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### 2020 Bible Reading Plan: The New Testament!!!

*Will you join us? IN FELLOWSHIP WITH SOMEONE?*

**Week #48:** Matthew 4-8

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