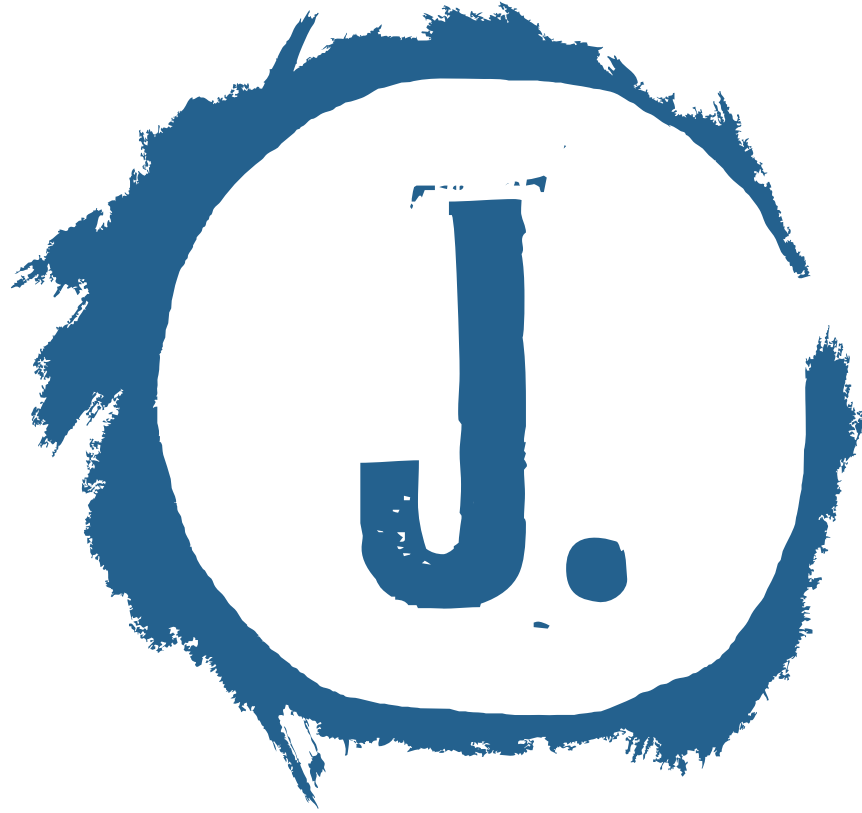


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Welcome

to a New Year With Jesus!

Dearly loved Jesus-follower,

As you face a new year, you may wonder, “What will happen?” “Will I ever get what I’ve always wanted?” “How will I cope with so much change?”

Jesus knows these wonderings—even if you never speak them aloud. And he’s inviting you to partner with him to change the way you think. He’s inviting you into a year that focuses on connection with him.

Through the pages of this planner, you’ll journey with Jesus as you explore spiritual traits like reflection, worship, generosity, and stillness. Not just once, but every single day.

When you talk with Jesus, be sure to listen. Let Jesus speak to you about who he’s created you to be and how he’s calling you to live.

With each new month, you’ll find a focus theme and verse. Let these words guide you as you go through each day. The process will leave you encouraged, equipped, and resting in the person Jesus is shaping you to be.

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U.S. Holidays

How to Use This Planner

The *Jesus-Centered Planner* is designed to help you let Jesus guide the way you organize your life and set your priorities each day, week, month, and quarter. Here's how your planner works.

Establishing Priorities

Priority worksheets allow you to let Jesus help you decide what's most important to focus on in your life for the near future. Our busy lives and constant distractions can keep us from giving our attention to what matters most, so these quarterly priority worksheets give you an opportunity to choose your life's priorities for reasonable periods of time.

REMINDER: Use a pencil for this section, and limit yourself to a maximum of three priorities.

With Jesus' command in mind, prayerfully consider your top priority—what's the most important investment of your time and energy—for you to focus on for the next three months. Your priority can be anything: your family, job, friends, special project—whichever part of your life you want to be more centered on Jesus.

