



The Margins Method TM

A Spirit-led, creative way to study
the Word and meet with God in the margins.

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The Margins Method™ was born out of spiritual burnout. For too long, I approached Scripture like a task list—trying to study “right” but missing the Person I was meant to encounter.

Then I slowed down. I gave God space to speak. I stopped rushing and started responding—and the margins of my Bible became sacred ground.

This method is for women like you:

- Women who crave depth
- Women who want simplicity
- Women who long to hear God clearly and respond personally

It's not about performance.

It's about presence.

Let this guide be a companion as you begin to linger in the Word—and meet God in the margins.

With grace,

Jane

Founder of The Margins Method

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The Margins Method™

A simple way to study Scripture and hear from God in the quiet spaces.

The Margins Method™ is a simple, inductive-yet-meditative way to study Scripture—one that helps you slow down, understand the context, and respond to God with your whole heart.

It honors the structure of inductive Bible study by guiding you to observe, interpret, and apply Scripture faithfully. At the same time, it invites a slower, more meditative posture—giving you space to listen for the Holy Spirit and linger in truth.

You'll use a few easy symbols to mark key truths, then respond in the margins through prayer, reflection, and creative worship.

It's not about doing it perfectly. It's about engaging God's Word with both reverence and wonder. Because Bible study should be theologically sound *and deeply personal*.


How It Works


1. Read the Passage Slowly


Let the words settle. Don't rush. Ask God to show you what He wants you to see.


2. Mark the Text

Use these symbols as you read:

 Keywords

 Heart Stirs

 Describes God/Jesus

 Truth/Promise

 Word Study

3. Word Study

Research and study the words that need more insight. Compare versions and note differences.

Write your study in the margin (or on your tip-ins).

4. Reflect

Ask:

What does this passage mean?

What does it reveal about God?

What truth can I carry today?

5. Respond Creatively in the Margins

Use the included:

Stickers to reflect key words or themes

Tip-ins for prayer, art, or journaling

Washi tape to frame or decorate truth

Write short notes, prayers, or thoughts in the margin (or on your tip-ins).

No stress. No expectation. This isn't about making it pretty. It's about making it personal.

What You Need

A Bible (any version you love)

A pen or pencil

The included stickers, tip-ins, washi, or your own creative tools

A quiet heart and a little space to listen

Final Thought

The goal isn't perfection.

The goal is presence.

God is still speaking.

And sometimes... He speaks in the margins.

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6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who do not believe. 7 Therefore do not be like the others, who are foolish, but be like the Lord.

Lord, help me walk in willing submission—not out of fear, but out of faith in You. Even when my husband isn't aligned with Your Word. Give me grace to trust Your design, strength to obey, and love that reflects Your heart. Draw him closer to You as I wait in hope.

In Jesus' name, amen.



22 Wives, be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the assembly, being himself the savior of the body. 24 But as the assembly is subject to Christ, so let the wives also be to their own husbands in everything.

25 Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the assembly and gave himself up for her, 26 that he might sanctify her, having cleansed her by the washing of water with the word, 27 that he might present the assembly to himself gloriously, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without defect. 28 Even so husbands also ought to love their own wives as their own bodies. He who loves his own wife loves himself. 29 For no man ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, even as the Lord also does the

○ Keywords

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~ Describes God/Jesus

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△ Word Study

Word Study

subject: greek hypotasso to arrange oneself voluntarily—willing alignment

head: greek kephale literal head of body can also mean responsible leadership Christ offered responsible and sacrificial leadership: tender, protective, selfless



As wives we offer a willing alignment under a husband who models Christ's love for the church in how he leads. This makes the relationship reflect the gospel.



The Big Picture:

The Old Testament tells the story of God's creation, His covenant with His people, and His promise to send a Savior. It shows God's faithfulness even when His people wandered and paints a rich picture of His character through history, poetry, prophecy, and law.

Why It Matters:

Every page points forward to Jesus. Studying it helps us understand God's holiness, His love, and His plan for redemption from the very beginning.

