

5 Refreshing Ways to Read Scripture

Word Emphasis



Pray The Bible



Journaling



Golden Thread



Cross Reference



The goal of these methods is not to get more facts about the Bible; **it is to get more of God.**

He is where life is found, and in these methods and many more, we see that His Word is a lot deeper and broader than we could ever imagine.

“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



Word Emphasis

Emphasize different words in a verse to gain new perspective and a complete picture of what God is trying to say

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life..."

"I AM the resurrection and the life..."

"I am THE resurrection and the life..."

"I am the RESURRECTION and the life..."

Continue on throughout a verse



Pray The Bible

Praying God's inspired words to Him as we talk to Him about our lives and our world. Read a phrase, pray a phrase.

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life..."

God, thank you for displaying your power through your resurrection. You are awesome, you are powerful, and you're worthy to be praised. Thank you for giving me an opportunity for a full life, for your glory.



Journal Observations

For a passage or verse you read, pick a number of observations to make, and stick to it. "Journal 3 observations you find for this text"

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life..."

Journal Observations:

- **Jesus is where life is found. He is the source!**
- **Jesus has the power to bring spiritually dead things (and people) to life, and life to the full**
- **Do I believe what Jesus says about Himself?**



Golden Thread

What is the main message that the author/speaker is trying to convey? What is the thread that runs throughout the passage?

John 11:25

"I am the resurrection and the life..."

Golden Thread: Jesus is setting the tone that He is everything that people need to be saved and be fulfilled. In Him in life. Do I believe this?

Cross Reference/ Word Study



Letting Scripture interpret Scripture by using concordances, Bible Dictionaries, and other resources to gain better context and broader perspective on a topic or word.

John 11:25

“I am the resurrection and the life...”

Cross references for John 11:25:

- **John 5:21**
- **Romans 5:17**
- **1 Cor. 15:21**
- **Psalm 36:9**
- **1 John 1:1-2**

5 Places in the Bible to Start Reading

- **John - Life, Purpose, & Ministry of Jesus**
- **Two Psalms and One Proverb per day**
(31 Proverbs = 31 days in a month)
- **Genesis - Creation Story/Origin of Israel**
- **Exodus - Journey of Nation of Israel**
- **James - Practical Wisdom & Encouragement**