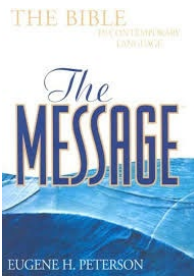


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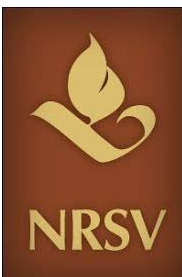
These are versions of the Bible you might consider using for your Bible reading. This is not an exhaustive list of translations, but a few we have discussed and recommend depending on what you'd like out of your experience.



The NIV is a very readable translation of the Bible, produced by a large team of evangelical scholars.



The Message is the work of one person, Eugene Peterson, and is an *incredibly* easy to read paraphrase of the Bible in modern, conversational English.



The NRSV is the version of the Bible read in most "mainline" Protestant churches on Sunday mornings—including The Episcopal Church. It was produced by a large team of scholars, and was recently updated in a "new" version called the NRSVue.



InterVarsity Press has worked with two scholars, John Goldingay, who produced a version of the Old Testament (called The First Testament), and Scot McKnight, who produced a copy of the New Testament (called The Second Testament). Both are literal translations, that are admittedly a little harder to read, and which preserve the ancient form of the names of people and places. *Rick uses Goldingay's version of the OT daily.*



David Bentley Hart is an Orthodox scholar who produced a literal translation of The New Testament. It is also a little harder to read but is an excellent tool. *Rick uses this translation every day.*