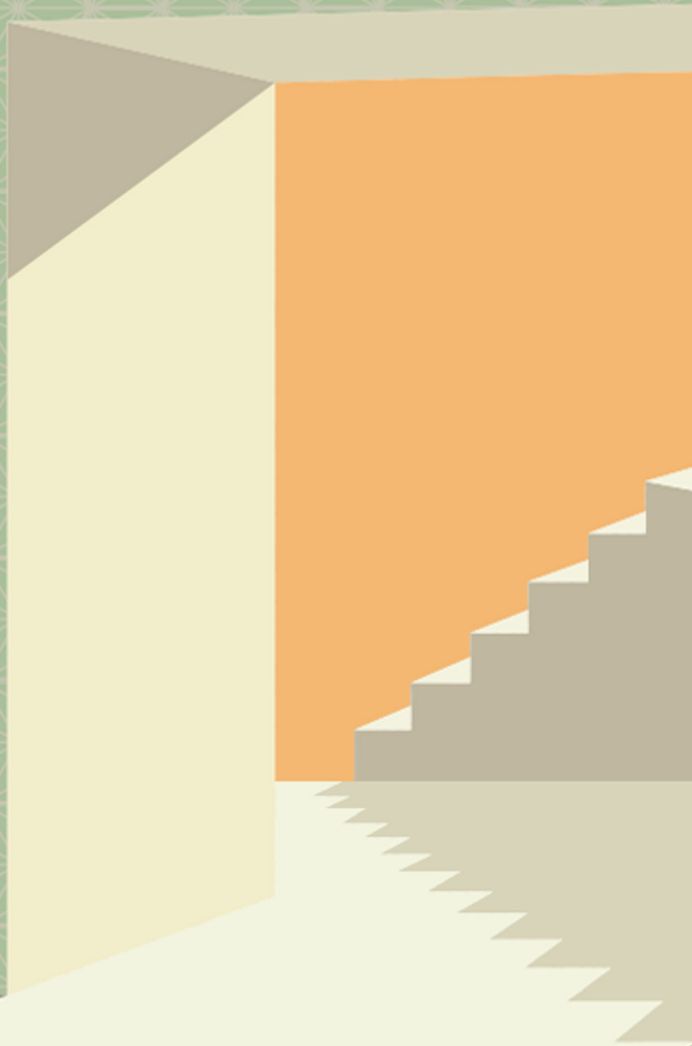


# Love this BOOK

WISDOM FOR LIVING



READING PLAN PART II

# WEEK ONE

## April 20: Ecclesiastes 1 - 2

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### Monday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize our spiritual bankruptcy...]

## April 21: Ecclesiastes 3 - 4

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### Tuesday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to have endurance and the right number of tears...]

## April 22: Ecclesiastes 5 - 7

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### Wednesday Prayer:

Blessed are the meek for they will inherit the earth

The Greek word "meek" can be translated as "humble" or "powerless." But it is not about being a doormat. Meekness comes from the strength of being centered on God. The meek exercise self-control in all things. Meekness allows us to see the truth about ourselves and others that we can miss when we are being driven by self-interest.

[Prayers for Waterstone to realize lives of meekness because we are centered on God as our strength...]

## April 23: Ecclesiastes 11-12

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### Thursday Prayer:

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In the days when Jesus lived and taught, it was common for people to be dying of hunger and thirst. Both food and water could be scarce. Jesus asks in this beatitude if we want relationship with God as much as a starving person wants food and water.

[Prayers for Waterstone to hunger and thirst for what God wants to give...]

## April 24: Psalm 90

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### Friday Prayer:

Thanks be to you, God of Christ our Wounded King, for everything he has taught us, for the humble path he has shown us, and for all he has suffered for us and the whole world.

[Space to share aloud with Jesus Christ anything that has welled up in your heart...]

## WEEK TWO

## April 27: Psalm 2

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### Monday Prayer:

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy

The word “mercy” in Biblical times refers to the undeserved, loving-kindness of God’s actions. In being merciful, we are reflections of God’s Love – a love characterized by sacrifice and action – the Cross.

[Prayers for Waterstone to be a community of mercy...]

## April 28: Psalm 16

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### Tuesday Prayer:

Blessed are the pure in heart for they will see God

Jesus used the word 'heart' as we would use the words 'mind' or "will." The heart was considered the source of an individual's thoughts, desires and actions. The person was whatever his or her heart was. In Jesus, we see what it was like to be pure in heart. The heart of Jesus was centered - singularly focused - on God and his will.

[Prayers for Waterstone to flourish in purity – to love God with all our heart and strength and soul and mind...]

## April 29: Psalm 22

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### Wednesday Prayer:

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God

The word "peace" means more than the absence of conflict. Peace is a condition of completeness or wholeness in which nothing is lacking. When we are at peace, it is a space of well-being – with ourselves, with others and with God. To be peacemakers, we must receive God's gift of wholeness through the Cross and by his Spirit. This inward peace of Christ's Living Presence moves us toward others – for peace.

[Prayers for Waterstone to be peacemakers...]

## April 30: Psalm 40

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### Thursday Prayer:

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness for theirs is the kingdom of heaven

Those who have devoted their lives to God, living by God's values and led in all things by God, are surely going to challenge the systems based on society's values. Jesus knew persecution, as did the Apostles and the Early Christians. We know that persecution can take many forms – death, imprisonment, shunning, various forms of abuse and hatred.

[Prayers for Waterstone to know resistance to the Gospel and to stand with our sisters and brothers who are being persecuted...]

## May 1: Psalm 110

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### Friday Prayer:

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[Space to share aloud with Jesus Christ anything that has welled up in your heart...]

## WEEK THREE

## May 4: Proverbs 1

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### Monday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize our spiritual bankruptcy...]

## May 5: Proverbs 4

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### Tuesday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to have endurance and the right number of tears...]

## May 6: Proverbs 5

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### Wednesday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize lives of meekness because we are centered on God as our strength...]

## May 7: Proverbs 10

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### Thursday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to hunger and thirst for what God wants to give...]

## May 8: Proverbs 16

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### Friday Prayer:

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[Space to share aloud with Jesus Christ anything that has welled up in your heart...]



# WEEK FOUR

## May 11: Proverbs 21

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### Monday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to be a community of mercy...]

## May 12: Proverbs 25

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### Tuesday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to flourish in purity – to love God with all our heart and strength and soul and mind...]

## May 13: Proverbs 27

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### Wednesday Prayer:

Blessed are the peacemakers for they will be called children of God

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[Prayers for Waterstone to be peacemakers...]

## May 14: Proverbs 30

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[Prayers for Waterstone to know resistance to the Gospel and to stand with our sisters and brothers who are being persecuted...]

## May 15: Proverbs 31

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### Friday Prayer:

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[Space to share aloud with Jesus Christ anything that has welled up in your heart...]

## WEEK FIVE

## May 18: Job 1 -2

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### Monday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize our spiritual bankruptcy...]



## May 19: Job 3 - 4

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### Tuesday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to have endurance and the right number of tears...]

## May 20: Job 38 - 39

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize lives of meekness because we are centered on God as our strength...]

## May 21: Job 40 - 41

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### Thursday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to hunger and thirst for what God wants to give...]

## May 22: Job 42

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## WEEK SIX

## May 25: Esther 1 - 2

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[Prayers for Waterstone to be a community of mercy...]

## May 26: Esther 3 - 5

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[Prayers for Waterstone to flourish in purity – to love God with all our heart and strength and soul and mind...]

## May 27: Esther 6 - 8

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[Prayers for Waterstone to be peacemakers...]

## May 28: Esther 9 - 10

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### Thursday Prayer:

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[Prayers for Waterstone to know resistance to the Gospel and to stand with our sisters and brothers who are being persecuted...]

## May 29: Psalm 80

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### Friday Prayer:

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[Space to share aloud with Jesus Christ anything that has welled up in your heart...]

# WEEK SEVEN

## June 1: Song of Solomon 1 - 2

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize our spiritual bankruptcy...]

## June 2: Song of Solomon 3 - 4

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[Prayers for Waterstone to have endurance and the right number of tears...]

## June 3: Song of Solomon 5 - 6

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize lives of meekness because we are centered on God as our strength...]

## June 4: Song of Solomon 7 - 8

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[Prayers for Waterstone to hunger and thirst for what God wants to give...]

## June 5: Psalm 45

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### Friday Prayer:

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[Space to share aloud with Jesus Christ anything that has welled up in your heart...]

# WEEK EIGHT

## June 8: Acts 1

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[Prayers for Waterstone to be a community of mercy...]

## June 9: Acts 2

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[Prayers for Waterstone to flourish in purity – to love God with all our heart and strength and soul and mind...]

## June 10: Romans 1

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[Prayers for Waterstone to be peacemakers...]

## June 11: Ephesians 4

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### Thursday Prayer:

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## June 12: Psalm 145

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### Friday Prayer:

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[Space to share aloud with Jesus Christ anything that has welled up in your heart...]

## WEEK NINE

## June 15: John 3

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize our spiritual bankruptcy...]

## June 16: 1 Peter 1

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## June 17: 2 Corinthians 5

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[Prayers for Waterstone to realize lives of meekness because we are centered on God as our strength...]

## June 18: 2 Timothy 4

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[Prayers for Waterstone to hunger and thirst for what God wants to give...]

## June 19: Psalm 15

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