○ 1ST QUARTER PRIORITY (JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH)

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Focusing on this priority is important to *you* because...

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Tips for Setting Priorities

Use a pencil. This eliminates the pressure of having to choose the “perfect” priorities and gives you the flexibility to tweak or change them week by week.

Limit yourself to up to three top priorities per quarter. Avoid overwhelming yourself with trying to do too much at a time. The fewer priorities you focus on, the better chance you have of staying committed to those priorities.

Pray about it. Remember, this is a Jesus-centered planner. Talk to Jesus, and listen to his direction.

Monthly Calendar

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Use your monthly calendar to make sure your priorities align with Jesus' priorities.

This calendar prompts you to identify at least one way to focus on Jesus every month. It also encourages you to follow Jesus' example by focusing on loving others every month.

○ *This month, keep your priorities focused on Jesus by...*

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○ *Loving others: Loving others must always show up in your priorities. Who are you going to focus on loving this month? Write one to three names here, and schedule time to reach out to those people.*

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Weekly Schedule

WEEK 1

JAN 1-JAN 7

1 Sunday

2 Monday

3 Tuesday

4 Wednesday

5 Thursday

6 Friday

7 Saturday

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Psalms 150

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Genesis 1

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Genesis 2

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John 1

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Genesis 3

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Romans 3

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Genesis 7

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What are your prayer priorities this week?

To Do

Consider

Psalm 139:23-24 is an invitation for God to search our hearts, know our anxious thoughts, point out our offenses, and lead us in his way. It's the conclusion of a psalm that focuses heavily on God's omniscience (he knows everything) and omnipresence (he is everywhere). These traits allow God to search our hearts. Write out the words to Psalm 139:23-24, and reflect on them throughout the month.

Reflection—Psalm 139:23-24


Things you're thankful for this week:

Each month, focus on a theme that will draw you closer to Jesus.

The weekly schedule is going to be the primary part of this planner that helps you stay centered on Jesus. These four features are designed to help you keep your vision for the year in focus:

- **Jesus-centered devotional prompt:** Every week you'll find a creative new way to stay connected to Jesus and keep him at your center every day.
- **Gratitude prompt:** Record the things you're most grateful for each week, giving thanks to Jesus for each one.
- **Prayer prompt:** Take time to talk with Jesus every week.
- **Jesus-centered daily Bible-reading plan:** Because all of the Bible points to the Messiah, reading the story of God can point you to a deeper relationship with Jesus. This chapter-a-day reading plan includes 365 readings from the 1,189 chapters in the Bible, so it's still just a sampler. But follow this month-by-month plan and you'll have a much deeper grasp of what the whole Bible is all about: the person and work of Jesus Christ. Use the *Jesus-Centered Bible*, which features Jesus connections from Genesis to Revelation, to get the most out of your daily reading time.

Reflection—Psalm 139:23-24

 *Consider*

Psalm 139:23-24 is an invitation for God to search our hearts, know our anxious thoughts, point out our offenses, and lead us in his way. It's the conclusion of a psalm that focuses heavily on God's omniscience (he knows everything) and omnipresence (he is everywhere). These traits allow God to search our hearts. Write out the words to Psalm 139:23-24, and reflect on them throughout the month.

Things you're thankful for this week:

- Throughout the month, you'll focus on a spiritual discipline through four or five actions: **Consider, Talk With Jesus, Ask Yourself, Live Like Jesus, and Watch for Jesus.**

- **Gratitude prompt**

- **Prayer prompt**

- **Jesus-centered daily Bible-reading plan**

What are your prayer priorities this week?

WEEK 1	
JAN 1-JAN 7	
1 Sunday	2 Monday
READ <i>Psalm 150</i>	READ <i>Genesis 1</i>
6:00	6:00
7:00	7:00
8:00	8:00
9:00	9:00

Monthly Reflections

Review your gratitude notes from previous weeks, and write a prayer to Jesus thanking him for this month.

