Verse Mapping is a method for engaging more deeply with God’s Word. It makes God’s Word more personal, and it helps you connect with God and how He wants to use that verse in your life. In Verse Mapping, you go beyond reading. You, in fact, interact with the verse on a whole different level.

REM​EMBER: There are no rules in Verse Mapping – no right or wrong way to do it. The ideas below are simply suggestions to help you get started. You can do any one or all of them. You can even add your own ideas! So grab your canvas of choice, your Bible, your pen, and any additional highlighters or colored pens you like. It’s time to get started!

**FIRST** write out your verse. Be sure to leave plenty of space around it, between the lines, and between the words. This will provide you with plenty of space to work. Then choose some or all of the following ideas to help you Map your verse:

**Ideas and Suggestions for Verse Mapping**

- Personalize it…cross out words like “you,” “we,” “whoever,” “them,” and write your name above it.

- Highlight parts or words that jump out at you. Use different colors.

- Read the verse in context – the whole chapter or passage.

- Read the verse in at least two other translations. Note on the card words or phrases from other translations that help you understand or apply the verse. If you don’t have other translations laying around the house, a couple of good resources for several translations are [Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com), [Blue Letter Bible](https://www.blueletterbible.org), and [YouVersion](https://www.youversion.org).

- Find cross references and note anything that brings new meaning. Cross references are verses that have similar words or phrases. Again, [Bible Gateway](https://www.biblegateway.com), [Blue Letter Bible](https://www.blueletterbible.org), and [YouVersion](https://www.youversion.org) can be of help.
- Circle a word or two and do a word study on it.
  - Look up the word in your dictionary and see if the definition gives you any insight.
  - Use a topical index and/or concordance in the back of your *Bible* to find other verses where the word appears.
  - Look up synonyms (same meaning) and antonyms (opposite meaning) in a concordance or online Bible tools site to find other verses.
- Write out what you are learning.
- Record your thoughts on how you can apply the Scripture in your daily living.
- Close your study time in prayer and write out the prayer on your Map.

*Verse Mapping* will help you familiarize yourself with a verse and really digest it, allowing its meaning to penetrate your heart.