

## **2014 – A Journey Through The Bible by Jenni Whistance**

On New Year's Day, January 1<sup>st</sup> 2014, I was scrolling through available podcasts on iTunes to see what they had. I was already a big fan of downloads like The Archers and Book Club etc. but was looking for something more spiritual. I had listened to some sermons from some American preachers but they were random and I wanted something regular that I could really 'get my teeth into'. Because I drive in and out of Hereford every day and spend time in my kitchen cooking or cleaning, I like to listen to something to try and use my time wisely.

So I don't think it was by chance that I came across the Daily Audio Bible download, which is a daily podcast started in 2006 and over the course of a year goes through the whole Bible, i.e. the Bible divided into 365 days. Each day you hear a reading from the Old Testament, the New Testament, Psalms and Proverbs. Each week the readings are from a different translation and the total reading time is about 20-30 minutes per day, sometimes with a commentary after it by the reader and founder of the Daily Audio Bible (DAB), Brian Hardin. Brian provides excellent insight and then after his short segment there is usually some prayer requests or praise points from other listeners or, as we call them, our DAB family.

It has been AMAZING! I thought I knew the Bible pretty well but I was so surprised to hear things I've never really read before or noticed. Having the word of God read out loud is a great experience; you really take in a lot more of it and as long as you stay focused on the reading you get so much out of it.

Highlights have been the little details I've heard but never really noticed. For example, in a long line of 'be gats' there's this little gem 'Zibeon had two sons Aiah and Anah. (This is the Anah who found the hot springs in the wilderness when he was taking care of his father's donkeys)'. The reason I love this sentence is because Anah is obviously a bit of a local celebrity due to famous discovery of the hot springs and that this fact is recorded in the Bible.

Also the story of Esther is just so exciting, even when you know how it's all going to end, it would really give Jeffery Archer a run for his money. Another little gem is the way, in the book of Jude, it casually mentions the story of the Chief Angel Michael and the devil fighting over the body of Moses, what's that all about! The New Testament

readings have been brilliant because they are so practical and full of wise advice for Christians living in an ungodly world. While the Old Testament and New Testament readings have been so different, it's amazing how many times they supported each other and confirmed God's plan for His people.

I've still got 21 days of this year left to go. We are in the minor prophets in the Old Testament, Revelation in the New Testament, towards the end of both Psalms and Proverbs and I know it won't be long until the whole book is done. I am seriously addicted to listening to these downloads. Some days due to other commitments I don't get to listen to the download and so I'll catch up the next day. If it's more than one day missed I do start to get a bit touchy, I just can't wait to get back to hearing the Word of God.

I'm also very much looking forward to starting the whole journey again on January 1<sup>st</sup> 2015 and my purpose for writing this is to try and encourage as many people as I can to do the same. If you have a busy lifestyle sometimes this is the only way to get to hear the God's Word and it's not a poor choice, it's an amazing and really enjoyable way to do it.

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