

# Surprised By God

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Grow Through the Bible:  
June 4-August 5, 2023

*Our summer Bible Reading Plan "Surprised by God" is a journey through scriptures that describes the nature of God. Just as these scriptures describe in the Bible, we, too, are surprised by God's characteristics. The New Testament letters are anchor scriptures for each week. They are written by authors who have been surprised by the presence of the Risen Christ turning everything they believed about God and the world upside down. May we be surprised by God with each reading.*

<b>Week of June 4</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Love</b> <i>Love is the first characteristic of God upon which we focus. John's first letter tells us that we love because God first loved us. God's love is the cause of creation and the foundation of reality. We are incapable of fully loving others or God until we learn to receive the love God has for us, because all love stems from God's love.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
○ 1 John 4:7-19	○ Psalm 139:13-15	○ 1 Corinthians 13	○ 1 Timothy 6:5-11	○ Psalm 8:3-4	○ Matthew 6:25-34
<b>Week of June 11</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Goodness</b> <i>God's goodness is found in the expected and the unexpected. Our readings this week demonstrate God's goodness.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
○ 1 Corinthians 2:6-10, Isaiah 64:4	○ 2 Kings 4:1-7	○ 1 Peter 5:1-11	○ Mark 10:18	○ Mark 5:24-34	○ Psalm 34
<b>Week of June 18</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Generosity</b> <i>God's provision surprises us. We are promised that God will supply our every need. How badly we need to know this truth!</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
○ Philippians 4:14-20	○ Genesis 22:6-14	○ Exodus 4:1-7, Hebrews 13:20-21	○ John 10:1-16	○ Philippians 4:6-7	○ Psalm 104
<b>Week of June 25</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Faithfulness and Vision</b> <i>Jesus casts the vision for the disciples in Matthew 28 with a promise to always be with them. The promise of God's faithfulness is evident throughout scripture as demonstrated in our readings this week.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
○ Joel 2:28-32, Matthew 28:16-20	○ Lamentations 3:22-23	○ Philippians 1:3-7	○ 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5	○ Revelation 21:1-5	○ Psalm 36

<b>Week of July 2</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Call</b> <i>God's call upon our lives takes many forms. God's call on others' lives spans the breadth of scripture. Our readings this week share stories of some of those called by God.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
○ 1 Timothy 1:12-17	○ John 4:14-21	○ 1 Corinthians 12:1-31	○ Psalm 100	○ 1 Samuel 3:1-21	○ Matthew 4:18-22, 16:24-25
<b>Week of July 9</b>	<b>Surprised by God: Praises and Celebrations</b> <i>We take time this week to give praise and celebrate God. Our readings share times of rejoicing and celebration.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
○ Psalm 150	○ Hebrews 4:12-16	○ Zephaniah 3:17	○ John 20:1-18	○ Psalm 24	○ Romans 12
<b>Week of July 16</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Commands</b> <i>1 John 5 says we express love by obeying God's commands, which are not burdensome. Our readings this week explore commands given by God.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
□ 1 John 5:1-5	○ Luke 24:25-45	○ Jonah 1:1-7; 3:1-10, Joshua 1:1-9	○ 2 Kings 22:1-20	○ Matthew 22:34-40	○ Psalm 19
<b>Week of July 23</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Presence</b> <i>God promises that if we draw near to God, God will draw near to us. 1 Corinthians tells us that our body is a temple where God's Spirit resides. God is present with us in multiple ways, as demonstrated by our readings this week.</i>				
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□ James 4:8, 1 Corinthians 3:16	○ John 14:15-27	○ 1 Kings 19	○ Hebrews 10:19-25	○ Isaiah 43:16-21	○ Psalm 63
<b>Week of July 30</b>	<b>Surprised by God's Power</b> <i>The power of God can surprise us. Our readings this week show ways that God's power surprises those in the Bible.</i>				
<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
□ 2 Corinthians 12:6-10	○ Exodus 14	○ Romans 1:16-20	○ Isaiah 40:28-31	○ Psalm 29	○ Romans 8:28-39