

# TODAY’S BIBLE READINGS

## 2 CORINTHIANS 5

NEW LIVING TRANSLATION

**5** For we know that when this earthly tent we live in is taken down (that is, when we die and leave this earthly body), we will have a house in heaven, an eternal body made for us by God himself and not by human hands. **2** We grow weary in our present bodies, and we long to put on our heavenly bodies like new clothing. **3** For we will put on heavenly bodies; we will not be spirits without bodies. **4** While we live in these earthly bodies, we groan and sigh, but it’s not that we want to die and get rid of these bodies that clothe us. Rather, we want to put on our new bodies so that these dying bodies will be swallowed up by life. **5** God himself has prepared us for this, and as a guarantee he has given us his Holy Spirit.

**6** So we are always confident, even though we know that as long as we live in these bodies we are not at home with the Lord. **7** For we live by believing and not by seeing. **8** Yes, we are fully confident, and we would rather be away from these earthly bodies, for then we will be at home with the Lord. **9** So whether we are here in this body or away from this body, our goal is to please him.

## JOHN 14

**14** “Don’t let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God, and trust also in me. **2** There is more than enough room in my Father’s home.<sup>[a]</sup> If this were not so, would I have told you that I am going to prepare a place for you? **3** When everything is ready, I will come and get you, so that you will always be with me where I am.

# DEEP SHEET

[A PLACE FOR YOUR NOTES]

How often do you think people are ashamed of their bodies?

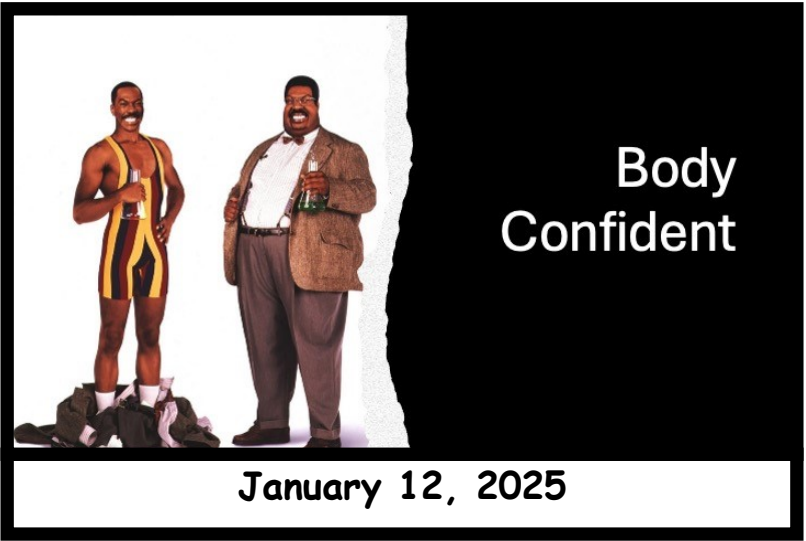
Have you heard of Josh Harris and the “purity movement” of the 90s? If so, what did you think of it?

C.S. Lewis, among others has said, “We are not bodies with a soul; rather we are souls with bodies.” What do you think of this?

What are the two takeaways from this Crosstalk?

### January Weekly Bible Readings

Date	Day	New Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Special Prayer	Old Testament	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12	Su	Matthew 15			2 Kings 19	
13	Mo	Matthew 16			2 Kings 20	
14	Tu	Matthew 17			2 Kings 21	
15	We	Matthew 18			2 Kings 22	
16	Th	Matthew 19			2 Kings 23	
17	Fr	Matthew 20			2 Kings 24	
18	Sa	Matthew 21			2 Kings 25	
19	Su	Matthew 22			1 Chronicles 1	



## Laketon Bethel’s Core Values:

### A. ACCEPTANCE:

Everyone, regardless of who they are, what they have done, or what they are doing, will be accepted here. Laketon Bethel will be a safe place to explore your relationship with Jesus.

### B. BIBLE:

The teachings of Jesus, contained in the Bible, are the final authority for faith and practice. We will study these teachings with open minds and the best scholarship available.

