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# HOW TO READ & STUDY THE WORD

FOR ALL IT'S WORTH





## In This Breakout

It is no secret that the Truth is massively under attack in our culture. Now, more than ever before, we as followers of Jesus, must have a solid knowledge and understanding of God's Word. We need to know how to study it, understand it, and live it out in our everyday lives. But how do we do that without a Bible college degree? In this interactive breakout, we will give you some very simple and practical tools for reading and studying God's Word in a way that comes alive!



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Christians  
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6 in 10  
say they read the Bible  
at least on occasion.

Less than 2 of 5 read the  
Bible at least once a week

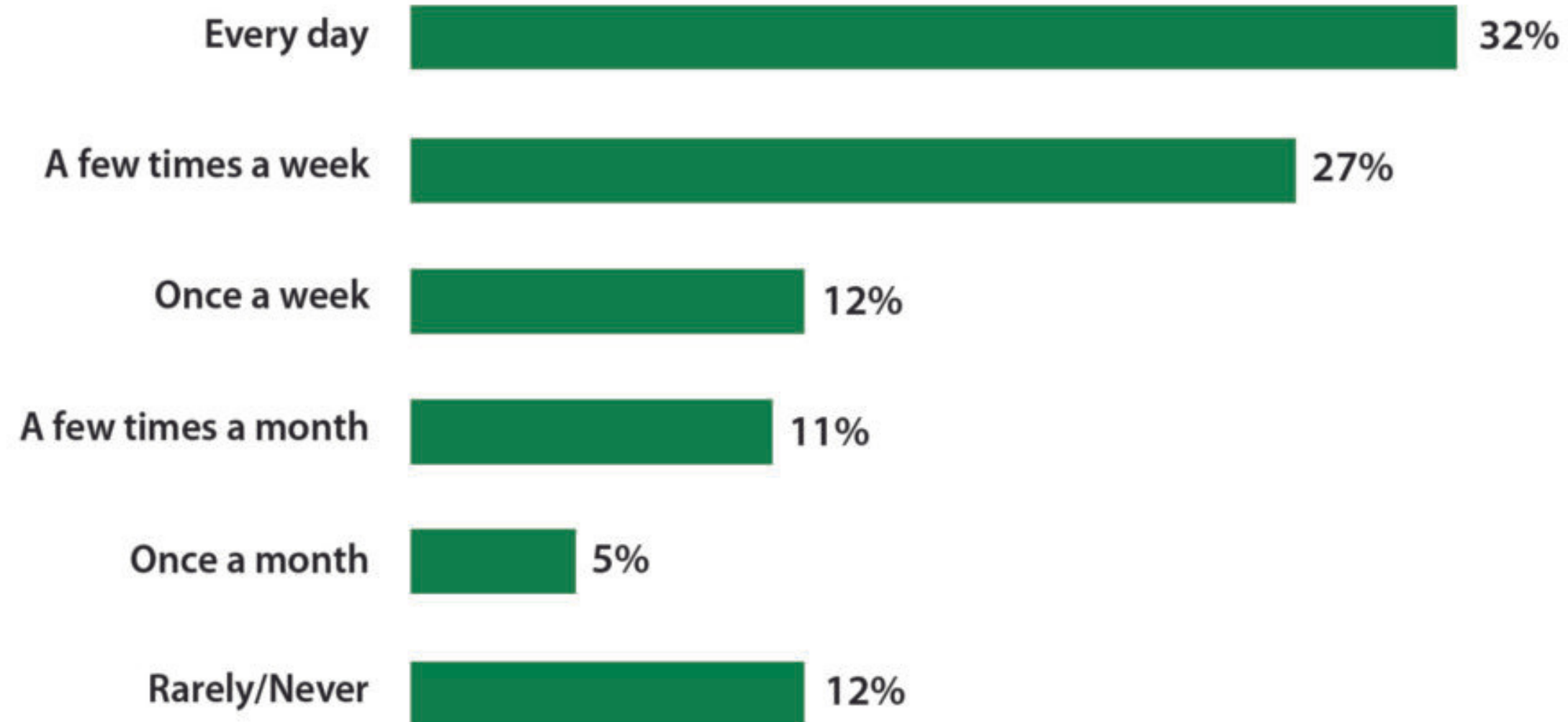
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# How often do you read the Bible?

*Among Protestant churchgoers*



Note: May not equal 100% due to rounding.