Book	Author/Date	Main Theme	Key Verse
Genesis	Moses / ~1445 BC	Beginnings, covenant promises	Gen 12:2-3
Exodus	Moses / ~1445 BC	God delivers His people	Ex 6:6-7
Leviticus	Moses / ~1445 BC	Holiness & worship	Lev 20:7
Numbers	Moses / ~1407 BC	Wilderness & trust	Num 23:19
Deuteronomy	Moses / ~1407 BC	Covenant renewal	<u>Deut 6:5</u>
Joshua	Joshua / ~1400 BC	Conquest & faithfulness	Josh 1:9
Judges	Samuel? / ~1050 BC	God's deliverance despite sin	<u>Judg 2:18</u>
Ruth	Unknown / ~1000 BC	Redemption & loyalty	Ruth 1:16
1 Samuel	Samuel/Nathan/Gad / ~930 BC	Rise of kingship	1 Sam 16:7
2 Samuel	Same	David's reign	2 Sam 7:16
1 Kings	Jeremiah? / ~560 BC	Kingdom divided	1 Kings 8:61
2 Kings	Same	Israel & Judah fall	2 Kings 17:13
1 Chronicles	Ezra? / ~450 BC	David's line to Messiah	1 Chr 29:11
2 Chronicles	Same	Temple & kings	2 Chr 7:14
Ezra	Ezra / ~450 BC	Return & restoration	Ezra 7:10
Nehemiah	Nehemiah / ~430 BC	Rebuilding walls & faith	Neh 8:10

Esther	Unknown / ~470 BC	God's providence	Esth 4:14
Job	Unknown	Suffering & God's sovereignty	Job 19:25
Psalms	Various / 1000–400 BC	Worship & prayer	Ps 23:1
Proverbs	Solomon / ~950 BC	Wisdom for life	Prov 3:5–6
Ecclesiastes	Solomon / ~935 BC	Life's meaning in God	Eccl 12:13
Song of Solomon	Solomon / ~950 BC	Love & devotion	Song 2:4
Isaiah	Isaiah / ~700 BC	Salvation through the Messiah	Isa 53:5
Jeremiah	Jeremiah / ~586 BC	God's warning & hope	Jer 29:11
Lamentations	Jeremiah / ~586 BC	Grief & hope	Lam 3:22–23
Ezekiel	Ezekiel / ~570 BC	God's glory & restoration	Ezek 36:26
Daniel	Daniel / ~530 BC	God's sovereignty	Dan 2:21
Hosea	Hosea / ~720 BC	God's faithful love	Hos 14:4
Joel	Joel / ~835 BC	Day of the Lord	Joel 2:13
Amos	Amos / ~760 BC	Justice & righteousness	Amos 5:24
Obadiah	Obadiah / ~850 BC	God's justice	Obad 1:15
Jonah	Jonah / ~760 BC	God's mercy	Jonah 2:9
Micah	Micah / ~700 BC	Justice & hope in Messiah	Mic 6:8
Nahum	Nahum / ~650 BC	God's judgment	Nahum 1:7
Habakkuk	Habakkuk / ~600 BC	Faith amid trials	Hab 3:18
Zephaniah	Zeph / ~640 BC	Judgment & restoration	Zeph 3:17
Haggai	Haggai / 520 BC	Rebuild God's house	Hag 1:8
Zechariah	Zechariah / ~520 BC	Messiah's coming	Zech 9:9
Malachi	Malachi / ~430 BC	Covenant renewal	Mal 3:1



The Big Picture:

The New Testament reveals God's promise fulfilled in Jesus Christ – His life, death, resurrection, and the hope of His return. It shows how the early Church grew and how believers are to live in light of the gospel.

Why It Matters:

It's the clearest picture of God's love for us and how to walk daily with Christ, empowered by His Spirit.

