



Day 1 Luke 1 Genesis 1-2, Psalm 1

Luke 1: What limitation made Zechariah hesitate to believe the angel's message? What things in your life cause you to hesitate to believe?

Genesis 1: What does it mean to be created in the image of God?

Genesis 2: What about a relationship with God made Adam and Eve feel no shame?

Psalm 1: In what ways are the righteous and wicked contrasted?

Day 2 Luke 2 Genesis 3-4

Luke 2: What is significant about how God chose to reveal Jesus to the world? Why was Jesus presented at the temple?

Genesis 3: Is innocence better than knowledge? Why or why not? What is the significance of what God said to the serpent? To Adam and Eve? What do you learn about God through His reaction to Adam, Eve and the serpent?

Genesis 4: What differences do you see between Cain and Abel? What is wrong with Cain?

Day 3 Luke 3 Genesis 5-6, Psalm 2

Luke 3: Can you think of how Jesus is good news for the people in your life, both Christians and non-Christians?

Genesis 5: Why does the author remind us that we're created in God's image?

Genesis 6: What does it look like to walk faithfully with God today?

Psalm 2: Describe God's response to the nations' plots. What does this teach about the nature of God?

Day 4 Luke 4 Genesis 7-8

Luke 4: How did Jesus respond to temptation, and how does that affect the way you respond? In Nazareth, Jesus announced His mission. How does this affect the way you think about the gospel and your mission?

Genesis 7: What did God see in Noah that He found him "righteous in this generation?"

Genesis 8: What was God's covenant with Noah, and what does it mean for us?

Day 5 Luke 5 Genesis 9-10, Psalm 3

Luke 5: Why did Jesus eat and drink with sinners? Who are you hanging out with and why?

Genesis 9: What was Ham's mistake and what was the generational impact of it?

Genesis 10: What does Genesis 10 teach us about the origins of the nations and about their relation to one another and to God? Cf. Acts 17:26, Romans 3:29

Psalm 3: What can you learn from this psalm about dealing with opposition and attack?

Day 6 Luke 6 Genesis 11-12

Luke 6: How do you discover the plank in your own eye? What do you think about Jesus' counter-narrative?

Genesis 11: Why did God destroy something that men thought was a good idea?

Genesis 12: What did God promise Abraham and how does that affect us today?

Day 7 Luke 7 Genesis 13-14, Psalm 4

Luke 7: What was it about the centurion's faith that made it stand out to Jesus? Describe your own faith.

Genesis 13: What was the difference between what was important to Abram and important to Lot?

Genesis 14: Why do you think Abram was able to decline the king's offer of possessions?

Psalm 4: What is the mood when the psalm starts, when it ends, and what changes in between?

Day 8 Luke 8 Genesis 15-16

Luke 8: How we receive God's word matters. What kind of soil are you? What can you do about it?

Genesis 15: What did Abram have to do to be called righteous?

Genesis 16: How does God treat Hagar? What does that reveal about God's character and purpose? What happens when you try to take God's will into your own hands?

Day 9 Luke 9 Genesis 17-18, Psalm 5

Luke 9: The disciples brought their small lunch to Jesus and He fed 5000 with it. What small thing could you offer to Jesus today that would help someone else? What does it mean to you to take up your cross daily?

Genesis 17: What does God promise Abraham? How does Abraham respond to God's promises? What has God promised you and how have you responded?

Genesis 18: What does Abraham's bargaining with the angel teach us about God? How does this affect your relationship with God?

Psalm 5: This is a lament and cry for help. What can you learn from it that affects the way you pray?

Day 10 Luke 10 Genesis 19-20

Luke 10: Who is your neighbor? How are you showing mercy to them?

Genesis 19: Why do you think Lot and his family hesitated to leave? What can you learn about your own tendencies?

Genesis 20: Why do you think God answered Abraham's prayer after his despicable behavior? How did God protect Sarah when Abraham didn't?

Day 11 Luke 11 Genesis 21-22, Proverbs 1

Luke 11: What were some of the reasons Jesus took issue with the Pharisees? Do you see any of those issues in your own life? Why can you be confident asking God for your needs?

Genesis 21: How was God faithful to Abraham and Sarah and Isaac; and how was He faithful to Hagar and her son?

Genesis 22: What is the significance of God choosing Isaac to be the sacrifice? How was Abraham able to obey God even when he didn't understand?

Proverbs 1: What is Solomon's purpose in writing Proverbs? What does it mean to fear the Lord?

Day 12 Luke 12 Genesis 23-24

Luke 12: What does it mean to be rich toward God? What prompted Jesus to tell this parable? Can you think of time the Holy Spirit spoke through you when you didn't have the words?

Genesis 23: Why do you think Abraham insists on paying?

Genesis 24: What does the servant's journey tell you about God's provision and faithfulness to His promises?

Day 13 Luke 13 Genesis 25-26, Psalm 6

Luke 13: What is it about the heart and practice of the Pharisees that makes Jesus indignant?

Genesis 25: What is the significance of Rebekah's difficulty conceiving, just like Sarah?

