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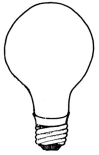


BIBLE READING AND PRAYER CHALLENGE



# HOW TO USE THESE DAILY READING NOTES

These daily bible reading notes use the “Swedish Method”. It is a great method to use when reading the bible for yourself or with someone else that you are sharing your faith with. Simply follow the same method each day. See below for an explanation of the Swedish method.



**A light bulb:** This should be something that ‘shines’ from the passage—whatever impacts most, draws attention or something you simply like.



**A question mark:** Anything that is difficult to understand in the text, or a question you have from the text. Make note of the question and in your discussions with others, seek to work out the answer together.



**An arrow:** Personalise what you have read by asking yourself how it applies to your life right now. Perhaps it is instruction, encouragement, revelation of a new promise, or corrections for a particular area of your life. Write how this scripture can apply to you today.



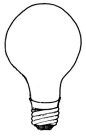
**Prayer:** This can be as simple as asking God to help you apply His word or giving thanks for what God has taught you that day.

See the next page for an example of the “Swedish Method

# SWEDISH METHOD EXAMPLE

## Scripture: Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes: first to the Jew, then to the Gentile.



I love that Paul is not 'ashamed' of the gospel. The gospel message is powerful and brings salvation to all who believe it. It is for everyone to hear.



Why does Paul say 'first for the Jew, then the Gentile'? Why is Paul not ashamed of the gospel?



If the gospel is the power to save anyone I should not withhold this message from any body, even those who I think will reject it. There have been occasions when I have felt ashamed or embarrassed by sharing Jesus. If I had the cure for cancer I would not be ashamed to tell anyone, since I have the cure for hell why am I so scared at times? I must remember what is at stake. Since I believe this message about Jesus I can be certain that I will be saved. I think I will write an email to one of our missionaries to encourage them as they share Jesus to the nations.



Dear Father, please forgive me for being ashamed in sharing the gospel at times. Please forgive me for being silent about Jesus when I am with non-Christians. I'm often scared. I want to be more bold so please help me to have the courage to be like Paul and not be ashamed of this message which will not only save me, but all who trust in your Son. Please give me the boldness and opportunity to talk about my faith in Jesus with Tom, Mick and Nick in the next month.  
In Jesus name, Amen

## DOING THIS WITH KIDS

If you have children the Swedish method can be very helpful. With younger children you may want to use a CEV version of the bible. A great place to start is to simply do first point (the light bulb). Before you read out the passage ask them to listen to you read and for them to tell you what they liked. After they share what they liked you could lead them in a prayer based on what they said. Depending on the age of your child you could go further and ask them if they have any questions and finally what they think God calling us to do after reading this passage. This could be done at a set time each day, around the dinner table or before the children's bedtime as a family.

## SHARE WHAT YOU'VE BEEN LEARNING

You're not doing this challenge alone! There's a whole bunch of people from St Faith's doing it with you. Same passage! Same Day!

What an encouragement it would be to share how God has been speaking to you by his Spirit. You can do this in three ways:

- 1) In our general conversations when we see each other. Asking each other how the challenge is going.
- 2) Come to church and small group ready to share something that God has been teaching/encouraging you in.
- 3) Via Social media:
  - a. St Faith's Facebook page. If you are on Facebook share on our page what you have been getting out of the studies and prayer time each day.
  - b. For Twitter and Instagram use the hashtag: #devoted14

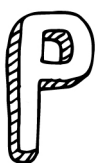
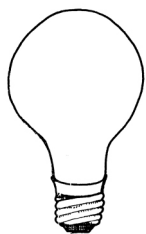


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**DATE:** February 1

**PASSAGE:** 1 Peter 1:1-9

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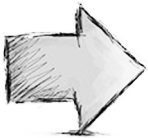
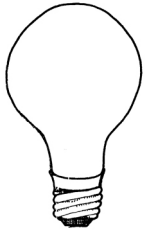


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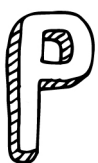
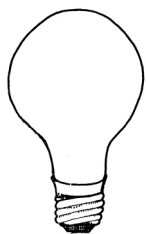


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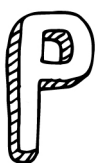
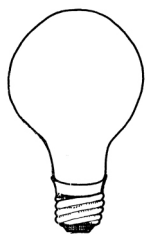


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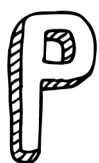
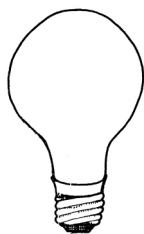


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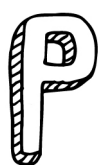
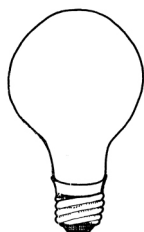


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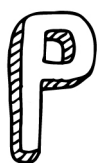
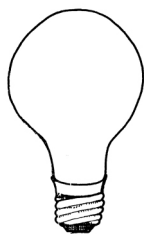


