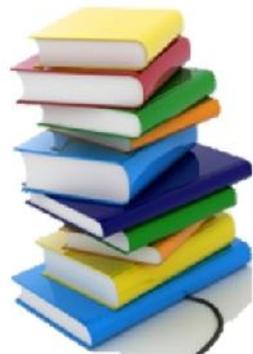


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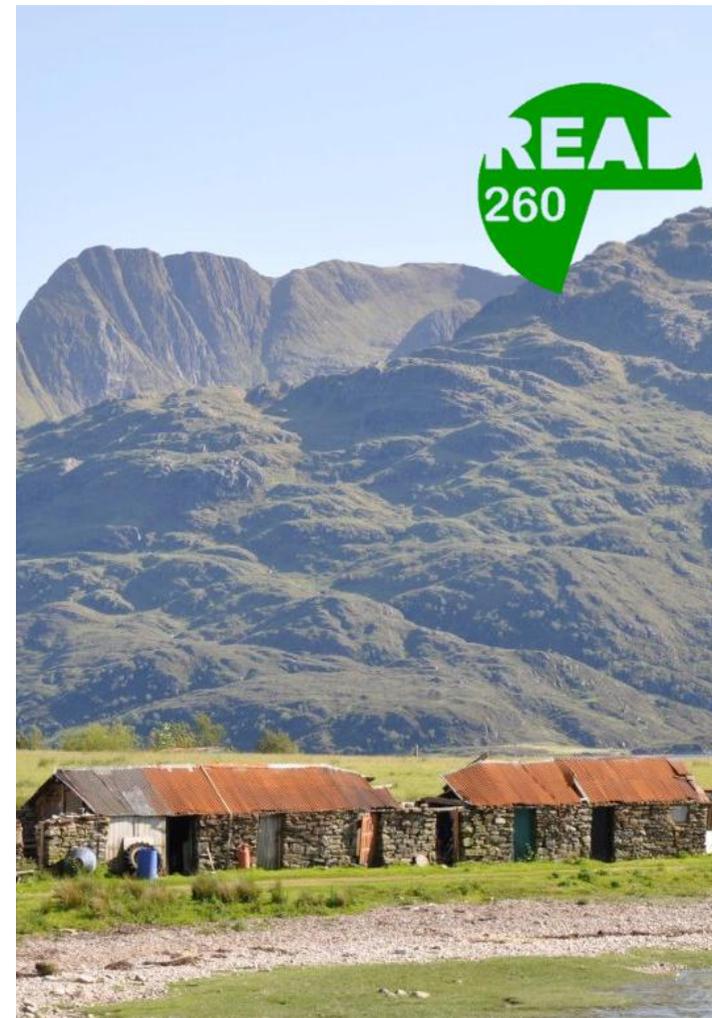
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## THE NEW TESTAMENT IN ONE YEAR

Did you know there are 260 chapters in the New Testament? Did you also know that there are 260 weekdays in a year? This seemed like an opportunity too good to miss, so here at Newcraigs we're reading the whole New Testament throughout 2014, from Matthew to Revelation.

How you take part is up to you; you might read a chapter each morning before you start the day or go to work, or read together with your family around the dinner table. You might meet up with a few friends, once a week, to read and discuss that week's chapters, or catch up online during your lunch break.

What really matters is that we're listening to God, as he speaks to us through his Word. We want this to be as flexible as it can be. We don't want to stress you out by giving you another thing you "have to do", or make you feel guilty if you miss a day, but we hope that you can carve out some time this year for READ260. The aim is simple; to listen to God, as we read his Word together, and let him transform us.



**W**e're still in holiday time and, if you're anything like me, it's during the holidays that your Bible reading is most likely to slip! Maybe it's the lack of routine, or just that other things get in the way, but it can be easy to miss out on quality time with God.

If this is you then perhaps the most important question to ask is, "Why have I let it slip?" It could be that the main reason you do a quiet time is because it's your routine, you just do. Well, if that's the case then when your routine changes, Bible reading could easily go off the radar. Or is it that other things are just more exciting, you don't really want to read your Bible that much.

The underlying problem in both of these cases is that hearing from God and getting closer to him isn't something we want to do. The heart of the issue is that our love for God has cooled. Why not take the time that holidays bring to reconnect with God and find joy in that relationship again.

### 2 Corinthians

Along with 1 Corinthians, this letter is part of a long and messy relationship between Paul and the Corinthian church. As we saw last month, they were struggling with all kinds of issues and, over a period of about seven years, Paul made three visits to them and wrote at least four letters (we don't have the one's before and after 1 Corinthians, but they're mentioned in 1 Corinthians 5:9 and 2 Corinthians 2:3-4).

In 1 Corinthians we can clearly see that difficulties between Paul and the church are beginning to develop, but they reach their climax in 2 Corinthians, where Paul's theology, ministry and character are under attack. So called "super-apostles" had arrived and they were winning over the Corinthians with their slick presentation of a different gospel.

In this letter we see the emotional extremes of Paul, from his great joy and confidence in the Corinthians, to the deep hurt he suffers from them. The caricature of Paul, as cold and cerebral can't be maintained if you read 2 Corinthians. Here is a man who invested in people and cared passionately for them.

Despite being less orderly than some of his other letters, 2 Corinthians has a great deal to teach us about the miracle of salvation, the nature of Christian service, the danger of false teachers and the hope of resurrection.

### Galatians

This month we also tackle Galatians. Although it's only six chapters, this little book packs an incredible punch! Again Paul is dealing with imposters who've begun to undermine the work he has started. We find Paul at his boldest (if you don't believe me, try Galatians 5:12!). But what provoked such a response in the Apostle? It was the news that the Galatians were "turning to a different Gospel" (Galatians 1:6). They had been taught that by being circumcised they could add something to the work of Christ.

In response to this Paul sets out the clear, undiluted, outrageous message of grace; it is God who saves, God who rescues, God who justifies and sets free. This work is complete, we can add nothing! Even our growth as Christians is the work of the Spirit, and we enjoy the privileged position of children of God. It is to this message that Paul clings.

"May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world. Neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything; what counts is the new creation" (Galatians 6:14-15)

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