# The Power of 4 Effect

A KEY DISCOVERY FROM THE CENTER FOR BIBLE ENGAGEMENT RESEARCH IS THAT THE LIFE OF SOMEONE WHO ENGAGES SCRIPTURE **4 OR MORE TIMES** A WEEK LOOKS RADICALLY DIFFERENT FROM THE LIFE OF SOMEONE WHO DOES NOT. IN FACT, THE LIVES OF CHRISTIANS WHO DO NOT ENGAGE THE BIBLE MOST DAYS OF THE WEEK ARE STATISTICALLY THE SAME AS THE LIVES OF NON-BELIEVERS.

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**30%**

**less** likely to  
struggle with  
loneliness



"Remember  
**the**  
morning  
watch."







# THE POWER OF CONSISTENCY

ENGAGE WITH THE WORD  
OF GOD FOR 7 MINUTES  
EVERY SINGLE MORNING  
TO START YOUR DAY





Q:

WHAT ARE THE  
REASONS THAT  
WE DON'T READ  
OUR BIBLE MORE  
REGULARLY?





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**Q:** WHY DO  
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**1. INFORMATION**

**2. ENTERTAINMENT**





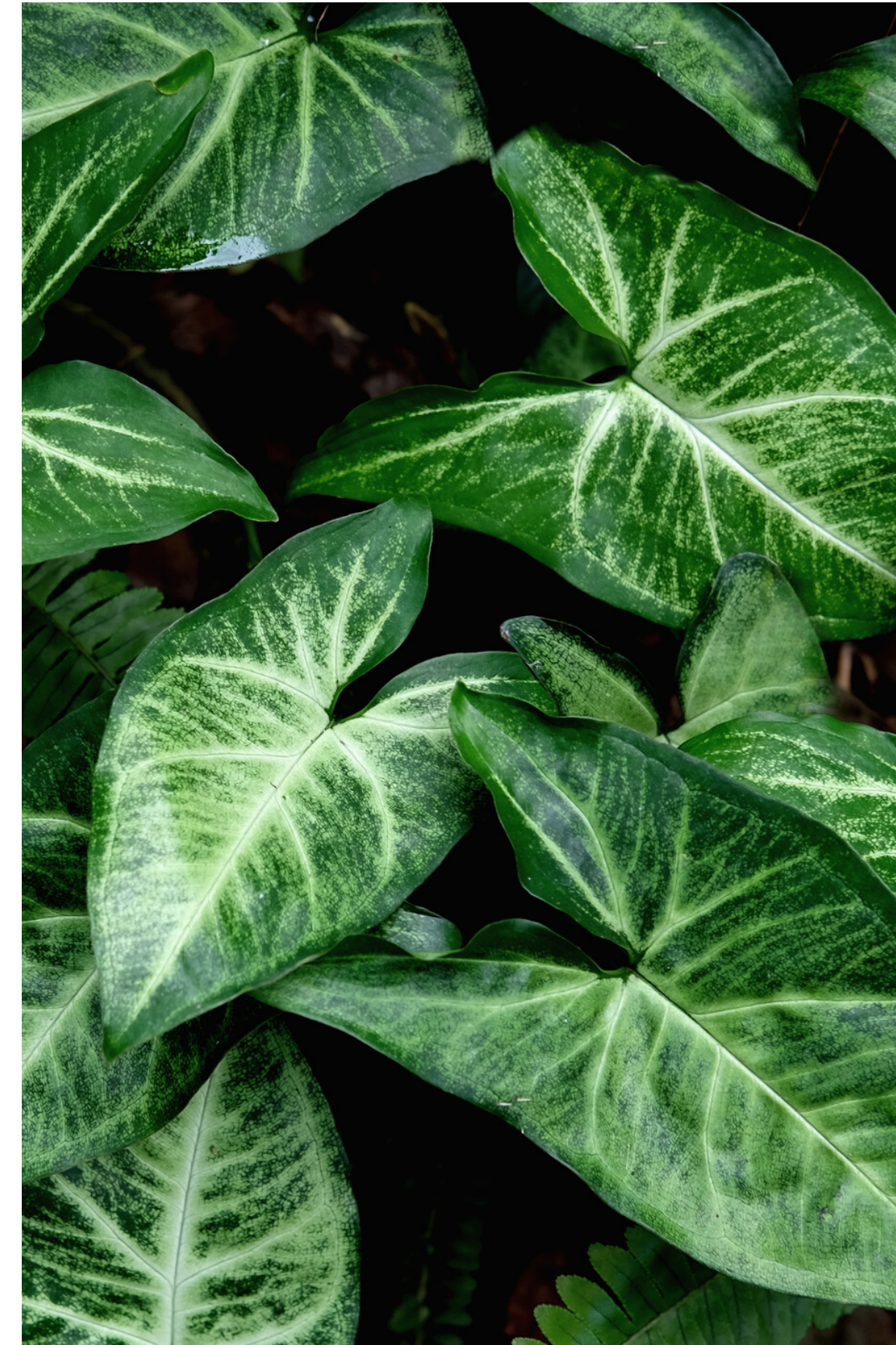
**WHAT  
ABOUT  
THE  
BIBLE?**

THE BIBLE IS THE  
ONLY BOOK THAT IS  
UNIQUELY DESIGNED  
**TO READ US!**



# HEBREWS 4:12 (NCV)

God's word is alive and working and is sharper than a double-edged sword. It cuts all the way into us, where the soul and the spirit are joined, to the center of our joints and bones. And it judges the thoughts and feelings in our hearts.







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"Divine Reading"





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### **1. LECTIO**

The taking of a bite





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### 4. CONTEMPLATIO

"Digesting" it and making  
it a part of the body





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1. LECTIO = READ

2. MEDITATIO = THINK

3. ORATIO = PRAY

4. CONTEMPLATIO = LIVE





# LECTIO DIVINA

READ, THINK, PRAY, LIVE

# SOAP METHOD

SCRIPTURE, OBSERVATION, APPLICATION, PRAYER





# FEASTING ON THE WORD

"YOU PREPARE A TABLE BEFORE ME" - PSALM 23:5











“When we don’t feel strong desires for the presence and power and of manifestation of the glory of God, it is not because you have drunk deeply and are satisfied. It is because we have nibbled so long at the table of the world. Our souls are stuffed with small things, and there is no room for the great.”

**John Piper**





# 1 Corinthians 3:1-3

1 Brothers and sisters, when I was with you I found it impossible to speak to you as those who are spiritually mature people, for you are still dominated by the mind-set of the flesh. And because you are immature infants in Christ, 2 I had to nurse you and feed you with “milk,” not with the solid food of more advanced teachings, because you weren’t ready for it. In fact, you are still not ready to be fed solid food, 3 for you are living your lives dominated by the mind-set of the flesh.