Genesis 26: Isaac is retreading some of his father's missteps. What can we learn from this?

Psalm 6: How does the Lord respond to the one who cries out in anguish?

Day 14 Luke 14 Genesis 27-28

Luke 14: Why are the contrasts Jesus is making important?

Genesis 27: How does God use our sinful nature to further His will?

Genesis 28: How are you honoring the dreams God has given you? Why was Jacob afraid and how would you respond in his situation?

Day 15 Luke 15 Genesis 29-30, Psalm 7

Luke 15: In the story of the prodigal son, which character do you most relate to? Why?

Genesis 29: What is God teaching Jacob and how does it reflect his past decisions?

Genesis 30: Compare and contrast Jacob's honesty with his actions. What is the difference between shrewdness and cheating?

Psalm 7: How does David picture God? Compare and contrast this with your picture of God?

Day 16 Luke 16 Genesis 31-32

Luke 16: How do these parables affect your attitude toward your wealth and possessions? How can you use them to make friends of people? Of God?

Genesis 31: In God's dealings with Jacob, what do you learn about God's character? About His dealings with sinners? With you?

Genesis 32: What does Jacob's wrestling match reveal about God, about Jacob, about you?

Day 17 Luke 17 Genesis 33-34, Psalm 8

Luke 17: Do you have someone you need to forgive repeatedly? What keeps you from obeying Jesus' words about forgiveness?

Genesis 33: What can you learn here about resolving conflicts with others?

Genesis 34: Contrast the main concerns of Hamor, Shechem, Jacob's sons, and Jacob.

Psalm 8: What does this psalm say about God? About human beings?

Day 18 Luke 18 Genesis 35-36

Luke 18: Do you identify more with the Pharisee or the tax collector in Jesus' parable? Why? Is there someone you look down on?

Genesis 35: What has happened to Jacob between his first encounter with God at Bethel (Gen. 28) and now? What has he learned about God and himself?

Genesis 36: Compare and contrast Jacob and Esau in their character and actions.

Day 19 Luke 19 Genesis 37-38, Psalm 9

Luke 19: What is Jesus' stated mission (see v. 10)? How are you joining him on that mission?

Genesis 37: In dysfunctional families, there is plenty of blame to be shared. In what ways was Joseph responsible for what happened to him? His brothers? Jacob?

Genesis 38: Why is this sordid story in the Bible? (See Matthew 1:1-16) What does it teach you about God?

Psalm 9: Why does the psalmist offer praise to God? What has God done?

Day 20 Luke 20 Genesis 39-40

Luke 20: What do Jesus' words about Caesar and God (see v. 25) mean for you as a Christian and a citizen? What do you owe Caesar? What do you owe God?

Genesis 39: What do you learn from Joseph's character? Why do you think the Lord was with him?

Genesis 40: Do you think Joseph ever got discouraged? Why? What do you do when you're discouraged?

Day 21 Luke 21 Genesis 41-42, Psalm 10

Luke 21: Based on the words of Jesus here, what does it look like for you to be ready for His return?

Genesis 41: Joseph went from a despised prisoner to the honored leader of Egypt in a hurry. What role did God play in this change?

Genesis 42: How have Joseph's brothers changed? How does this affect the way you pray?

Psalm 10: Can you think of a time you've felt afflicted like this? What did you do? To what conclusion does the psalmist come?

Day 22 Luke 22 Genesis 43-44

Luke 22: Compare and contrast Jesus and the disciples in the garden praying. How will this change the way you pray?

Genesis 43: Imagine being betrayed by those closest to you, as Joseph was. How could Joseph respond like this? How can you respond with similar grace?

Genesis 44: What is God teaching (a) the brothers and (b) Jacob through Joseph?

Day 23 Luke 23 Genesis 45-46, Proverbs 2

Luke 23: Compare and contrast the actions of Jesus on the cross with the reactions of his disciples, the crowd, the soldiers and the criminals who were crucified with him.

Genesis 45: Imagine the brothers' conversation on the way home, and Jacob's response as he heard the news.

Genesis 46: Why does God speak to Jacob in the night before he moves his family to Egypt?

Proverbs 2: What are the benefits of wisdom?

Day 24 Luke 24 Genesis 47-48

Luke 24: Imagine being the women trying to convince the despondent disciples that Jesus is alive. What would you say? Who will you tell today that Jesus is alive?

Genesis 47: What is the significance of Jacob blessing Pharaoh?

Genesis 48: How does Jacob sum up his life here? How would you sum up yours?

Day 25 Acts 1 Genesis 49-50, Psalm 11

Acts 1: Why do you need the Holy Spirit? What will He do in your life?

Genesis 49: On what basis did Jacob make his predictions about his sons? What kind of future would someone who knows you well predict for you, especially spiritually?

Genesis 50: Where in your life might God be working in difficult circumstances for long term good?

Psalm 11: What does the psalmist say (a) God does, and (b) the psalmist does?

Day 26 Acts 2 Exodus 1-2

Acts 2: What does this chapter say about the Holy Spirit and you? (Look again at the experience in 1-4, Peter's explanation of it, and the experience of the early church.)

