-19, . . . And I pray that you, being rooted and established in love, 18may have power, together with all the Lord's holy people, to grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ, 19and to know this love that surpasses knowledge—that you may be filled to the measure of all the fullness of God.

**12/22**

Love: Who defines how you love?

1 John 4:19, We love because He first loved us.

**12/23**

Love: Does your love for others show Jesus' love for you?

John 13:34-35, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. 35 By this everyone will know that you are My disciples, if you love one another."

The word "love" is written in a vibrant red, cursive script. The letters are formed from thick, overlapping ribbons that create a three-dimensional effect with shadows and highlights, giving it a soft, flowing appearance.

# CHRISTMAS

**12/24**

Christmas Eve: Is the Good News actually Good News?

Isaiah 9:6-7, For to us a Child is born, to us a Son is given, and the government will be on His shoulders. And He will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over His kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on and forever. The zeal of the LORD Almighty will accomplish this.

**12/25**

Christmas Day: Does this Good News give you Great Joy?

Luke 2:10, But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.