## PSALM 139:1-6 (MSG)

God, investigate my life;  
get all the facts firsthand.  
I'm an open book to you;  
even from a distance, you know what I'm thinking.  
You know when I leave and when I get back;  
I'm never out of your sight.  
You know everything I'm going to say  
before I start the first sentence.  
I look behind me and you're there,  
then up ahead and you're there, too—  
your reassuring presence, coming and going.  
This is too much, too wonderful—  
I can't take it all in!

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**LIVE**





# PSALM 63:1-8 (NCV)

1 God, you are my God.

I search for you.

I thirst for you

like someone in a dry, empty land

where there is no water.

2 I have seen you in the Temple

and have seen your strength and glory.

3 Because your love is better than life,

I will praise you.

4 I will praise you as long as I live.

I will lift up my hands in prayer to your name.

5 I will be content as if I had eaten the best foods.

My lips will sing, and my mouth will praise you.

6 I remember you while I'm lying in bed;

I think about you through the night.

7 You are my help.

Because of your protection, I sing.

8 I stay close to you;

you support me with your right hand.

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## JOHN 15:1-8 (MSG)

1-3 “I am the Real Vine and my Father is the Farmer. He cuts off every branch of me that doesn’t bear grapes. And every branch that is grape-bearing he prunes back so it will bear even more. You are already pruned back by the message I have spoken.

4 “Live in me. Make your home in me just as I do in you. In the same way that a branch can’t bear grapes by itself but only by being joined to the vine, you can’t bear fruit unless you are joined with me.

5-8 “I am the Vine, you are the branches. When you’re joined with me and I with you, the relation intimate and organic, the harvest is sure to be abundant. Separated, you can’t produce a thing. Anyone who separates from me is deadwood, gathered up and thrown on the bonfire. But if you make yourselves at home with me and my words are at home in you, you can be sure that whatever you ask will be listened to and acted upon. This is how my Father shows who he is—when you produce grapes, when you mature as my disciples.

