C|F Daily Steps:
Introduction to the Bible

Where did the Bible come from?
The Bible is the inspired word of God. God directly instructed the writing of the Bible to point believers throughout the ages to His truth, show us His plan for our lives, and most of all, demonstrate His love for us through the gifting of His son, Jesus. The Bible was originally written in ancient Hebrew and Greek, and today's versions of it have been meticulously translated to preserve the original meaning and context.

Why are there books within the Bible?
The Bible is big and covers so much history, it is divided into two sections: the Old Testament (OT) and the New Testament (NT). Within each testament the contents are divided into books, each with their own name. The OT includes books written before Jesus Christ was born. The NT includes books after Jesus' ministry on earth was concluded. The OT begins with Genesis and ends with Malachi. The NT begins with what we call the Gospels, which are the first four books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. The NT ends with the book called Revelation.

What should I read first?
Use the Bible's table of contents to find each book's starting page. A great starting place is the book of Mark in the New Testament. It will give you an overview of Jesus' life and resurrection. For a glimpse into the Old Testament, we suggest starting with Proverbs. Try reading a chapter a day. This book is packed with God's practical wisdom for everyday life.

What should I read next?
After Mark and Proverbs, you could move on to reading John in the New Testament and then Psalms in the Old Testament. Then try reading a daily devotional, such as Cornerstone's Daily Steps, which includes a short passage of scripture to read along with a message that offers practical application or meaningful insights that relate to the Bible passage.

Can I read the Bible on my phone, tablet or computer?
Yes! The Apps listed below are FREE and offer a variety of reading plans and daily devotionals based on topics, books of the Bible, or specific goals. Just search for them by name in the App Store on your smartphone or tablet.

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