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Daily Devotional Plan

Welcome to the Daily Devotional Plan.

The Daily Devotional Plan is an intentional tool to help you get into God's Word and for God's Word to get into you. The Daily Devotional Plan will not only help you enjoy reading God's Word, but it will also help you learn to live God's Word. The Bible places a great priority in the life of every follower of Jesus Christ to be continually in God's Word.

"Every part of Scripture is God-breathed and useful one way or another — showing us truth, exposing our rebellion, correcting our mistakes, training us to live God's way."

2 Timothy 3:16
The Message

The Bible is God-breathed — it is from God. It's God's living and active words given to us to bring blessing and maturity. As you can see, God's Word, the Bible, has tremendous impact and power in our lives. It shows us the truth that Jesus said can "set us free." It exposes our rebellion, corrects our mistakes, and then trains us to live the way God created us to live. This leads to meaning and purpose, blessing and joy in our daily lives. The **Daily Devotional Plan** comes alongside you to help you gain the incredible benefits that come from reading and applying God's Word to your daily life. This is a must for every follower of God. You will never have prolonged intimacy with God or continual impact for God unless God's Word becomes a priority in your life. The **DDP** can help God's Word become that priority.

Date: August 31

Passage: Deuteronomy 30
Topic: Relationships: To Your Spouse

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



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Why does Peter encourage wives to submit to their husbands? (vv. 1-2) What qualities can a believing wife use to witness to an unbelieving husband?

What kinds of beauty can a woman have? (vv. 3-4) What is the disadvantage of a woman's outward beauty? (vv. 3-6) What is the advantage of a woman's inward beauty? (vv. 4-6)

How can a godly woman make herself beautiful? (v. 5) What example did Peter set forth for wives to follow? (v. 6) Why should a husband treat his wife with respect? What is the consequence of treating your wife with disrespect?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for God to work in your life to make you a more godly husband or wife. If you are single, pray that your attitude towards others is Christlike.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Husbands, choose to respect your wife and respond to her with care and not anger. Wives, be willing to follow your husband's lead even when you disagree.

Date: August 30

Passage: Genesis 2:7-25

Topic: Relationships: To Your Spouse

Key Verse: Genesis 2:24

For this cause a man shall leave his father and his mother, and shall cleave to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

In verse 7, how did man become a living being? Where did God place man? (v. 8) What did He place in the garden? (v. 9) How is the garden described in verses 10-14?

What did God have man do in the garden? (v. 16) What command did God give man? (v. 17) What did God say was not good? (v. 18) What did God have Adam do in verses 19-20?

How did God cause woman to be created? (vv. 21-22) What did Adam say when he first saw the woman? (v. 23)

In verses 24-25, God gives a picture of a healthy marriage. Why do you think it is important for a man to leave his father and mother? Have you and your spouse ever experienced difficulty due to parental involvement in your lives?

What happens after the husband leaves father and mother? How is intimacy described in verse 25?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for your marriage that it might glorify God. If you are single, pray that you are pure and holy in your relationships.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Choose to love your spouse and to put them ahead of your own needs.

What is the Daily Devotional Plan?

The **DDP** has four parts: Read It, Write It, Pray It, Live It. The **DDP** will not only help you to better study God's Word, but it will also help you apply it quicker. Listed below you will see the four parts of the **DDP** in further detail.

Read It — Read What the Passage Says.

Each day your Bible reading passage will be listed on the top of the page along with the date. You take the day's passage and read it thoroughly once or twice. You ask God to open your eyes to show you the timeless truths of His Word, the Bible, for that particular day.

Write It — Write Down What the Passage Means.

Take some time to write down some of the key truths, thoughts, words, and principles you think God is communicating in the daily portion of Scripture you have been given. This is an exciting time as you discover the expensive jewels of insights found in God's Word.

Pray It — Pray to God for Insight and Application.

Ask God in prayer if there is anything in this passage that you need to look at in your own personal life. Ask God to help you have the courage, with His help, to change the way you think or the way you live because of the truths found in the passage.

Live It — Ask God to Help You Live Out What You've Learned.