Exodus 1: How does the midwives' attitude toward God affect their attitude toward people? Toward Pharaoh's edict?

Exodus 2: How did God use Moses' home and palace experiences to develop him? What experiences do you sometimes regard as wasted?

Day 27 Acts 3 Exodus 3-4, Psalm 12

Acts 3: What has God given you that you can share today with others?

Exodus 3-4: What are Moses' objections to God's call, and what are God's answers to each objection? What excuses are you making to avoid obedience to God?

Psalm 12: When have you felt betrayed, and what was your response? Contrast that with the psalmist's response.

Day 28 Acts 4 Exodus 5-6

Acts 4: What was the believers' response when facing opposition? What is yours?

Exodus 5: Have you ever obeyed God and it seemed to backfire? What did you do? What did Moses do?

Exodus 6: What was God's answer to Moses' protest? What was the Israelites response to God's promise? What do you do when discouraged?

Day 29 Acts 5 Exodus 7-8, Psalm 13

Acts 5: What motivated Ananias and Sapphira to lie? When has that motivation affected your behavior?

Exodus 7-8: For what is Pharaoh responsible? God? Moses?

Psalm 13: What long term issue have you struggled with? Pray this psalm over that issue.

Day 30 Acts 6 Exodus 9-10

Acts 6: List the qualifications required for those selected to "wait on tables." Would you require such qualifications for a duty like this? Why or why not?

Exodus 9-10: What qualities of (a) Pharaoh, (b) Moses and (c) God are revealed in their actions here?

Day 31 Acts 7 Exodus 11-12, Psalm 14

Acts 7: What is the significance of Jesus standing at the right hand of God? Of Stephen praying the same prayer as Jesus on the cross?

Exodus 11-12: Compare (a) the details of the Passover night and the memorial meal associated with it, with (b) the death of Christ and the meal associated with it.

Psalm 14: How does Paul use this psalm in Romans 3?

Day 32 Acts 8 Exodus 13-14

Acts 8: In what different ways did God direct Philip? How has God directed you?

Exodus 13: Why do you think it was important to commemorate what God had done?

Exodus 14: What would your reaction be if you were surrounded by desert, a sea and an enemy army? Where do you need God to fight for you today?

Day 33 Acts 9 Exodus 15-16, Psalm 15

Acts 9: Imagine being Ananias. Would you obey God in that situation? What would it take to convince you?

Exodus 15: Celebration was soon followed by grumbling. What causes you to lose your joy? What do you do to regain it?

Exodus 16: How did God provide for Israel in the wilderness? How has He provided for you this month? This year?

Psalm 15: List the character qualities required to live in God's presence. Where can you improve?

Day 34 Acts 10 Exodus 17-18

Acts 10: Why is the story of Cornelius so important to spread of the gospel? Why do you think God interrupted Peter to pour out the Spirit?

Exodus 17: Why do you think God told Moses to use his staff in both these situations?

Exodus 18: Summarize Jethro's advice to Moses. How can you put this into practice?

Day 35 Acts 11 Exodus 19-20, Proverbs 3

Acts 11: Why did Peter need to explain his actions to the Jewish Christian leaders? What happened next?

Exodus 19: What are the terms of the covenant in v. 3-6?

Exodus 20: Reflect on the Ten Commandments. Where is your obedience lacking? What will you do?

Proverbs 3: What verse in this chapter speaks to you? How will you apply it today?

Day 36 Acts 12 Exodus 21-22

Acts 12: Characterize the prayers and faith of (a) Peter, and (b) the church. What can you learn from them?

Exodus 21-22: What do these laws tell you about God's values? His character? What questions do they raise?

Day 37 Acts 13 Exodus 23-24, Psalm 16

Acts 13: Saul and Barnabas were called by God to a specific work. How did that happen? Have you experienced such a call? How? Are you open to it?

Exodus 23: Review God's promises in v. 20-33. What has God promised you?

Exodus 24: What was the people's response to the covenant (see v. 3, 7)? What is your response to the new covenant in Jesus?

Psalms 16: What does the psalmist expect God to do? What does he promise to do?

Day 38 Acts 14 Exodus 25-26

Acts 14: How did Paul encourage the new believers to remain true to the faith? How do you respond to the hardships you experience?

Exodus 25-26: Who was to participate in the offering for the tabernacle? How does your heart prompt you to give?

Day 39 Acts 15 Exodus 27-28, Psalm 17

Acts 15: How did the council at Jerusalem come to a very difficult conclusion? List the steps they took. How does this influence your decision making?

Exodus 27-28: Why was Aaron to bear the names of sons of Israel on his shoulders? What does this suggest to you about your prayers?

Psalms 17: Choose a couple verses from this psalm that you would like to be your prayer today. Pray it at various times during the day.

Day 40 Acts 16 Exodus 29-30

Acts 16: What were Paul and Silas' responses to being unjustly imprisoned? What does this teach you about relying on God and using your wits?