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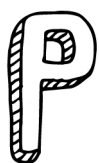
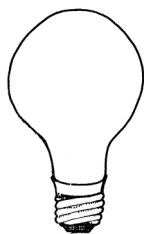


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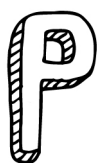
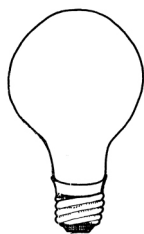


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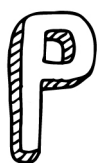
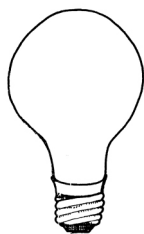


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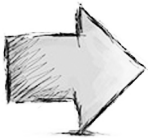
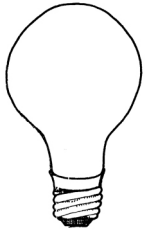


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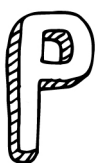
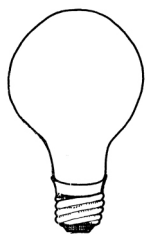


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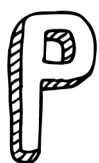
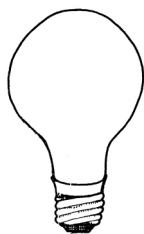


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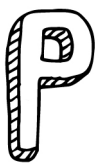
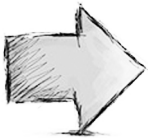
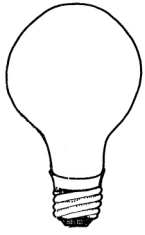


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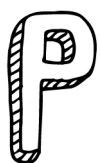
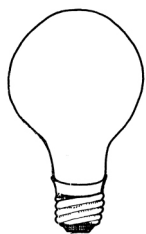


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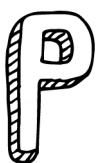
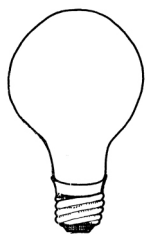


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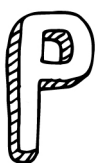
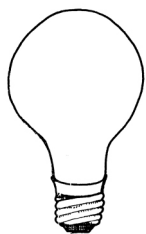


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PASSAGE: Psalm 51

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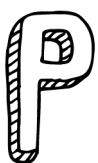
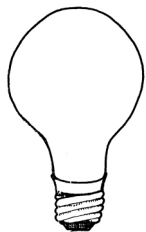


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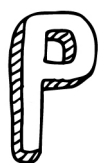
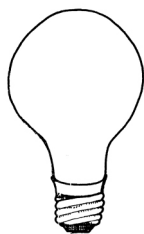


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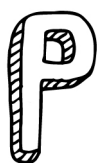
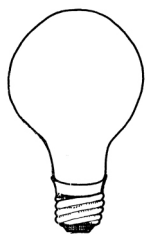


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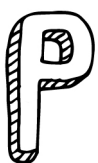
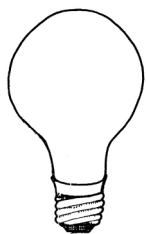


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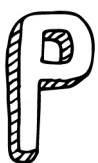
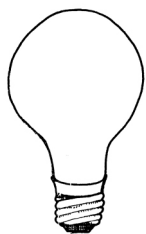


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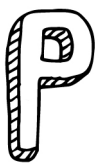
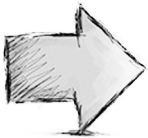
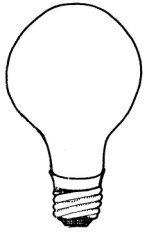


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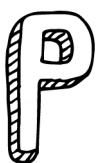
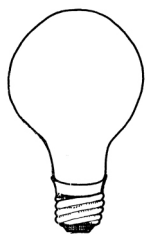


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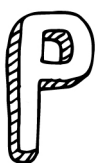
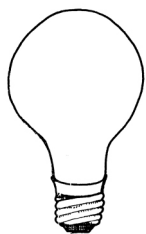


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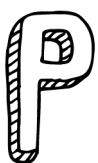
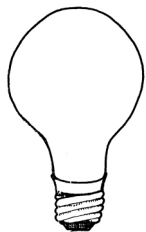


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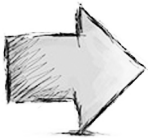
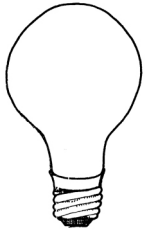


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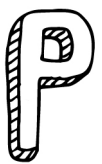
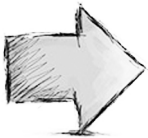
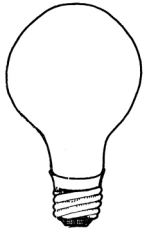


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## Reflection:

How many of the 28 days did you complete?

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Were there some things, events, habits that prevented you from completing the challenge?

What could you do in the future to avoid them?

What has God taught you over the last month?

What book of the bible will you start next?

Is there someone else that you could start reading the bible with using the Swedish method?