The Apostle James clearly tells us that, "We are not to be merely hearers of the Word, but doers." So ask God to help you live out whatever He has laid on your heart from the reading and application of the passage that day.

That's it! It's so simple. The **DDP** is intentionally simple in its usability but immensely practical in its application.

Here's How the DDP Works.

Each day you will see the passage or passages from the Bible reading that correspond to that day. The date and the passage will be listed at the top of the page. A short prayer will be written for your spiritual preparation and enrichment as you begin to read and apply God's Word. Then you will find the four parts to the DDP: **Read It, Write It, Pray It, Live It.**

What Happens If You Miss a Day?

If you miss a day it is easy to catch up and do two in one day. If you miss a week or more, that's not so easy. We suggest you find the current date and begin with that day instead of trying to play catch-up. Playing catch-up seems to discourage and de-motivate people and that is not what the study and application of God's Word is all about.

What Happens If I Lose My DDP?

We strongly encourage you to put your name, phone #, and e-mail address in your book, that way if you forget it somewhere, it can quickly be returned to you.

As You Begin, A Word of Encouragement.

"How well God must like you—
You don't hang out at Sin Saloon,
You don't slink along Dead-end Road,
You don't go to Smart-mouth College.

Instead you thrill to God's Word,
You chew on the Scriptures day and night.
You're a tree replanted in Eden,
bearing fresh fruit every month,
Never dropping a leaf,
Always in blossom."

Psalm 1, *The Message*

Date: August 29

Passage: 1 John 5:1-12

Topic: Relationships: To Your God

Key Verse: 1 John 5:3

For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What can be said about the person who loves God? (v. 1) How can a person know if he or she loves God? (v. 2) In verse 3, how are His commandments described? What is the love of God? (v. 3) Why do you think there is a correlation to a person's love for God and their desire to obey His commands?

Who overcomes the world? (vv. 4-5) What three things are in agreement? (vv. 7-8) Why is God's testimony greater than man's? (v. 9) Who has made God out to be a liar? (v. 10)

What testimony has God given concerning His Son? (v. 11) What do we have if we have Christ in us? (v. 12)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for a heart that obeys God. Ask Him in which areas you need to start obeying.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Do you have the Son? If you are not sure, commit yourself fully to Him and ask Him to be your Lord and your Savior.

Date: August 28

Passage: John 15:1-11

Topic: Relationships: To Your God

Key Verse: John 15:10

If you keep My commandments, you will abide in My love; just as I have kept My Father's commandments and abide in His love.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

How are Jesus and the Father related? (v. 1) How does the gardener tend to the branches that bear fruit and the branches that do not? (v. 2) What did Jesus say the branches must do to bear fruit? (v. 4) What can we do apart from Christ? (v. 5)

What privilege was given to the branches that remain in the vine? (v. 7) What is demonstrated when believers bear much fruit? (v. 8) What did Jesus urge us to do? (v. 9) How do we remain in His love? (v. 10) Why did Jesus talk to them about vines and branches? (v. 11)

What command did Jesus give His disciples? (v. 12) What is the greatest manifestation of love? (v. 13) Who did Jesus say were His friends? (v. 14) Why did Jesus call His disciples friend? (v. 15) Why did Jesus choose His disciples? (v. 16)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray to experience a close, abiding relationship with Christ. Pray that He will bear fruit in you and make your character godly and holy.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What steps can you take to develop a more intimate relationship with Christ?

Date: August 1

Passage: Galatians 2:11-21

Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: Galatians 2:20

I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

When Peter came to Antioch, what did Paul do? (v. 11) Why did Paul rebuke Peter? (vv. 11-13) Why did Peter feel free to eat with the Gentiles at one time? (v. 12)

How did Peter's behavior influence other Christians? (v. 13) How does your behavior influence other Christians? What did Paul say in response to Peter's behavior? (v. 14)

How is a person justified by God? (v. 16) How does a Christian avoid being a lawbreaker? (vv. 17-19) How is the new life characterized by faith and not by works? (v. 20) How does Christ live out His life through Christians? (v. 20)

How did Peter set aside God's grace? (v. 21) If righteousness were possible by keeping the Law, why would the Cross have been absolutely useless? (v. 21)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for a love for others and not for a judgmental attitude. Pray that Christ might live through you. Pray that others might see Christ in you.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Give love and grace to others. Don't judge an unbeliever for his or her actions but instead love him or her with the love of Christ.

Date: August 2

Passage: 1 Samuel 16:1-13
Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: 1 Samuel 16:7

But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

How did Samuel respond to God's decision to reject Saul as king? (v. 1) Who was Samuel to go and visit? What concern does Samuel have in verse 2? What plan does God have?

What concern do the elders have when they see Samuel? (v. 4) What does Samuel think when he sees Eliab? (v. 4) What instructions does God give Samuel in verse 7? Does Samuel pick any of the sons in verses 7-10?

What question does Samuel ask Jesse? (v. 11) What was David doing at that time? How is David described in verse 12? What does God tell Samuel to do? In verse 13, what happened when Samuel anoints David? (v. 13)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Ask God what His plan is for your life. With Him all things are possible. Pray that you might become a fisher of men and will impact people for God's kingdom.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. God had a plan for David's life. What is God's calling for you? Who is He calling you to serve?

Date: August 27

Passage: Luke 11:29-52
Topic: Relationships: To Your God

Key Verse: Luke 11:42

But woe to you Pharisees! For you pay tithe of mint and rue and every kind of garden herb, and yet disregard justice and the love of God; but these are the things you should have done without neglecting the others.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What did the Pharisee do when Jesus finished in speaking? (v. 37) What surprised the host? (v. 38) According to Jesus, what did the Pharisee emphasize and overlook? (vv. 39-40) Why do you think believers sometime work on the outside behavior instead of looking at the heart? How do you do that? What is the condition of your heart?

What did the Pharisees neglect in favor of tithing herbs? (v. 42) How can we be sure that we are emphasizing justice and the love of God instead of our own lists of things others ought to do? Why did Jesus say "woe" six times in verses 42-54. In verse 43, how does He criticize the Pharisees? Do you ever like the limelight and attention of others?

How does Jesus criticize the lawyers in verses 45-46? What did the Pharisees' forefathers do? (v. 47) Why were the listeners held responsible for the prophets fate? (vv. 48-51)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray that you begin to truly love God and focus on loving others. Pray to truly know God and His love and that you experience His peace and joy.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Avoid hypocrisy. Make sure your heart is right before God and you are living out your faith.

Date: August 26

Passage: Micah 6:1-8
Topic: Relationships: To Your God

Key Verse: Micah 6:8

He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What does God have to say to the nation of Israel? (vv. 1-5) What question does He ask in verse 3? What did God do for them? (v. 4) What did God do so they might know the righteous acts of the Lord? (v. 5) What has God done for you in your life? Do you appreciate Him for His kindness?

What questions does Israel ask in verse 6-7? What does God want from man? (v. 8) What do you think it means to walk humbly with your God?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for opportunities to show justice and kindness to those around you.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. How can you show justice and kindness this week?

Date: August 3

Passage: Matthew 10:16-42
Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: Matthew 10:32

Therefore everyone who confesses Me before men, I will also confess him before My Father who is in heaven.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

To what kind of animal did Jesus compare His disciples? (v. 16) What warnings of danger or hardship did Christ give His disciples? (vv. 17-23) Why did Jesus predict trouble for His disciples? (vv. 24-25)

What kind of things did Jesus say to bolster His disciples' confidence? (vv. 26-31) Why did Jesus tell His disciples that it was important for them to take a stand for Him? (vv. 32-33)

What surprising comments did Jesus make about the goal of His ministry? (vv. 34-36) What radical requirements did Christ make of those who would follow Him? (vv. 37-38) What did Jesus promise those who obeyed Him fully? (vv. 39-42)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for a heart that is fully committed to Christ. Pray for opportunities to talk to others about your faith in the Lord. Pray that God will use you in the life of others.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What are three or four ways you can be more bold in standing up for Christ this week?

Date: August 4

Passage: Luke 8:4-15
Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: Luke 8:15

But the seed in the good soil, these are the ones who have heard the word in an honest and good heart, and hold it fast, and bear fruit with perseverance.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What method did Jesus use to communicate His message? (v. 4)
What happened to each group of seeds? (vv. 5-8) How did Jesus conclude His parable? (v. 8)

How much of the parable did the people understand? (vv. 9-10) What did the seed represent? (v. 11) What was the seed on the path like? (v. 12) Why couldn't those who received the word with joy stay faithful? (v. 13) What choked those who were represented by the seed among the thorns? (v. 14) What happened to the seed scattered on the good soil?

Why is perseverance necessary for all who receive the Word? What kind of soil do you most resemble right now?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for a heart that is responsive to God's Word. Pray that you bear fruit for the Lord.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What will help you be responsive to God in your study of the Bible?

Date: August 25

Passage: Psalm 73:1-28
Topic: Relationships: To Your God

Key Verse: Psalm 73:28

But as for me, the nearness of God is my good; I have made the Lord GOD my refuge, that I may tell of all your works.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

Who is God good to? (v. 1) What almost happened to the psalmist? (v. 2) Why was he envious of the arrogant? (vv. 3-10)

What did the psalmist think about the wicked? (v. 12) What did he think of his own efforts to obey God? (v. 13) Have you ever thought that way?

What changed the psalmist perspective? (v. 17) What was the psalmist like once he realized his sin? (vv. 21-22) What does the psalmist realize that God will do for the righteous? (vv. 23-24)

Who does the psalmist have? (v. 25) What happens when our own strength fails? (v. 26) What happens to those who are far away from God? (v. 27) What provides goodness to those who need help? (v. 28) How has God been a refuge to you?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray that you that stay close to the Lord so that the nearness of the Lord becomes your strength.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Make sure that you stay close to the Lord. When you are exhausted and out of strength and wisdom, depend on God to give you what you need.

Date: August 24

Passage: Deuteronomy 30:15-20
Topic: Relationships: To Your God

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 30:19-20

I call heaven and earth to witness against you today, that I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. So choose life in order that you may live, you and your descendants, by loving the LORD your God, by obeying His voice, and by holding fast to Him; for this is your life and the length of your days, that you may live in the land which the LORD swore to your fathers, to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, to give them."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What has God set before us? (v. 15) What has He commanded us to do? (v. 16) What is your attitude towards God's commands? Are you willing to obey Him in every area? In what areas do you choose to go your own way?

What does God tell the nation of Israel He will do if they turn away from Him? (vv. 17-18) In verse 19, what has God set before us? What happens if we obey?

What will provide life for us? (v. 20) How have you seen God work in your life as you have chosen to obey Him? What happens when you go your own way?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for a heart that is totally sold out to Christ and willing to obey His commands.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Choose life and follow Christ. Be willing to do what He calls you to do and to deny yourself.

Date: August 5

Passage: Luke 19:1-10
Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: Luke 19:10

For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

How is Zaccheus described? (v. 2) What problem did he have? (v. 3) How did he get a good look at Jesus? (v. 4)

What did Jesus request of Zaccheus? (v. 5) How did Zaccheus respond in verse 6? Why did the crowds begin to grumble? (v. 7) What do we learn about God's view of sinners? Do you love sinners or people of bad reputation? Why do you think Christians are known for judging others?

How does Zaccheus show his new heart for God? (v. 8) What do the actions of Zaccheus reveal about the power of God to change hearts? What is the Son of Man's mission? (v. 10)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for five friends or family members who don't know Christ. Pray for them to know the love of God and desire a relationship with Him.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Who can you reach out to this week and show them the love of God?

Date: August 6

Passage: Matthew 9:1-13
Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: Matthew 9:13

But go and learn what this means: "I desire compassion, and not sacrifice," for I did not come to call the righteous, but sinners.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What unexpected comment did Jesus make to the paralytic? (v. 2)
What did the teachers of the Law think when Jesus said that? (v. 3)
What supernatural ability did Jesus use in verse 4?

What did Jesus say about the teachers' opinions? (vv. 4-6) What did Jesus do to prove His authority to forgive sins? (vv. 5-6) What was the crowd's reaction to this? (v. 8)

What did Jesus tell Matthew to do? (v. 9) How did Matthew respond?
Are you willing to give up everything and follow Christ? What kind of people joined Jesus and Matthew for dinner? (v. 10) What did the Pharisees think when they saw Jesus hanging out with sinners? (v. 11)

What was Jesus' response to the Pharisees? (v. 12) What did Jesus tell His listeners they needed to learn? (v. 13) What did Jesus say He had come to earth to do? (v. 13)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for your family and friends that don't know Christ. Pray for them to be drawn to the Lord. Pray for opportunities to talk to them about Christ.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. How can you cultivate a relationship with an unbeliever this week?

Date: August 23

Passage: Deuteronomy 10:12-22
Topic: Relationships: To Your God

Key Verse: Deuteronomy 10:12

Now, Israel, what does the LORD your God require from you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and love Him, and to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul,



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What does God ask of us? (vv. 12-13) What do you think it means to "fear the Lord"? How are you serving the Lord?

In verse 14, what belongs to God? Despite God's greatness, whom had God set His affection? (v. 15) Do you understand that despite God's greatness that He has set His affection upon you? In light of God's love, what does Moses tell the Israelites to do? (v. 16)

How is the Lord described in verse 17? What does it mean that He "shows no partiality"? In verse 18, whom does God love? What does it say about God that He cares for the hurting and helpless?

What command does Moses repeat in verse 20? Why do you think we should fear the Lord?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for a heart that fully loves the Lord. Pray for a love for the hurting and helpless. Pray for an opportunity to help someone in need.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Remember God's greatness and His love. Remember that He cares about you and then serve Him with all of your heart, soul, and mind.

Date: August 22

Passage: Revelation 7:9-17
Topic: Your Own Before & After

Key Verse: Revelation 7:9-10

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could count, from every nation and all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, and palm branches were in their hands; and they cry out with a loud voice, saying "Salvation to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What did John see in verse 9? What was the crowd crying out in verse 10? What group was around the throne worshipping? (v. 11) What were they saying to God and about God?

Who spoke to John and what did this person say? (v. 13) How did the elder explain the identity of those wearing the white robes? (v. 14) What is the main job of these believers? (v. 15)

What blessings await those who are martyred in the great tribulation? (vv. 16-17)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for courage to tell others about Christ.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What steps can you take this week to praise and thank God more consistently?

Date: August 7

Passage: John 4:1-42
Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: John 4:39

From that city many of the Samaritans believed in Him because of the word of the woman who testified, "He told me all the things that I have done."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What did Jesus say to the Samaritan woman? (v. 7) Where were the disciples? (v. 8) What did Jesus say would be the result of drinking the water He offered? (vv. 13-14) How have you responded to Jesus' invitation to receive His living water?

How did the Samaritan woman respond to Jesus' statements about her situation? (vv. 19-20) How did Jesus say people would worship God? (vv. 21-23) Who did Jesus say He was? (vv. 25-26)

How does the woman describe Jesus in verse 29? What does Jesus tell his disciples His food is? (v. 34) What did Jesus say about the fields? (v. 35) What kind of crop did Jesus say the reaper was harvesting? (v. 36)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for eyes that see those in need. Pray for wisdom on how to best minister to them and how to be a light in their life. Pray that they see Christ in you.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. In what way can you be involved in reaping and harvesting for God's kingdom today?

Date: August 8

Passage: John 13:31-38

Topic: Infectious Disease Control

Key Verse: John 13:35

By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What did Jesus say when Judas left? (v. 31) How much longer did Jesus say He would be with His disciples? (v. 33) What did Jesus give to His disciples? (v. 34)

How did Jesus say people would know His disciples? (v. 35) Who is someone you need to love as Christ has loved you? What question did Peter ask Jesus? (v. 36) How did Jesus respond?

What did Peter pledge to do? (v. 37) What blunt statement did Jesus make about Peter? (v. 38)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for God's love to flow through you. Pray that others see Christ in your life. Pray for opportunities to reach out and care for others.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What steps can you take to become more loving towards others?

Date: August 21

Passage: 2 Timothy 1:8-14

Topic: Your Own Before & After

Key Verse: 2 Timothy 1:8

Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord or of me His prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel according to the power of God,



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What did Paul do night and day? (v. 3) Why did Paul long to see Timothy? (v. 4) Who were Lois and Eunice, and what did Paul have to say about them? What family member or friend has had the biggest role in your spiritual growth and development?

What did Paul remind Timothy to do? (v. 6) What kind of spirit had God given His people? (v. 7) How do you need the spirit of power, love, and a discipline?

What does Paul invite Timothy to do in verse 8? Why has God called us to a holy life? (v. 9) What did Christ do? (v. 10) Of what was Paul appointed a herald, an apostle, and a teacher? (v. 11) Why was Paul not ashamed of the gospel? (v. 12)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for your family and friends who don't know Christ to come to the Lord. Pray for God to open up opportunities to talk to them about Christ.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Don't be ashamed of the gospel but boldly talk to others about the Lord.

Date: August 20

Passage: 2 Corinthians 5:10-21
Topic: Your Own Before & After

Key Verse: 2 Corinthians 5:20

Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What motivated Paul? (v. 14) Why did Christ die for everyone? (v. 15)
How did Paul change the way he looked at people? (v. 16)

What is true about every person in Christ? (v. 17) What ministry has Christ given us? (v. 18) How is a Christian an ambassador? (v. 20)
In verse 21 what happens to people who believe in Christ? What are the implications of having the righteousness of God?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray that you understand Christ's love. Ask God to reveal Himself to you and that you might experience the depths of His care for you. Pray that His love would then cause you to love Him back.

Pray that you would be a good ambassador for Christ. Pray for three people you know to come to the Lord.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Who can you share the good news about Christ this week?

Date: August 9

Passage: Mark 16:9-20
Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: Mark 16:15

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

To whom did the resurrected Jesus appear first? (v. 9) How did Jesus' disciples respond each time someone told them that He had risen from the dead? (vv. 11-12) Why did Jesus rebuke the disciples when He first saw them? (v. 14)

What instructions did Jesus give to His followers? (vv. 15-18) What happened to Jesus after He was taken up into heaven? (v. 19) What did the disciples do after Jesus had left earth to return to heaven? (v. 20)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for your family and friends who don't know Christ. Pray that they might begin to see who Christ is. Pray that they would desire a relationship with God and that you would be a light in their life.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What can you do this week to obey Christ's command to "preach the good news to all creation?"

Date: August 10

Passage: Acts 1:1-11
Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: Acts 1:8

but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

To what "former book" was Luke referring? (v. 1) What did Luke write about? (vv. 1-2) After His resurrection, how did Jesus spend His time with the apostles? (vv. 3-5) In verse 4, what command did Jesus give the disciples?

What did the apostles misunderstand? (v. 6) How did Jesus answer the apostles' question? (vv. 7-8) What task did Jesus assign the apostles? Who would help them?

After speaking to the apostles, where did Jesus go? (vv. 9-11) How did they react to his departure? (v. 10) How did the men in white encourage the apostles? (v. 11)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Take time invite the Holy Spirit to guide you. Ask Him to open up opportunities to talk to others about Christ. Pray for His power as you minister for the Lord.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What steps can you take to be actively involved in telling others about Christ?

Date: August 19

Passage: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27
Topic: Your Own Before & After

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 9:18

What then is my reward? That when I preach the gospel, I may offer the gospel without charge, so as not to make full use of my right in the gospel.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

How did Paul preach? (vv. 16-17) What motivated him to preach? What reward is there in preaching the gospel? (v. 18) Why did Paul make himself a slave to everyone? (v. 19)

To what extent did Paul go to save people? (vv. 20-23) Why is it necessary to live with purpose and discipline? (vv. 25-27) In verse 27, why did Paul lead a disciplined life?



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for an open door to talk to a friend about Christ.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Live your life with purpose so that you can influence others for Christ.

Date: August 18

Passage: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: 2 Timothy 4:1-2

I solemnly charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by His appearing and His kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

In verse 2, what does Paul challenge Timothy to do? What did Paul want Timothy to be prepared for? Who can you encourage in their faith?

What did Paul think was going to happen? (v. 3) In verse 5, what did Paul instruct Timothy to do? What do you think Paul meant when he said "I have fought the good fight." As you look at your relationship with Christ, do you feel that you are giving it your all? How can you live a more committed life to Christ?

How had Paul lived his life? (v. 7) What was in store for Paul? (v. 8) To whom will God award a crown of righteousness? (v. 8)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray that you will keep the faith and remain close to the Lord. Pray for your life to count for God and that you will accomplish His purpose for your life.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Resolve to live fully for Christ so that you can say "I have fought the good fight."

Date: August 11

Passage: Acts 8:26-40

Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: Acts 8:35

Then Philip opened his mouth, and beginning from this Scripture he preached Jesus to him.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What did the angel tell Philip to do? (v. 26) Whom did Philip meet on the desert road? (v. 27) What did the Holy Spirit tell Philip to do? (v. 29) What did Philip ask the eunuch? (v. 30) How did the eunuch respond? (v. 31)

How did Philip present the good news about Jesus? (v. 35) What did the eunuch do after he believed in Jesus? (vv. 36-38) How did believing in Christ affect the eunuch? (v. 39) What did Philip do as he went from city to city? (v. 40)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for wisdom and grace to share the gospel in a clear way. Pray for God to bring people into your life who need to meet Christ.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What can you do to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit's leading each day? What is one thing you can do this week to overcome your fear in witnessing?

Date: August 12

Passage: Acts 9:1-18
Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: Acts 9:15

But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is a chosen instrument of Mine, to bear My name before the Gentiles and kings and the sons of Israel."



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What was Saul doing against the Lord's disciples? (vv. 1-2) What happened to Saul as he approached Damascus? (vv. 3-6) In persecuting the church, who was Saul really attacking? (v. 5) What did the Lord order Saul to do? (v. 6)

What did Saul's traveling companions experience when Saul met the risen Christ? (v. 7) How did Saul get to Damascus after his meeting with the Lord? (v. 8)

What did the Lord instruct Ananias to do? (vv. 10-12) Why was Ananias reluctant to do what the Lord asked? (vv. 13-14) How did God persuade Ananias that it was all right to go to Saul? (vv. 15-16) To what service had Saul been called? What did Saul do when his vision returned? (vv. 18-19)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for five friends who don't know Christ. Praise God for allowing you to come to know Him. Pray for God to make you a fisher of men and to use you in the lives of others.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What is one thing you can do this week to help a younger Christian grow in his or her faith? How can you challenge a friend or coworker with the message of salvation?

Date: August 17

Passage: 1 Peter 3:13-22
Topic: Your Own Before & After

Key Verse: 1 Peter 3:15

but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What challenge did Peter give to us? (vv. 8-9) When are you tempted to return evil with evil and insult with insult? What must a person do who wants to love life? (vv. 10-11) Who does God listen to? (v. 12)

What will happen to those who suffer for doing right? (v. 14) What did Peter instruct us to be prepared for? (v. 15) Why are believers to keep a clear conscience? (v. 16) When is it alright to suffer and when is it a waste? (v. 17)

What did Peter say about Christ's death? What do the flood waters from which Noah and his family were saved say to us? (v. 21) Where is Christ now? (v. 22)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. In what difficult circumstance do you need to praise God? Take time to praise God for His many blessings but also that He is working in your life even in the tough times.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What can you do to promote harmony between you and believers you know? What step can you take this week to answer questions about your hope and faith in Christ?