Exodus 29-30: What is the significance of anointing with blood and oil the right ear lobe, right thumb and right big toe of the priests to consecrate them?

Day 41 Acts 17 Exodus 31-32, Psalm 18

Acts 17: What made the Berean Jews "of more noble character" than those in Thessalonica? How do you "examine the Scriptures every day?"

Exodus 31: What qualified Bezalel to do his work? What practical skills has God given you that you could use for Him?

Exodus 32: Why do you think the people of Israel turned away from God so quickly?

Psalms 18: Look at v. 6. What distresses you? Pray about it now—cry to God for help!

Day 42 Acts 18 Exodus 33-34

Acts 18: Where did Paul begin his ministry in Corinth? Why was this his habit? Where did he move and why? How did God encourage him?

Exodus 33: What made Moses such a great leader? What can you apply from this to your own leadership?

Exodus 34: Reflect upon God's self-revelation to Moses (v. 6-7). What does this tell you about the character of God and how does it make you feel?

Day 43 Acts 19 Exodus 35-36, Psalm 19

Acts 19: Paul ministered effectively in Ephesus for two years and ultimately impacted the idol economy. How could Christians today have the same kind of impact?

Exodus 35-36: Moses reiterates the Sabbath command. Why do you think he needed to remind them, and why is it so harsh? How do you Sabbath?

Psalm 19: What two things does the psalmist direct us to in order to know God? How do you interact with each of them?

Day 44 Acts 20 Exodus 37-38

Acts 20: From Paul's farewell to the Ephesian elders: what most speaks to you and how will you put it into practice today?

Exodus 37-38: What do you think is the purpose of this detailed account of the materials and making of the tabernacle? What does it say about what is important?

Day 45 Acts 21 Exodus 39-40, Psalm 20

Acts 21: How do you explain that the Spirit used others to warn Paul not to go to Jerusalem, while the same Spirit drove Paul to go? Could they both be right? How does it affect your view of others?

Exodus 39-40: Why did the glory of the Lord fill the tabernacle? What does that mean for you as the temple of the Lord (see 1 Corinthians 3:16-17, 6:19-20)?

Psalm 20: Think of someone you love and pray this prayer over them.

Day 46 Acts 22 Leviticus 1-2

Acts 22: Reread Paul's 3 minute story. Write your own 3 minute story that includes pre-Jesus, meeting Jesus, and your new purpose.

Leviticus 1-2: Consider how the burnt offering may be a picture of the normal Christian life (see Romans 12:1-2).

Day 47 Acts 23 Leviticus 3-4, Proverbs 4

Acts 23: What do you learn from Paul's tactic in the Sanhedrin of pitting Sadducees against Pharisees? (See Matthew 10:16)

Leviticus 3-4: Describe the purposes of the various offerings required so far in Leviticus.

Proverbs 4: What are some ways named here to get wisdom? What are you doing to actively gain wisdom?

Day 48 Acts 24 Leviticus 5-6

Acts 24: What charges did the Jewish leaders level against Paul? Which were true? Partially true? Untrue? How did Paul answer them?

Leviticus 5-6: What is God's attitude toward a witness who hides his knowledge of a crime? Compare this with contemporary efforts to remain uninvolved.

Day 49 Acts 25 Leviticus 7-8, Psalm 21

Acts 25: Why did Paul appeal to Caesar? What does this say about our relationship to God and to the state?

Leviticus 7-8: Does God receive the best part of your life? Why?

Psalm 21: King David rejoices in his victories. What has God helped you with that is a cause for rejoicing?

Day 50 Acts 26 Leviticus 9-10

Acts 26: What did King Agrippa think Paul was trying to do? Who thinks that about you?

Leviticus 9: What had to happen before the glory of the Lord could appear? How does that relate to you?

Leviticus 10: Why was God so harsh with Nadab and Abihu? With Aaron?

Day 51 Acts 27 Leviticus 11-12, Psalm 22

Acts 27: How did God encourage Paul? How did Paul encourage his shipmates? How are you using God's encouragement to help others?

Leviticus 11-12: Summarize the Jewish kosher food laws and compare them with Mark 7:14-19. How does this make you feel?

Psalm 22: Reread this psalm and imagine Jesus singing it from the cross. (See Matthew 27:46)

Day 52 Acts 28 Leviticus 13-14

Acts 28: What was Paul's status at the end of Acts? What was he doing? Is there anything that keeps you from doing what God called you to do?

Leviticus 13-14: What was the goal of these regulations? What does that tell you about God?

Day 53 Romans 1 Leviticus 15-16, Psalm 23

Romans 1: List Paul's three "I am's" in v. 14-16. What speaks to you? Do those describe you as well?

Leviticus 15-16: What was God's basic concern behind the regulations in ch. 15? Behind the Day of Atonement in ch. 16? What does this tell you about God?

Psalm 23: Pray this psalm slowly, verse by verse, and let it speak to you.

Day 54 Romans 2 Leviticus 17-18

Romans 2: What do Jews and Gentiles (all humanity) have in common? Why should we not pass judgment on others?

