Commands & Stories 2027

(*Ekklesia* = the called-out ones, believers, disciples)

Week of	Command (command context)	Story
Jan 3	Matthew 24:4 take heed no one misleads you (24:1-31; specifically 1-5, 11, 23-28)	Jeremiah 28, Hananiah's false prophecy
Jan 10	Matthew 24:6 do not fear rumors of war (24:1-31; specifically 6-8)	2 Kings 6:8-23, God opens the eyes of Elisha's servant
Jan 17	Matthew 24:23, 26 do not believe reports about Christ appearing (24:1-31; specifically 23-28)	2 Thessalonians 2:1-12, Paul's admonition regarding Jesus' return
Jan 24	Matthew 24:25 behold I have told you (24:1-31; specifically 23-28)	Revelation 6, and 7:9-17, breaking the seals and a multitude from tribulation
Jan 31	Matthew 24:32 learn the parable of the fig tree (24:32-41)	Genesis 6 and 7, during Noah's time, the world failed to see signs and didn't listen
Feb 7	Matthew 24:42 be on alert (24:42-51)	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11, Paul's admonition to be prepared for the Lord's return
Feb 14	Matthew 24:43 know this; be sure (24:42-51)	Matthew 25:31-46, the final judgment
Feb 21	Matthew 24:44 be ready (24:42-51)	Exodus 13:1-41, Israel leaves Egypt
Feb 28	Matthew 25:13 be on the alert for His return (25:1-13)	Matthew 25:1-13, parable of the ten virgins
Mar 7	Matthew 26:26, 27 take, eat My body, drink (26:20-35)	Matthew 26:20-29, the Lord's supper
Mar 14	Matthew 26:41 keep watching and praying (26:36-56)	Matthew 26:36-56, Garden of Gethsemane
Mar 21	Matthew 28:19 (having gone) disciple the nations (28:1-20)	Acts 13:1-4, and 14:21-23, Paul called by the Holy Spirit to disciple the nations
Mar 28 *Easter*	Matthew 28:20 behold, I am with you (28:1-20)	Acts 18:1-11, Jesus encourages Paul in Corinth
Apr 4	Mark 1:17; 2:14 follow Me (Simon & Andrew); (Levi/Matthew) (1:14-20; 2:14-17)	Luke 14:25-35, cost of discipleship
Apr 11	Mark 4:3, 9 listen, behold, hear (4:1-20)	Mark 4:1-25, Parable of the sower and soils
Apr 18	Mark 4:23 hear (4:21-23)	Mark 4:21-23, parable of light)
Apr 25	Mark 4:24 take care what/ who you listen to (4:24-25)	Galatians 3:1-14, Galatian ekklesia listening to false teachers
May 2	Mark 6:50 take courage, do not be afraid (6:45-52)	Mark 6:45-52, Jesus walks on water
May 9	Mark 7:14 listen to me, understand (7:1-23)	Mark 7:14-23, Jesus teaches about the heart
May 16	Mark 8:15 watch out, beware (Pharisees' leaven) (8:1-26)	Mark 7:1-13, Pharisees' traditions
May 23	Mark 8:34 must deny one's self, (8:27-38)	Hebrews 11:32-40, persecution for following Jesus
May 30	Mark 8:34 take up one's cross, (8:27-38)	Hebrews 12:1-13, enduring discipline
June 6	Mark 8:34 follow Me, (8:27-38)	John 6:39-71, still following Jesus when others leave
June 13	Mark 9:7 Listen to Jesus (9;1-13)	Deuteronomy 18:9-22, only listen to God and Jesus, His Son and Prophet
June 20	Mark 9:39 do not hinder those who are not with us (9:38-50)	Mark 9:38-42, support true followers of Christ
June 27	Mark 9:43, 45, 47 cut off hand, cut off foot, cast out eye (9:38-50)	Luke 19:1-10, Zaccheus "cuts off" his money
July 4	Mark 9:50 have salt, be at peace (9:38-50)	Hebrews 12:14-17, pursue peace and purity
July 11	Mark 10:9 let no man separate (marriage) (10:1-12)	Genesis 2:18-25, God sanctifies marriage
July 18	Mark 10:14 permit children, do not hinder them (10:13-16)	1 Samuel 3, God calls Samuel as a boy
July 25	Mark 11:22 have faith of God (11:11-14, 21-26	Acts 27:9-44, Paul's faith during shipwreck

