



DEVOTE YOURSELVES TO THE APOSTLE'S TEACHINGS

Acts 2:40-43

1 Timothy 4:7-16

Sermon 6 of 12



FUNDAMENTALS OF THE FAITH

If Jesus is Lord & Messiah what should we do?

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Shane Healey

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ACTS

2:41—42

41 Those who accepted his message were baptised, and about three thousand were added to their number that day.

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer.



WHAT IS THE APOSTLES' TEACHING?

→ The teachings about
Jesus found in the Bible



DEVOTING OURSELVES TO THE APOSTLES' TEACHING IN THE 21ST CENTURY MEANS...

- ⇒ Reading the Bible personally (Acts 2:42).
- ⇒ Attending church regularly because... the Bible is read and taught in church (1 Tim. 4:13).



1 TIMOTHY

4:13—15

13 ...devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to preaching and to teaching.

14 Do not neglect your gift, which was given you through prophecy when the body of elders laid their hands on you.

15 Be diligent in these matters; give yourself wholly to them.



“‘Is not my word like fire,’
declares the Lord, ‘and like a
hammer that breaks a rock in
pieces?’”

Jeremiah 23:29



“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

Hebrews 4:12



“But [Jesus] answered, “It is written, ‘Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Matthew 4:4



“Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.”

Psalm 119:105



“Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.”

