Dear Friend

Welcome to one of the best decisions of your life! You will never be the same after reading the entire Bible! I can't tell you how excited I am to be walking with you through powerful pages of God's Holy Word. It's important for us to chat about a few things before you get started.

Just pretend this is orientation day. We are in our classroom and I am standing at the podium in the front of the room. You have your new One Year Chronological Bible, RTW Journal, new pen, and new highlighters. I have flicked the lights on and off to quiet the exciting chatter of our class.

Read Thru the Word Bible Study consists of three parts:

1. Daily reading in the One Year Chronological Bible-NLT *
2. Daily video teaching by Wendy(www.wendypope.org/store)
3. Daily response journal

(*The journal includes scripture references for day in chronological order so you can read using your personal Bible, you know the one with all the markings in it or the NIV Women's Devotional Bible.)

The Bible

The Bible we use for our study is unique in design. It is chronological, which means it is written in the order of which the events occurred. For example, in the middle of the book of Acts, you will find Paul's letters to the Thessalonians. You will experience David emotions in real-time as he runs from Saul and hides in the cave. The Psalms David authored are in the story of his life written in Samuel.

The Chronological Bible is not the Bible you grab on your way out the door on the way to church. This Bible is made for study. We are reading the easy to understand, New Living Translation.

You can purchase the Bible from many places. I would like to encourage you to support the ongoing ministry of Proverbs 31 Ministries by purchasing the Bible from their Online Store: proverbs31.org/ products/the-one-year-chronological-bible.

If you are unable to purchase a Bible, you can still participate in the class. The can print the reading schedule from the internet and use this journal with your regular Bible

The Video

Each day there is a 10-15 video teaching based on the day's readings. The video teachings will enhance your understanding of the reading as well as give you the opportunity for connection and accountability with hundreds of women across the world.

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RTW is a membership class. Membership can be purchased at **wendypope.org/store**. The class is membership based therefore the daily posts and video will NOT be emailed to you. Plan to bookmark *Walking with Women Through the Word* on your browser. Each day click on the bookmark, go to Online Studies > RTW to view the day's teaching video.

With each new lesson, the previous lesson is archived in the navigational bar in the right menu so you can go back to view a lesson again or for the first time if you missed it. After viewing the video you have the opportunity to share your thoughts and converse about the video and day's readings in the comments section of the day's post.

The Journal

Your journal is a crucial part of the Bible study. It is home to all the Lord is teaching you. Respond to the following prompts each day and watch the Word come alive right before your eyes.

1. **Something Old**
   Something familiar but you it "heard" in a new way.

2. **Something New**
   Something you did not know before the day's reading.

3. **Something to Do**
   Your action response to the day's reading. (i.e. Is God asking you to forgive someone?)

Creative with Your Time

Determine a time and place for your reading and do your best to stick to it. Protect your study time within reason. The daily reading should take 15-20 minutes, depending on how fast or how slow you read.

The first time I read through the Bible, I intentionally came to carline 20 minutes early each day so I could complete my reading. You may not have carline but perhaps you have a lunch break or sit through basketball practice. If you don't work outside the home you can turn off your favorite show to complete your daily reading. The point is set a time to read and try your very best to honor the time. Having said that, stay committed to the time as best you can but remember life sometimes demands flexibility.

Grace Grace Grace

You will miss days. Life gets busy. When you miss days, even several in a row, don't stop reading. This journey is about persistent not perfection. Heaven doesn't hand

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out demerits for missed days. After the missed day(s), pick back up with the reading of the current calendar day. When time allows and life slows down you go back through your journal to the empty pages to make up the reading. It's OK to take more than one year to read the One Year Bible.

You will not understand everything you read and what you read may disturb you. Don't stop reading. My favorite verse is Deuteronomy 29:29. I encourage you take the time to write it on the inside cover of your Bible. (You will find it on page 318.) When you get to one of those hard to understand passages flip to the front of your Bible and take a deep breath and read aloud:

"The Lord our God has secrets known to no one. We are not accountable for them, but we and our children are accountable forever for all that he has revealed to us, so that we may obey all the terms of these instructions."

God will reveal what He wants you know when He wants you to know it. When He reveals obey. It's imperative that we don't become consumed by what we don't understand.

Support

This is a huge commitment. Ask friends and family to pray for you. Staying active in the comments conversation with the daily video will help you stay on track.

What Can I Expect from this Study?

The number one thing you will receive from *Read Thru the Word* is accountability and support. This is RTW's 7th year. Many class members have been reading together for the entire 7 years. You will experience tremendous support and encouragement. It is reassuring to know others are on the journey with you.

As far as my role in the journey, I am a vessel through which the Holy Spirit will set the stage for our hearts to be changed by the power of the ancient words of scripture. I too am a student and like you have a desire to be enlightened, inspired, transformed, and surprised.

Feel free to send questions and concerns my way via email wendy@wendypope.org rather than leaving a question in the comments section. I am a wife and working mother of two busy teenagers and don't always get the chance to visit the comments section each day.

Did I mention how excited I am to be on this journey with you? Woo Hoo!!!

Let the fun begin!!!

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January 1

Day 1 of 365

Scripture: Genesis 1:1-3:24

Something Old

Something New

Something to Do

Additional Notes

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