Date: August 16

Passage: 1 Corinthians 1:17-31
Topic: Your Own Before & After

Key Verse: 1 Corinthians 1:17

For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not come to know God, God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached to save those who believe.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

How was Paul going to preach the gospel? (v. 17) What is wrong with cleverness of speech? To whom is the message of the cross foolishness? (v. 18) What does God's message mean to the person being saved?

How does God's wisdom contrast with the world's wisdom? (v. 20) How did the demands of the Jews and Greeks contrast with the Corinthians' hope? (vv. 22-23)

How do God's attributes compare with ours? (vv. 25-26) What were the Corinthians before they were called? (vv. 26-27) How does God use the foolish and weak things of the world? (v. 27) Why does God express His power and wisdom through foolish, weak, and lowly means? (vv. 28-29)

What has Jesus become for us? (v. 30) What kind of boasting is good? (v. 31)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for God's wisdom and that you are sensitive to the Spirit's leading as you seek to be a witness for Christ.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What can you do this week to witness for Christ in only God's wisdom and not your own craftiness?

Date: August 13

Passage: Philippians 2:1-14
Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: Philippians 2:3

Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

What did Paul say about self-centeredness? (v. 3) What would it look like if you regarded your spouse as more important than yourself? How are you selfish in your family? How can you sacrifice your own interests for the good of a family member?

What attitude did Paul exhort them to have? (v. 5) What did Christ set aside when He became a man? (vv. 6-8) What do you think it was like for Him to do that? What are you willing to sacrifice and give up for your spouse? Are you willing to empty yourself?

How did God exalt Christ? (v. 9) What confession will every person make? (v. 11)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for yourself to grow in unselfishness and in humility. Pray that you can truly put other people first.

Pray for your spouse to grow in their ability to sacrifice and to think of others. Pray for them in all of their relationships to model Christ's love.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. What practical steps can you take this week to demonstrate humility in your relationships?

Date: August 14

Passage: Romans 1:16-23
Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: Romans 1:16

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek.



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

For what was the church at Rome well-known? (v. 8) How did Paul feel about what others thought about him and his message? (v. 16) To whom does God grant salvation?

What is God's response to the people who ignore and disobey Him? (v. 18) How does God reveal Himself to people? (vv. 19-20) What is the primary problem people have in their relationship with God? (v. 22) What happens to the hearts and minds of people who reject God? (vv. 21-22)

How does God respond to people who ignore and deny Him? (vv. 24, 26) How are attitudes toward sexuality affected when a person denies God? (vv. 24, 26, 27) When thoughts of God are pushed out, what evil attitudes and actions replace them? (vv. 28-31) Instead of fearing God, what attitude do people naturally have toward Him? (v. 30)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for boldness in talking to others about Christ. Pray for open doors where people are interested in learning more about Jesus.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. In what ways can you lessen your dependence on the things you are tempted to "worship" and serve more than God?

Date: August 15

Passage: Romans 10:1-21
Topic: Living in 3D

Key Verse: Romans 10:14

How then will they call on Him in whom they have not believed? How will they believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how will they hear without a preacher?



Read It: Read what the Passage says.



Write It: Write down what the Passage means.

By what means have the Gentiles obtained righteousness? (v. 30) What kept Israel from obtaining righteousness? (vv. 31-32) Over what has Israel stumbled? (v. 33)

What was Paul's greatest desire? (v. 1) What had the Israelites done instead of submitting to God's righteousness? (vv. 3-4) In verse 5, how did Moses describe righteousness that comes by the Law? How does righteousness produced by faith come about? (vv. 6-9)

What simple instructions did Paul give regarding salvation? (vv. 9-10) What promise is given to anyone who puts his or her faith in Christ? (v. 11) In verse 13, who will be saved?

In verses 14-15, what does it take to get the message of God to someone? How had the Israelites responded to hearing the message of God? (vv. 16-18) How had the response of the Gentiles to the message of God differed from the response of the Jews? (vv. 18-21)



Pray It: Ask God what is one thing you can learn from this passage. Pray for 5 friends or family members who don't know Christ.



Live It: Ask God to help you live out what you learned. Who in your circle of friends and family needs to hear about God's plan of salvation?