Leviticus 17-18: Why did God give the sexual restrictions in ch. 18? How were these restrictions related to the nations around them, to them, and to God?

Day 55 Romans 3 Leviticus 19-20, Psalm 24

Romans 3: Summarize in your own words the gospel as Paul presents it in v. 21-24.

Leviticus 19-20: In this list of various laws, which one got your attention as something you need to do today? Which one puzzled you? Why?

Psalm 24: How do v. 1-2 affect the way you think about caring for our world?

Day 56 Romans 4 Leviticus 21-22

Romans 4: How was Abraham the father of faith? How was he an example of righteousness by faith, not works?

Leviticus 21-22: Why were the priests held to a different standard? What does it mean to you to be holy to the Lord?

Day 57 Romans 5 Leviticus 23-24, Psalm 25

Romans 5: How has God demonstrated His love for us, and what are the results?

Leviticus 23-24: What were the purposes of Israel's festivals? What does this tell you about God?

Psalm 25: Pray this psalm. What verse will you use a prayer all day long today?

Day 58 Romans 6 Leviticus 25-26

Romans 6: What does it mean practically for you to consider yourself dead to sin but alive to God today?

Leviticus 25: What happened in the year of Jubilee and what was God's purpose in it?

Leviticus 26: Why do you think blessings follow obedience?

Day 59 Romans 7 Leviticus 27, Proverbs 5

Romans 7: Describe the inner war and the solution Paul proposes. Have you experienced this battle? And the solution?

Leviticus 27: List the things one could dedicate to the Lord by a vow. What belongs to the Lord outright?

Proverbs 5: What are the consequences of adultery? Make a list. Is it worth it?

Day 60 Romans 8 Numbers 1-2

Romans 8: Identify at least 3 (there are more) results of living in the Spirit. What could you do to be more led by the Spirit?

Numbers 1: What are the Levites' tasks? Why aren't they included in the census (relate to the purpose of the census)?

Numbers 2: Why do you think God put the tent of meeting and the Levites in the middle of the camp?

Day 61 Romans 9 Numbers 3-4, Psalm 26

Romans 9: Paul expressed his anguish for his people. For whom do you feel this anguish and pray fervently? (See also 10:1)

Numbers 3: Describe the work of the Levites. How would it feel to belong to God as a Levite?

Numbers 4: What can you learn about God from the division of labor among the Levites?

Psalm 26: Can you pray this prayer? If not, what needs to change?

Day 62 Romans 10 Numbers 5-6

Romans 10: Look at the promise in v. 13. Based on that promise, what is your response to the series of questions in v. 14-15?

Numbers 5: What is the purpose of restitution for wrongs? Is there anyone to whom you need to make restitution?

Numbers 6: Memorize the blessing in v. 24-26 and say it to someone today. Bless them!

Day 63 Romans 11 Numbers 7-8, Psalm 27

Romans 11: What does this chapter (and the two before) say about the sovereignty of God? About the free will of humans? How does that make you feel?

Numbers 7: Why do you think the holy things were to be carried on the shoulders of the Kohathites and not on a cart (see v. 9)?

Numbers 8: God gave very specific instructions, and Moses obeyed exactly. What specific instructions has God given you? Have you obeyed?

Psalm 27: Think of what makes you afraid, then pray this psalm over your fears.

Day 64 Romans 12 Numbers 9-10

Romans 12: You are transformed by the renewing of your mind. What are you doing regularly to renew your mind in Christ? What changes have you seen?

Numbers 9: The Israelites followed God's lead through the cloud. How can you follow the Lord's lead in your life?

Numbers 10: Even though God was leading through the cloud, Moses asked his father-in-law to come along since he knew where to camp. What does that tell you about the relationship of human and divine guidance?

Day 65 Romans 13 Numbers 11-12, Psalm 28

Romans 13: In your own words, summarize what Paul says about love in v. 8-10. How does this compare to what Jesus taught about love?

Numbers 11: Why did the people grumble? What was God's response? What have you grumbled about lately? Change that to a prayer of thanks.

Numbers 12: What was Aaron and Miriam's sin, and how did the Lord relate to them differently than Moses?

Psalm 28: Cry to God for mercy. What is His response? (see v. 7-8)

Day 66 Romans 14 Numbers 13-14

Romans 14: What is a "disputable matter" over which you disagree with other believers? How does Paul say you should handle this? Why?

Numbers 13: Compare and contrast Caleb's report with that of the 10 other spies.

Numbers 14: What was the result of the bad report, immediately and ultimately? What was Caleb and Joshua's rebuttal to the bad report?

Day 67 Romans 15 Numbers 15-16, Psalm 29

Romans 15: What fellow Christian is difficult for you to accept because of their stance on a "disputable matter"? What advice does Paul give to help you accept them?

Numbers 15: What was the purpose of these various offerings to God? What would God like you to offer, and why?

Numbers 16: Why did God punish Korah so harshly, and what does it tell you about God and what He values?

Psalm 29: Join David in giving worship to God as you read this psalm. Where have you seen the power of God's voice?