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Aug 1	Mark 11:24 believe you have received (prayer) (11:11-14, 21-26)	Mark 5:24-34, woman's faith and healing
Aug 8	Mark 11:25 forgive anything against anyone (11:11-14, 21-26)	Acts 7, Stephen forgives his persecutors
Aug 15	Mark 12:38 beware of scribes (12:13-40)	Mark 2:1-13, Pharisees conspire against Jesus
Aug 22	Mark 13:5 see that no one misleads (13:1-37)	Numbers 12, Aaron and Miriam mislead Israelites
Aug 29	Mark 13:7 do not be frightened (13:1-37)	Numbers 13 and 14, Israelites afraid to go into Promised Land
Sept 5	Mark 13:9 be on guard (13:1-37)	Revelation 2:8-11, letter to Smyrna ekklesia
Sept 12	Mark 13:11 do not worry beforehand (13:1-37)	Exodus 4:10-17, Moses worries about what to say
Sept 19	Mark 13:11 say what He gives you (13:1-37)	Exodus 4:18- 6:1, Moses speaks what God told him
Sept 26	Mark 13:21 do not believe reports (13:1-37)	Matthew 24:21-31, Jesus teaches not to believe false reports
Oct 3	Mark 13:23, 33, 35, 37 take heed, be on alert (13:1-37)	Nehemiah 4, builders on high alert while working on the wall
Oct 10	Mark 13:28-29 learn the parable of the fig tree, recognize He is near (13:1-37)	Matthew 16:1-4, Jesus rebukes religious leaders
Oct 17	Mark 14:22 take this, My body (14:12-25)	1 Corinthians 11:17-34, the Lord's supper
Oct 24	Mark 14:38 keep watching and praying (14:32-52)	Revelation3:7-13, letter to Philadelphia ekklesia
Oct 31	Luke 5:10 do not fear (will catch men) (5:1-11)	Acts 2, Peter boldly preaches to crowd
Nov 7	Luke 5:27 follow Me (Levi/ Matthew) (5:27-39)	Acts 8:26-40, Philip follows Jesus
Nov 14	Luke 6:23 behold your reward is great, be glad when persecuted (6:20-23)	Acts 16:14-30, Paul rejoices in persecution
Nov 21	Luke 6:27 love, do good to enemies (6:27-49)	Luke 10:30-37, parable of the good Samaritan
Nov 28	Luke 6:28 bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you (6:27-49)	1 Samuel 24, David blesses Saul by sparing his life
Dec 5	Luke 6:29 offer other cheek, do not withhold shirt (6:27-49)	1 Samuel 26, David does not strike back at Saul
Dec 12	Luke 6:30 give, do not demand back (6:27-49)	Acts 3:1-10, Paul and John give freely what they have
Dec 19	Luke 6:31 treat others as you want (6:27-49)	1 Corinthians 13, love defined
Dec 26	Luke 6:35, love enemies, do good, lend (6:27-49)	Genesis 32:3-21, Jacob does good and gives freely to Esau, his brother and enemy

When meditating on the commands and stories, keep these questions in mind:

- What do I learn about God, Jesus, and/or the Holy Spirit?
- What do I learn about man/ people?
- What troubles or bothers me? What does the Holy Spirit reveal to me in light of this?
- How does the command connect to the story?
- What is God saying to me (or what should I obey) & what am I going to do about it?
- Do I have any fears, doubts, or resistance in keeping this command?
- What does this command reveal about the condition of my heart – what do I really believe and what do I really want?