Matthew 24:35



**“The grass withers, the
flower fades, but the word of
our God will stand forever.”**

Isaiah 40:8





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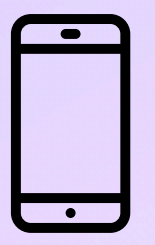
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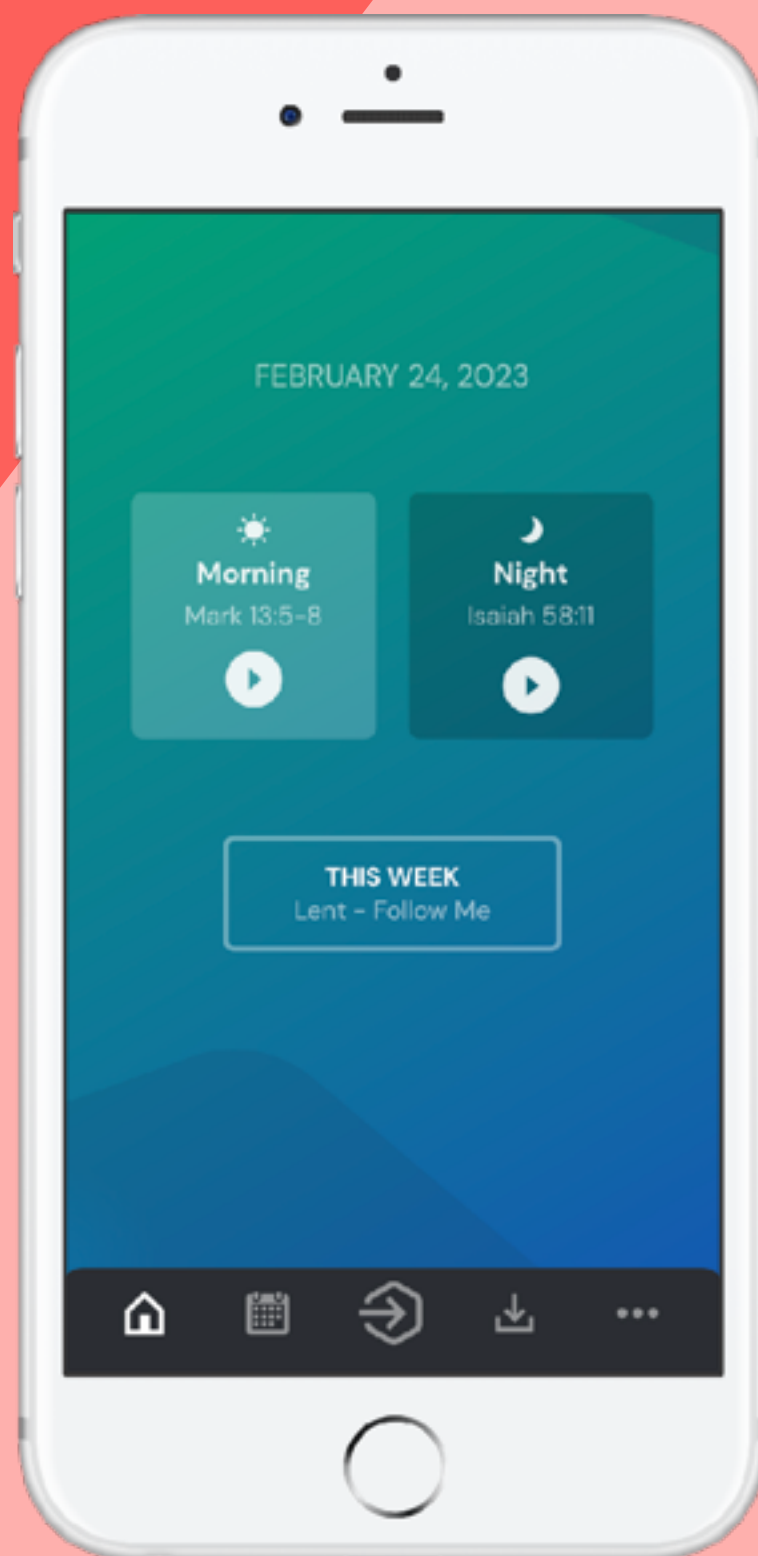
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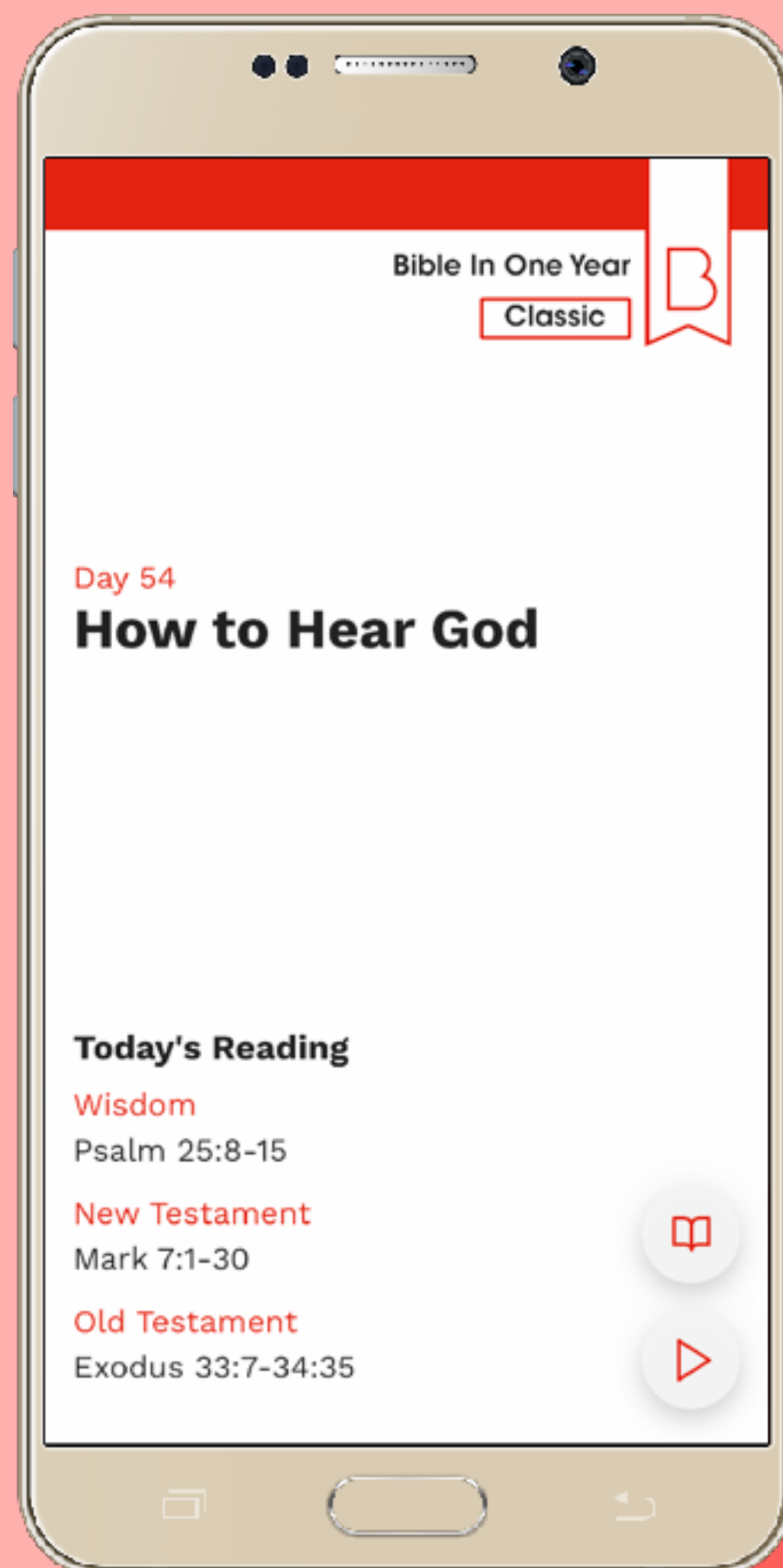
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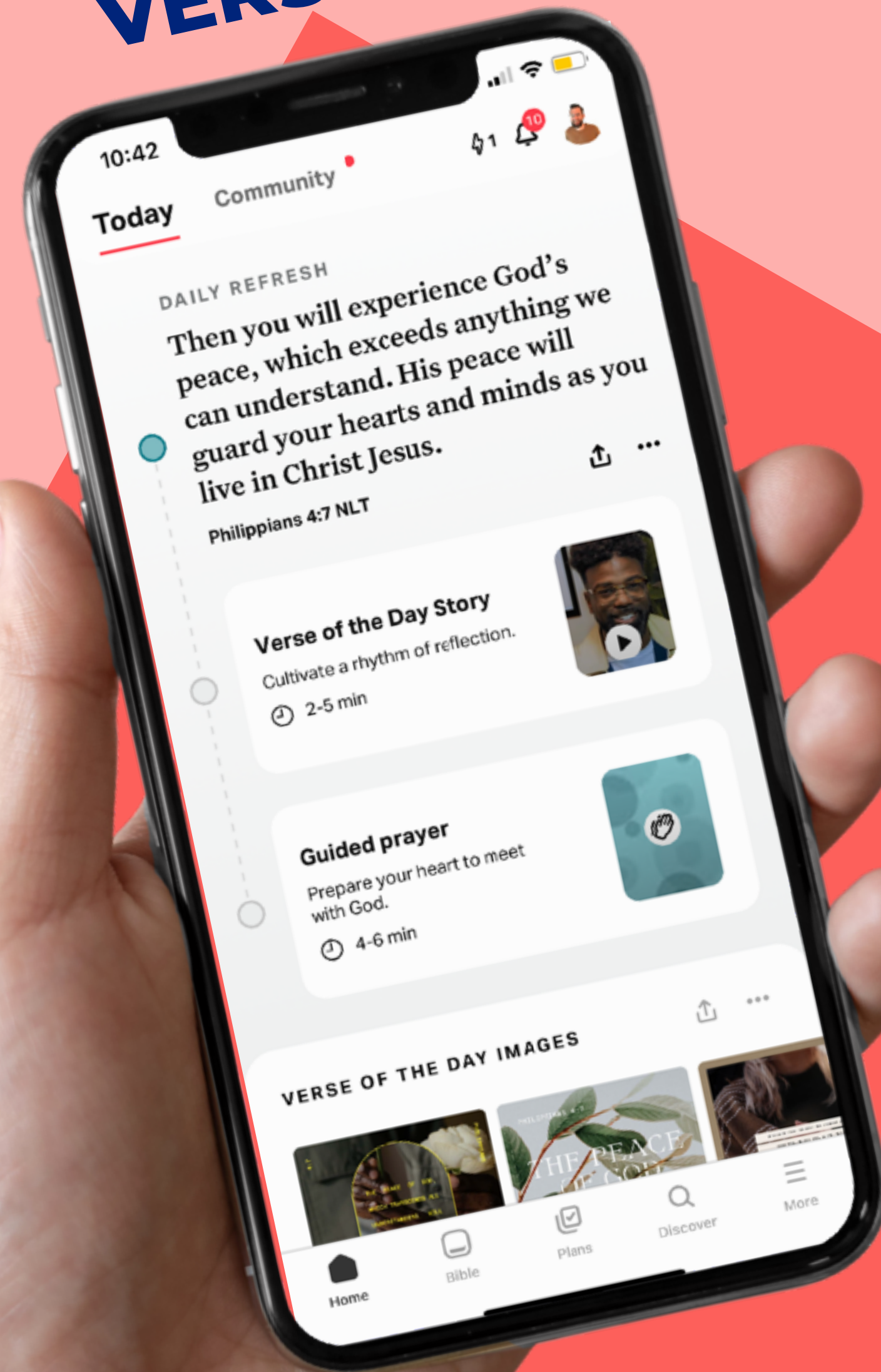
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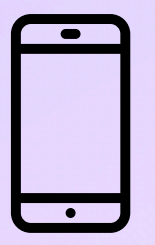


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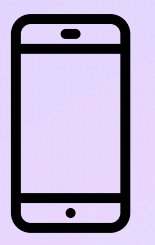
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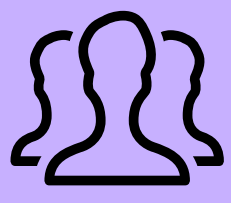
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HOW TO BE DEVOTED TO THE BIBLE...

...in church

Prepare your
heart

Do your best
to receive

Be eager &
attentive

ACTS

17:11

“Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character than those in Thessalonica, for they received the message with great eagerness and examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true.”



NEHEMIAH

8:3

“He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.”





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Join a
LifeGroup

IF YOU ARE STRUGGLING TO BE DEVOTED TO READING THE BIBLE. Some tips

- ⇒ Start small
- ⇒ Little & often
- ⇒ Begin with prayer
- ⇒ Get into a habit
- ⇒ More in; more out
- ⇒ You are accepted!
- ⇒ Resources





**IF CHRISTIANS
SHOULD BE DEVOTED
TO READING THE
BIBLE, THEN I WILL...**

- ⇒ What will you start doing?
- ⇒ What will you stop doing?
- ⇒ What will you change?