Day 68 Romans 16 Numbers 17-18

Romans 16: What does Paul's lengthy list of greetings tell you about Paul? About Christian ministry? About his co-workers?

Numbers 17: What was God's purpose in causing Aaron's rod to sprout? What argument was He settling and why was it important?

Numbers 18: What were the Levites to offer to the Lord and the priests? (See v. 29-32). How can you give God your best?

Day 69 Matthew 1 Numbers 19-20, Psalm 30

Matthew 1: What women are named in Jesus' genealogy and what do they tell you about God and the gospel?

Numbers 19-20: Compare and contrast the water in these two chapters and its purpose. How is Jesus the fulfillment of both?

Psalm 30: Pray this psalm of praise, and then in your own words, thank God that His anger lasts only a moment but His favor lasts a lifetime!

Day 70 Matthew 2 Numbers 21-22

Matthew 2: How did God intervene to protect Jesus? Imagine being Joseph. How would you feel through all this?

Numbers 21: Compare the story of the bronze snake and Jesus (see John 3:14-15).

Numbers 22: Everyone loves the story of Balaam's donkey! When has God spoken to you and gotten your attention in an unexpected way?

Day 71 Matthew 3 Numbers 23-24, Proverbs 6

Matthew 3: Why was sinless Jesus baptized by John, and what followed immediately?

Numbers 23-24: Balaam could only say what God gave him. Pray and ask God to give you words to say to others (see Matthew 10:19-20).

Proverbs 6: What sins or failures does this chapter warn us to avoid at all costs?

Day 72 Matthew 4 Numbers 25-26

Matthew 4: How did Jesus resist temptation? How can you do the same?

Numbers 25: When Balak of Moab couldn't get Balaam to curse Israel, what did he do instead? What does this tell you about the enemy of our souls and his plans to destroy us?

Numbers 26: Why was a second census necessary?

Day 73 Matthew 5 Numbers 27-28, Psalm 31

Matthew 5: What does Jesus mean that you are the salt of the earth and the light of the world? How does that affect the way you think about your life?

Numbers 27: Why did Moses pray for a new leader, and what was the new leader to do?

Numbers 28: What was the purpose of the offerings, and how are they fulfilled in Jesus?

Psalm 31: Pray this psalm, and think about how you take refuge in the Lord.

Day 74 Matthew 6 Numbers 29-30

Matthew 6: What do you worry about? What does Jesus say to you about that?

Numbers 29: Some of the festivals were to be celebrations. What were they to celebrate and how? What does that tell you about God?

Number 30: What do you learn here about vows? Compare this with Matthew 5:33-37.

Day 75 Matthew 7 Numbers 31-32, Psalm 32

Matthew 7: Who are you prone to judge and condemn? What does Jesus say to do instead?

Numbers 31: Why do you think God commanded vengeance on the Midianites? Contrast this with Jesus' words in Matthew 5:38-48, and Paul's words in Romans 12:19-21.

Numbers 32: What was Moses' requirement for the tribes who wanted to stay on the east side of the Jordan? How should that affect your behavior towards others?

Psalm 32: Read this psalm aloud, then take a few moments to confess your sins and thank God for the blessing of forgiveness.

Day 76 Matthew 8 Numbers 33-34

Matthew 8: What does Jesus' response to the leper in v. 3 suggest about God's heart toward you?

Numbers 33: Map out your life history in major stages. Where do you see God's faithfulness and purposes?

Numbers 34: The Promised Land had boundaries. What are the boundaries that God has established in your life?

Day 77 Matthew 9 Numbers 35-36, Psalm 33

Matthew 9: Look at v. 13. What does it mean when God says, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice"?

Numbers 35-36: What was God's purpose in setting aside cities of refuge? What does that tell you about God? About humans?

Psalm 33: After a call to praise God, the psalmist lists reasons to praise. Find three reasons to praise God that resonate with you.

Day 78 Matthew 10 Deuteronomy 1-2

Matthew 10: What stands out to you from Jesus' instructions to those He sent on mission? What has Jesus sent you to do?

Deuteronomy 1: When the Israelites refused to enter the promised land, what was Moses' response (v. 29-33)? How can you apply this to your fears?

Deuteronomy 2: Who were the Israelites forbidden to attack or take any of their land or goods? Why? What does that tell you about God?

Day 79 Matthew 11 Deuteronomy 3-4, Psalm 34

Matthew 11: Memorize and meditate on v. 28-30. What does it tell you about Jesus?

Deuteronomy 3: At the end of his life, Moses' role shifted from leader to cheerleader; he was to encourage and strengthen Joshua to finish the job. Who could you encourage and strengthen today?

Deuteronomy 4: Deuteronomy is a "second law"—a recapitulation of God's law for Israel. Moses repeatedly calls them to obey. What would happen if they obeyed? (v. 6-8)

Psalm 34: "Taste and see that the Lord is good." (v. 8) How have you personally tasted (experienced) the goodness of God? Thank Him for it.

Day 80 Matthew 12 Deuteronomy 5-6

Matthew 12: What is Jesus' relationship to the Sabbath, and what does that tell you about Him?

Deuteronomy 5: Compare and contrast the Sabbath law here with Exodus 20.

Deuteronomy 6: Memorize the Shema (v. 4-5). What are we to do with God's commandments (v. 6-9)?

Day 81 Matthew 13 Deuteronomy 7-8, Psalm 35

Matthew 13: Of the four types of soil in Jesus' parable, which one do you most identify with and why?

Deuteronomy 7: Why did the Lord choose Israel (v. 7-9)? Why did He choose you? (See Ephesians 1:3-6, 2:8-10)

Deuteronomy 8: What makes you forget the Lord? What can you do to remember?

Psalm 35: Who is contending (fighting) with you? Have you asked the Lord to contend for you? And to show you where you need to change?

Day 82 Matthew 14 Deuteronomy 9-10

Matthew 14: What does the feeding of the 5000 teach you about Jesus? About His disciples?

Deuteronomy 9: Moses repeatedly interceded for the nation of Israel and God responded. Whom are you praying for faithfully?

Deuteronomy 10: What did God ask of them (v. 12-13)? What are the differences in these verbs? Which one speaks to you and why?

Day 83 Matthew 15 Deuteronomy 11-12, Proverbs 7

Matthew 15: What was Jesus' response to religionists who were concerned about outward ceremonies? What matters to Jesus? To you?

Deuteronomy 11: Moses called them to love and obey God. How are these two things related? (See John 14:15, 1 John 5:3)

Deuteronomy 12: Why did God direct them to a single centralized place of worship? What was He trying to help them avoid and why was that important?

Proverbs 7: What will keep you from the snare of adultery?

Day 84 Matthew 16 Deuteronomy 13-14

Matthew 16: What does it mean for you to lose your life for Jesus so you can find it (v. 25)?

Deuteronomy 13: God gave harsh punishments for idolatry; it's serious. What idols tempt you and draw your attention or affection?

Deuteronomy 14: Are Christians expected to keep the Jewish food laws? (See Mark 7:17-19). What about tithing? (See Matthew 23:23)

Day 85 Matthew 17 Deuteronomy 15-16, Psalm 36

Matthew 17: What was the intended impact of the transfiguration on the disciples? On you?

Deuteronomy 15: How were they to treat the poor? (v. 7-11). How do you treat the poor?

Deuteronomy 16: The Passover was a remembrance of God's salvation. What do you do to remind yourself of God's work in your life?

Psalm 36: How does the psalmist describe God's love and righteousness? How would you describe it if you were to write a psalm?

Day 86 Matthew 18 Deuteronomy 17-18

Matthew 18: When Jesus told the disciples they must become like little children, what characteristics do you think He had in mind? Why would those be important?

Deuteronomy 17: God didn't want any defective sacrifices, only the best. What does that say to you about your offerings to God of your time, talent and treasure?

Deuteronomy 18: What parameters does God put on prophets and prophecy? Why was this important?

Day 87 Matthew 19 Deuteronomy 19-20, Psalm 37

Matthew 19: Jesus told the rich young man he still lacked one thing. If Jesus were to tell you that, what might that one thing be in your life? Pray about it.

Deuteronomy 19: What was done to lying witnesses? Why was it so important to tell the truth?

Deuteronomy 20: What about these war rules seems humane? Brutal?

Psalm 37: Find one or two promises in this psalm and pray them back to God as your own.

Day 88 Matthew 20 Deuteronomy 21-22

Matthew 20: What is the point of the parable of the workers (v. 1-16)? How is God like the owner of the vineyard?

Deuteronomy 21: How did God protect women captured in war? Why?

Deuteronomy 22: What is our responsibility when we see a neighbor in need?

Day 89 Matthew 21 Deuteronomy 23-24, Psalm 38

Matthew 21: You are now the temple (house) of God. What would it look like for you to be “a house of prayer?”

Deuteronomy 23: Contrast the exclusion of outsiders in this chapter with the ministry of Jesus. (See Mark 2:13-17)

Deuteronomy 24: Which of these rules make sense to you? Which ones don't? Why?

Psalm 38: This is another psalm of contrition. As you read it aloud, pause to confess your sin and accept God's gracious forgiveness.

Day 90 Matthew 22 Deuteronomy 25-26

Matthew 22: What does it mean that “all the law and prophets hang on these two commandments?” Where does God want to upgrade your love?

Deuteronomy 25: What implications do v. 13-16 have for your business? Your personal finances?

Deuteronomy 26: What was the purpose of giving the first fruits and tithes to God for the giver? For the recipients?

Day 91 Matthew 23 Deuteronomy 27-28, Psalm 39

Matthew 23: Is there anywhere you are not “practicing what you preach?” Or doing good things to be seen by others? Or seeking to exalt yourself?

Deuteronomy 27-28: What are the consequences for disobedience to God's law? For obedience? How does this make you feel?

Psalm 39: Pray the prayer in v. 4-5. Does this inspire any visions of what you want to do with your life?

Day 92 Matthew 24 Deuteronomy 29-30

Matthew 24: What does it mean for you to be ready for the Lord's return?