What experiences, insights, and moments helped keep Jesus a priority in your life in January? Record them here so you don't forget them.

Reviewing the previous month, how did focusing on the right priorities make a difference in your life?

Are there any ways you might adjust your priorities in the month ahead?

Review your appointments and tasks for the coming month. In what ways are they helping you focus on Jesus' priority of loving others? Is there anything you need to cancel, add, or change? Pray about it; then update your schedule as needed.

Now write a prayer thanking Jesus for new opportunities coming in February, including one way you're planning to stay focused on him.

At the end of each month, you'll have a chance to recall what you've experienced and reflect on how Jesus has impacted your life. Through a series of questions, you'll review your priorities, celebrate accomplishments, and look forward to each new month.

Blank Pages

You'll find blank pages at the back of your planner. Use them for lists, tracking projects, journaling, prayers, doodling, budgeting—whatever you like.

What It Means to Be Jesus-Centered

Using a Jesus-centered planner doesn't make you Jesus-centered. Singing songs about Jesus doesn't make you Jesus-centered. Driving around town with an "I love Jesus" bumper sticker doesn't make you Jesus-centered. Even reading your Bible every day doesn't mean your life is centered on Jesus.

So what is being "Jesus-centered" really all about? How do you make Jesus the hub of your life?

Jesus tells us how in John 15: "When you obey my commandments, you remain in my love... This is my commandment: Love each other in the same way I have loved you" (John 15:10, 12).

The key to staying attached to the Vine—to staying centered on Jesus—is to love others. You cannot be Jesus-centered if you aren't actively loving other people.

Loving others is pretty straightforward. First Corinthians 13:4-7 describes it for us: "Love is patient and kind. Love is not jealous or boastful or proud or rude. It does not demand its own way. It is not irritable, and it keeps no record of being wronged. It does not rejoice about injustice but rejoices whenever the truth wins out. Love never gives up, never loses faith, is always hopeful, and endures through every circumstance."

As you use this planner in the weeks and months ahead, remember that perhaps its greatest purpose may be in helping you organize your life around loving other people. If that's all you accomplish in the next year, you will most certainly be living a genuine Jesus-centered life.

Setting Jesus-Centered Priorities, First Quarter

Look to Jesus' example to guide your life's priorities.

Before committing to naming your priorities, spend five to 10 minutes writing or mapping a sketch of everything that's currently most important to you in your life. Don't edit yourself; it's okay if this list includes your most personal desires—good, bad, or otherwise. Be open and honest with yourself about where your heart is right now.

Now think about Jesus' top priority: loving others. How is Jesus' command connected to the most important things in your life? Pray about it. Challenge yourself to be open to what that really means for you. If being centered on Jesus is all about loving others, how will that affect your priorities? Make a list of your life's priorities here.

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With Jesus' command in mind, prayerfully consider your top priority—what's the most important investment of your time and energy—for you to focus on for the next three months. Your priority can be anything: your family, job, friends, special project—whichever part of your life you want to be more centered on Jesus.

1ST QUARTER PRIORITY (JANUARY, FEBRUARY, MARCH)

Focusing on this priority is important to *you* because...

Focusing on this priority is important to *Jesus* because...

ACTION STEPS needed to stay focused...

If you've identified one or two other top priorities, write them here along with the reasons they're important and what you plan to do to keep them in focus.

WEEK 2

JAN 8 - JAN 14

8 Sunday	9 Monday	10 Tuesday	11 Wednesday
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12 Thursday	13 Friday	14 Saturday	What are your top 3 priorities this week?
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Reflection—Psalm 139:23-24



Talk With Jesus

David's words in Psalm 139:23-24 are a great prayer for the new year! Are you brave enough to pray it—and really *mean* it? Read the psalm as a conversation with Jesus—but only if you're ready for him to answer. Then sit in silence with a pen and paper, writing down anything he reveals to you in that moment or throughout the week.

Things you're thankful for this week:

