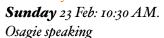
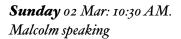
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What's on

Wednesday 19th Feb: 8 PM. "From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series third Zoom session - "Sharing Your Faith Story"





Wednesday of Mar: "From Seed to Harvest" - outreach equipping series fourth Zoom session - "Addressing Common Questions and Objections".

Sunday 09 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 16 Mar: 10:30 AM. Stefan speaking

Sunday 23 Mar: 10:30 AM. Bruce speaking

Sunday 30 Mar: 10:30 AM. Malcolm speaking

Sunday 08 June: 10:30 AM. Pentecost International

Service

Sunday of fuly: Outdoor Wellington Country Park service hosted by the Thames Valley churches of Christ

Sunday 20 July: 10:30 AM. Dr Rolan Monje is our visiting speaker from the Manila ICOC.

Making the Bible your 'hobby' - Part 3

Introduction

In this series, we explore how approaching our Bible study as a hobby can help. Today, we are looking at Bible journalling. Let me illustrate by sharing my current practice.

1. Write Down What God Reveals

I am reading David Hoffbrand's "52 Sabbaths" https://davidhoffbrand.com/. This book offers insights into how embracing a rhythm of rest can deepen our relationship with God. 52 weekly

reflections encourage readers to rediscover the Sabbath as a gift, fostering spiritual renewal, peace, and a closer walk with God.

Once a week, I proceed as follows:

- 1. Read the book chapter and Scriptures, and pray about anything that arises for me.
- 2. Open my notes software and create a note for that day's reading.
- 3. Note down the main Scripture(s)
- 4. Add any quotes from the book that stood out
- 5. Add my reflections in my own words. Some about the text, and some about myself.

Tips: Set a reminder; use software you are comfortable with; make the journaling process as simple as possible; use voice memos if you are not in a place conducive to writing; use a journaling Bible. At the bottom of this article, you'll find a list of suggestions.

2. Be creative

Journalling does not have to involve writing. Try drawing pictures, writing your thoughts as song lyrics, composing a poem, writing a letter to someone about what you have read, writing a blog article about what you have read (send it to me, and I might publish it), making a YouTube short, creating a picture on Stencil (https:// getstencil.com/app) or Canva (https:// www.canva.com/) and posting it on Instagram.

Tips: https://thegraphicsfairy.com/bible-art-journaling-a-beginners-guide/?
https://www.doodlingfaith.co.uk/

Question

How do you feel about journalling your Bible study? In other words, not just making notes on the text, but on your *response* to the text.

Conclusion

Try it for a week. If you're not comfortable or familiar with these ideas, at least give it a go and see what the Spirit reveals. Next week, I will offer some further inspiration to help you make the Bible your hobby.

Your brother, Malcolm

P.S. The podcast version can be found here: https://audioboom.com/posts/8646478-how-to-make-the-bible-your-hobby-part-3-bible-journalling-malcolm-cox-quiet-time-coachin



Journalling Bibles

1. ESV Journaling Bible

- Best for: Fans of the English Standard Version who want to record thoughts, prayers, or artwork.

2. NIV Journal the Word Bible

- Best for: Those who prefer the New International Version translation.

3. CSB (Christian Standard Bible) Notetaking Bible

- Format: Generous margins for journaling and reflections.
- Beautifully designed covers and thick pages to minimise bleed-through.
- Best for: A balance between modern English and note-friendly design.

4. NRSV Artisan Journaling Edition

- Premium paper designed for pen and pencil journaling.
- Decorative cover designs.
- Best for: Lovers of the NRSV who enjoy creative journaling.

5. KJV Journal the Word Bible

- Best for: Those who appreciate the poetic beauty of the KJV.

6. The Inspire Bible (NLT)

- Format: Designed specifically for creative journaling and colouring.
- Pre-drawn illustrations and verses to colour.
- Space for personal doodles, prayers, or notes.
- Best for: Artistic individuals or those who enjoy expressing faith through creativity.

7. Interleaved Journaling Bibles

- Format: Every other page is blank for maximum note-taking or artwork.
- Best for: Deep study and extensive journaling.

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