Book	Author/Date	Main Theme	Key Verse
Matthew	Matthew / ~60–65 AD	Jesus as Messiah	Matt 28:19–20
Mark	Mark / ~50–60 AD	Jesus as Servant	Mark 10:45
Luke	Luke / ~60 AD	Jesus as Son of Man	Luke 19:10
John	John / ~85–90 AD	Jesus as Son of God	John 20:31
Acts	Luke / ~62 AD	Birth of the Church	Acts 1:8
Romans	Paul / ~57 AD	Salvation by faith	Rom 1:16–17
1 Corinthians	Paul / ~55 AD	Church unity & holiness	1 Cor 13:4–7
2 Corinthians	Paul / ~56 AD	Strength in weakness	2 Cor 12:9
Galatians	Paul / ~48 AD	Freedom in Christ	Gal 5:1
Ephesians	Paul / ~60 AD	Unity in Christ	Eph 2:8–9
Philippians	Paul / ~62 AD	Joy in Christ	Phil 4:4
Colossians	Paul / ~60 AD	Christ's supremacy	Col 1:17
1 Thessalonians	Paul / ~51 AD	Hope in Christ's return	1 Thes 5:16–18
2 Thessalonians	Paul / ~51 AD	Stand firm in faith	2 Thes 3:3

1 Timothy	Paul / ~63 AD	Church leadership	1 Tim 4:12
2 Timothy	Paul / ~67 AD	Persevere in truth	2 Tim 3:16–17
Titus	Paul / ~64 AD	Sound teaching	Titus 2:7
Philemon	Paul / ~60 AD	Forgiveness & unity	Philem 1:6
Hebrews	Unknown / ~60–70 AD	Christ as High Priest	Heb 4:14–16
James	James / ~45 AD	Faith in action	James 1:22
1 Peter	Peter / ~64 AD	Hope in suffering	1 Pet 5:10
2 Peter	Peter / ~65 AD	Stand firm in truth	2 Pet 3:9
1 John	John / ~85–95 AD	Love & assurance	1 John 4:7
2 John	John / ~90 AD	Truth & love	2 John 1:6
3 John	John / ~90 AD	Support God's work	3 John 1:4
Jude	Jude / ~65 AD	Contend for the faith	Jude 1:20–21
Revelation	John / ~95 AD	Christ's victory	Rev 21:4–5



Why Context Matters

Think of reading the Bible without context like walking into the middle of a conversation — you might hear the words, but miss the meaning. Context helps you see the “big picture”: who wrote it, why it was written, and what was happening at the time. When you understand the then, you can better live out the now. It keeps you from misusing verses and helps you apply God’s truth to your everyday life with confidence.

How to Begin

Pray

“Holy Spirit, be my teacher. Open my eyes.”

Read Slowly

Choose a passage—just a few verses to start.

Mark the Text

Use the symbols to highlight what stands out.

Respond in the Margins

Write a prayer. Ask a question. Sketch a truth.

Reflect + Carry

Ask:

What is God saying?

How can I carry this truth today?



Reflection Prompts

Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.

1 Samuel 3:10

Use these journaling questions after your reading:

What truth about God stood out to me?

What is the Spirit gently highlighting?

What lies do I need to trade for truth today?

How does this passage invite me to live differently?

Is there a promise to carry or a prayer to pray?

God is already here. The margins are where you'll notice Him.

You don't need to do more. You need to look closer.

This is the space where truth becomes personal and relationship grows.



Friend, I pray this Starter Kit has given you a taste of how simple and beautiful time in God's Word can be.

The Margins Method™ was born out of my own need to meet with Him in the middle of real life – not in perfect quiet, but in the margins.

Your Next Step:

Sign up on our website to receive updates on upcoming Bible Studies and releases and join our Facebook Group to follow along with deep dive studies into God's Word!

Visit us at www.themarginsmethod.com to sign up! We hope to see you there!



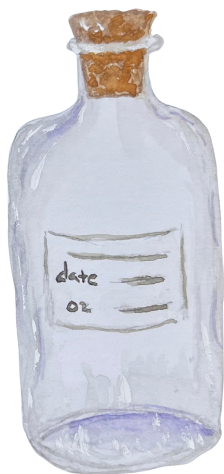
Enjoy The Garden Collection

Isaiah 58:11 — “The LORD will guide you continually... you shall be like a watered garden, like a spring of water, whose waters do not fail.”

These garden images — herbs, rain boots, garden tools, and teapots — are designed to remind you of God’s faithful care and the way He grows His truth in our hearts. You can use them as stickers or tip-ins in your Bible to mark meaningful passages, or simply enjoy them as visual reminders while you study.



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