

Going Deeper

The Collective Church Weekly Devotions

September 19, 2021 - Linda Stevens – Intro to Rooted in the Word



In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God... The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the one and only Son.

John 1:1,14

The Bible has 66 books, written by 40 different authors, over 1500 years, but yet it has one ultimate author and one ultimate theme. The Bible is God's word and it tells the amazing love story of His pursuit of us, for His love of us, and his rescue mission of us. The Bible includes several different genres within its text, including historical narrative, poetry, wisdom literature, prophecy, and apocalyptic literature.

It's beautifully complex, not like the children's stories that often shape our first understanding of the Bible. It's not surprising then, that so many people get turned off by the Bible when they do choose to dive in. It's hard to understand, it's hard to know what it's saying to the people when it was written, and it's hard to understand what it means for us today. It is, however, God's word! And, like the Church, God has given us His word so that we may draw closer to Him and know Him. Just like with any other text that's unfamiliar to us, it can be read and it can be understood... and amazing things happen when you take the time to explore its pages.

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Matthew 4:4

The Collective is starting a new 10-week series called, "Rooted." The idea of being rooted in the word is so that we can bring "light and salt" to everyone around us. Rooted in the Word is one of the four pillars at The Collective.

Being Rooted in the Word brings **Life!**
Being Rooted in the Word **Anchors** us!
Being Rooted in the Word **Bears Fruit!**
Being Rooted in the Word allows us to **Pass it on!**

Rooted in the Word - 60-Day Bible Reading Plan

1. Download the YOUVERSIOIN app
2. Quickly set up an account with your email
3. Do a SEARCH for "BIBLE PROJECT Paul's Letters" & follow the first 60 day plan
4. Click "Start Plan" on Sept 20
5. Stay connected and informed on our social platforms