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# BIBLE STUDY TOOLS



[ArmaCourses.com](https://ArmaCourses.com)



[RightNowMedia.org](https://RightNowMedia.org)



[TheBrandSunday.com](https://TheBrandSunday.com)



The Message: Solo An Uncommon Devotional



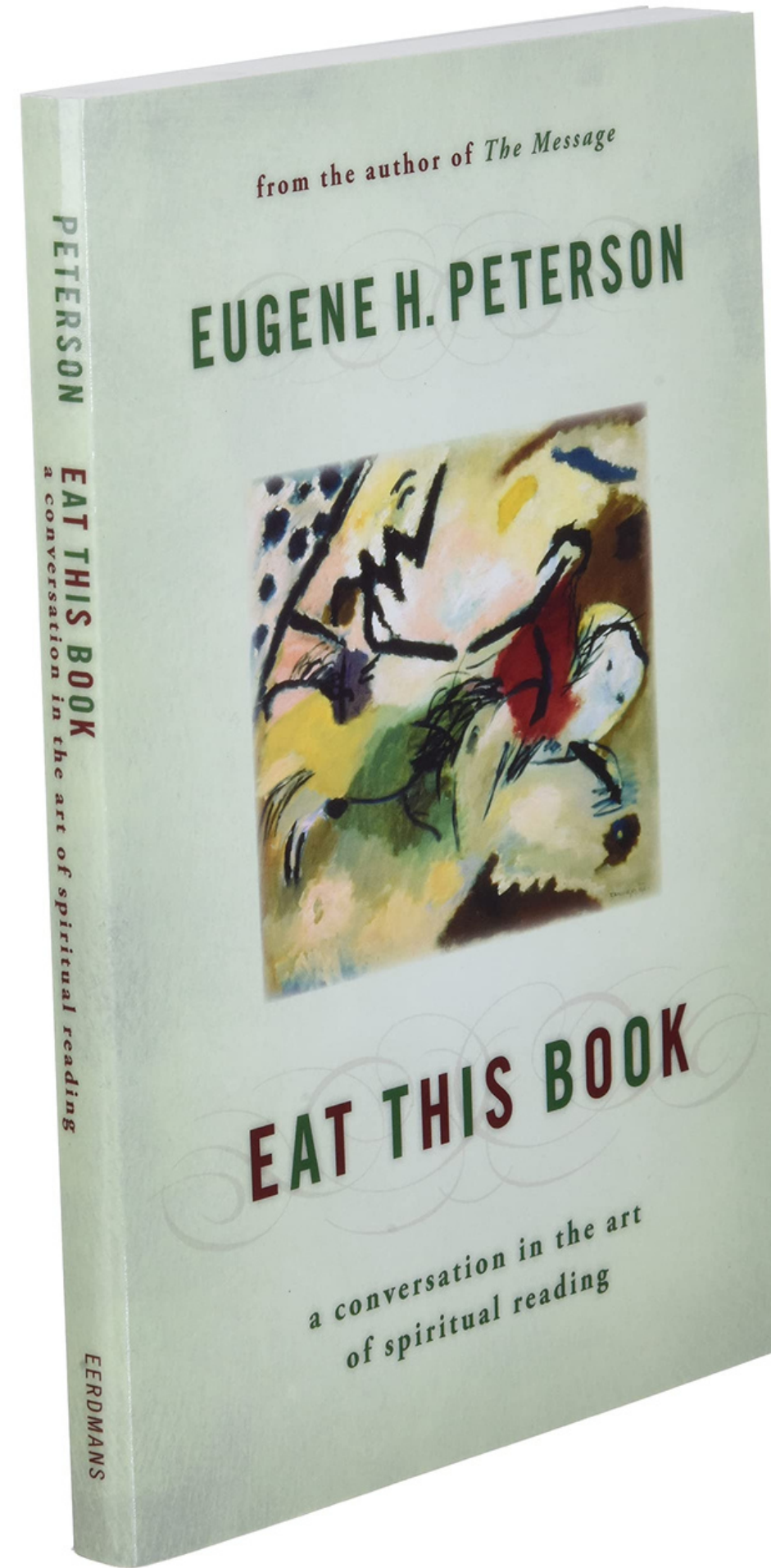
Eat This Book by Eugene Peterson



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