



# Challenge 2021

**Join us for Challenge 2021 starting January 18- February 21!**

Commit to spending time with God regularly, prayer, memorizing scripture, engaging creatively with scripture, and a weekly Zoom call with the Pastors as we read through 1 & 2 Corinthians together. ***More information coming soon!***

## Scripture Memorization Challenge

- ❑ **Week of January 18:** 1 Corinthians 1:18
- ❑ **Week of January 25:** 1 Corinthians 9:24-25
- ❑ **Week of February 1:** 1 Corinthians 15:3-5
- ❑ **Week of February 8:** 2 Corinthians 4:8-9
- ❑ **Week of February 15:** 2 Corinthians 9:8

Check out the Home Base Guide for January 11 for some strategies to help you out!

## Encouragement Challenge

1 Corinthians tells us we should value and pray for gifts that build up and encourage the church, but it can be easy to forget others in the busy-ness of taking care of our families and our own needs. We don't trust Jesus's promise to "seek first his kingdom and all else will be given to us". For the next five weeks let's stretch our encouraging muscles and see how God works!

- ❑ **Week of January 18:** Pray for these next five weeks for God to bring to your mind those whom you should encourage and pray they would be strengthened by your words. During the week, keep a thankful list with a focus on people for whom you are thankful.
- ❑ **Week of January 25:** Pray for and encourage those in your family or friends. If you have entertained negative thoughts about anyone; make a list of positive things about this person. Tell each person in this category some encouraging thing from your list.
- ❑ **Week of February 1:** Pick 3 people from FCC to contact this week. Contacting can include, phone, text, email, card or social media. Tell them something you appreciate about them.
- ❑ **Week of February 8:** Pick 3 leaders in your life and contact them to thank them for their leadership.
- ❑ **Week of February 15:** Pray for enemies, particularly those inside the body of Christ. Contact the people you identify in this category and seek reconciliation or offer grace.
- ❑ **BONUS Reflection:** Reflect on where you saw God working in your life during this challenge and how God was reflected in others.

## Choose Your Own Adventure

- Create a visual representation of the reading
  - Pick your medium: paint, playdough, legos, colored pencils, yarn or fabric.
  - Create a piece of art that reflects what you are reading.
  - Share a picture of your creation with us on our Facebook group!
- Walk or Run while listening to 1 & 2 Corinthians
  - It's 485 miles from Macedonia (where Paul likely wrote 2 Corinthians from) to Corinth. Commit to walking or running for 485 minutes over the next 5 weeks. That's 97 minutes of activity a week OR around 14 minutes of activity daily.
- Be Neighborly:
  - Make a map of your neighborhood, or your office. Do you know the names of everyone around you? Do you know their hobbies? Commit to praying for your neighbors and getting to know them better!
- Fasting:
  - Be intentional about making some space to be present to God this week. Fast from one meal, coffee, Dr. Pepper, TV, music or social media to give yourself more time for God. When you crave one of those things, spend time with God instead.
- Service Project
  - Loving our neighbors is more than just a mission statement- it is an active engagement in the lives of others. Look around your neighborhood. What needs do you notice? How can you help your neighbors. Be sure and share what you did with us!

## Prayer Practice Challenge

- Week of January 18:** Lectio Divina
- Week of January 25:** Journaling
- Week of February 1:** Daily Examen
- Week of February 8:** Finger Labyrinth
- Week of February 15:** Breath Prayer

Go to the Home Base Guide each week for a description of each of these practices.

## Discussion on 1 & 2 Corinthians:

- Thursdays at 7pm on Zoom -Everyone is invited to join!  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85396823235?pwd=ZnJQeEJMVUU0SnA2bUZXCfU1Z2dPZz09>  
Meeting ID: 853 9682 3235 Passcode: 20190
  - January 21
  - January 28
  - February 4
  - February 11
  - February 18

Go to <https://fcomaha.org/connect/upcoming-events/> to register for Challenge 2021.