### C. CONNECTION:

We invite people to connect with Jesus and with each other in all that we do.

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# Questions, Part 2

*This is a new adult Bible study based on the questions you have asked. Put these dates on your calendar and hold on to your hat because we will be exploring some of the nitty-gritty topics addressed in Scripture.*

## January 22

The Atonement Debate: Why did Jesus have to die? Was it to appease God’s anger, offer himself as a ransom or to display God’s wrath at our sin?

## January 29

The Salvation Debate: Does God want everyone to be saved or just those he chooses? Or, is it up to us?

## February 5

The Destiny of the Unevangelized Debate: Do those who don’t know about Jesus have a chance at eternal life? What about those who reject Jesus? What about Jews and Muslims? What about rednecks who don’t go to church?

## February 12

The Charismatic Gifts Debate: What about speaking in tongues, getting slain in the spirit, getting words of prophecy, etc? Do these things continue in modern days or are they something that ended with the apostolic age? Is your neighbor really speaking in tongues or do they need an increase in medication?

## February 19

The Women in Ministry Debate: Are girls created to serve boys and be submissive? Are we created equal with complimentary roles? Is gender irrelevant for spiritual authority?

## Leadership Selection

The Reformed Church’s Book of Church Order requires that we publish the names for three weeks of those who may be chosen for the consistory. If there is any valid reason why any of these candidates should not serve, please inform Sherwin. We will draw the names today.

### Elder Nominees (1 will be chosen)

Boyd Kitzrow  
Kathy Young

### Deacon Nominees (1 will be chosen)

Janice Carrigan  
Rita Sikkenga

## Announcements

**Food Truck** The Food Truck is tomorrow and we ask that all volunteers to be at the church by 5:30pm. For questions, please see Jill Mouw.

**Membership Class** We will have a Membership Class on February 16<sup>th</sup> in the Parlor following the Second Service. Lunch will be provided. If interested, please sign up on the sheets located in the entryway.

**Jr. &HS Youth Group** Students 6<sup>th</sup> grade - 12<sup>th</sup> grade are welcome to join us for dinner, a lesson and lots of fun. We will meet next on January 19<sup>th</sup>. For any questions, please see John or Ashley Wierenga.

**Jr. High J.A.M.** Students in grades 6<sup>th</sup> and up are welcome to enjoy a lesson during the Crosstalk the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday. We will start a new study that’s focused on answering the question Jesus asked his disciples: “Who do you say that I am?” The first lesson will challenge students to consider what they really know about Jesus, experience what it’s like to get closer to him, and begin to develop a new and deeper understanding of who he is. Our Jr. JAM group will also get together during our time to support Hand2Hand.

**Women’s Divorce Group** We’re starting our group back up on Wednesday, January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at Park Meadows. We will gather in the small meeting room on the east end. For any questions, please contact Heather Wilke at 215-8593.

## Service Opportunities

**Children’s Church** We are looking for helpers for set-up, classroom assistance, and clean up. More info and sign-up sheets are located on the table in the entryway.

## Volunteers

**1<sup>st</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Sue Vannette  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Coffee Server:** Jim Hanley & Theresa Schiltz  
**1<sup>st</sup> Service Nursery:** Lorri Anderson  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Service Nursery:** Tina Dadd & Chelsea Deblock

## Special Senior: Mick Meyers

*Please sign the cards located on the table in the entryway.*

## Order of Worship-9:00am

Gathering Song  
“Soon and Very Soon”  
Call to Worship  
“Rejoice, the Lord is King”  
Welcome & Announcements  
Congregational Prayer  
Worship in Song  
“Living By Faith”  
“What a Day That Will Be”  
Crosstalk - “Body Confident”  
Offering  
“Through It All”  
Benediction  
“Glory Be to the Father”



## Order of Worship-11:00am

Gathering Song  
“Holy Water”  
Call to Worship  
“Glorious Day”  
Welcome & Announcements  
Congregational Prayer  
Worship in Song  
“Another in the Fire”  
“Yes, I Will”  
Crosstalk - “Body Confident”  
Offering  
“Goodness of God”  
Benediction  
“God Be With You”