Deuteronomy 29: What would happen if they carefully followed the covenant (see v. 9)? Why do you believe this would be so?

Deuteronomy 30: God gave them a choice—life or death—and urged them to choose life. What does that tell you about our relationship with God?

Day 93 Matthew 25 Deuteronomy 31-32, Psalm 40

Matthew 25: How are you using what God has invested in you for His purposes?

Deuteronomy 31: Why did Moses assemble the people and read the Law? What does this imply for your own spiritual practices?

Deuteronomy 32: Why do you think Moses wrote his song? How do songs affect us? What songs do you remember from your early days?

Psalm 40: What does it mean for you in your situation right now to wait for the Lord? To trust in the Lord?

Day 94 Matthew 26 Deuteronomy 33-34

Matthew 26: Why did Jesus memorialize this woman? How can you do what she did?

Deuteronomy 33: Compare and contrast Moses' blessing here with Jacob's in Genesis 49.

Deuteronomy 34: Why do you think God buried Moses and no one knew where his grave was? What was unique about Moses?

Day 95 Matthew 27 Joshua 1-2, Proverbs 8

Matthew 27: What was the significance of the temple curtain being torn from top to bottom? What does this mean for your relationship with God? (See Hebrews 10:19-25)

Joshua 1: Three times the Lord tells Joshua to be strong and courageous. What promises or commands are included each time?

Joshua 2: Rahab is listed as a hero of faith (Hebrews 11:31). Describe her faith and the actions that resulted from it. (James 2:14-26) How does your faith demonstrate itself?

Proverbs 8: Practically, what would it look like to value wisdom more than wealth?

Day 96 Matthew 28 Joshua 3-4

Matthew 28: What four verbs does Jesus use in the Great Commission (v. 19-20)? What is it we are to teach people? How are you involved in making disciples?

Joshua 3: What was the significance of consecrating themselves before crossing the Jordan?

Joshua 4: What was the significance of the stopping of the Jordan River? See v. 23-24. What has God done in your life so that you and others might know Him?

Day 97 1 Corinthians 1 Joshua 5-6, Psalm 41

1 Corinthians 1: What was the first problem in the Corinthian church that Paul addressed, and what was his solution?

Joshua 5: What was the significance of the circumcision ceremony in Gilgal? How did God "roll away your reproach?"

Joshua 6: What was God's role in the battle? Joshua's role? The Israelites' role? What can you learn from this about facing your own battles?

Psalm 41: How do you show "regard for the weak?" How does God bless that?

Day 98 1 Corinthians 2 Joshua 7-8

1 Corinthians 2: Contrast the wisdom of God and human wisdom. How has God given us "the mind of Christ?"

Joshua 7: Achan's sin affected the whole community. Can you think of an example in your life when someone's sin had a huge ripple effect? How does that make you feel?

Joshua 8: What is the significance of renewing the covenant immediately after the victory at Ai?

Day 99 1 Corinthians 3 Joshua 9-10, Psalm 42

1 Corinthians 3: How does Paul describe himself? His fellow workers? The Corinthian Christians? Which description best fits you? Why?

Joshua 9: Think of an example of making a bad decision because you failed to "inquire of the Lord." What kinds of decisions should you inquire of the Lord?

Joshua 10: Israel's mistake with Gibeon resulted in war almost immediately. What was God's response? What does this tell you about the Lord?

Psalm 42: Have you experienced the psalmist's thirst for God? What causes this thirst? What prevents it?

Day 100 1 Corinthians 4 Joshua 11-12

1 Corinthians 4: Paul offered himself and Timothy as an example to imitate. Who do you imitate? And who is imitating you? Can you offer yourself to others as someone worth following? If not, what needs to change?

Joshua 11-12: These chapters list the extent of Joshua's conquest. He did it all according to the Lord's command to Moses (12:15). What victory in your life is waiting on your obedience to God?

Day 101 1 Corinthians 5 Joshua 13-14, Psalm 43

1 Corinthians 5: Why did Paul insist they remove this man from their church? What was his goal for the church? For the man?

Joshua 13-14: What lessons can you learn from the example of Caleb in 14:6-15?

Psalm 43: What situation can you pray this prayer over? "Vindicate me, rescue me." Pray this psalm over it, and end by putting your hope in God.

Day 102 1 Corinthians 6 Joshua 15-16

1 Corinthians 6: How specifically can you honor God with your body?

Joshua 15-16: Why does the author include these lengthy chapters on the tribal allotments in the Promised Land? What do they suggest about the promises of God?

Day 103 1 Corinthians 7 Joshua 17-18, Psalm 44

1 Corinthians 7: What is Paul's guiding principle in this chapter (see v. 17-24), and why does he think this is critical?

Joshua 17-18: Compare and contrast the attitudes of Caleb and the tribe of Joseph regarding their inheritance.

Psalm 44: What do you think of the psalmist's claim that God has deserted them through no fault of their own?

Day 104 1 Corinthians 8 Joshua 19-20

1 Corinthians 8: As far as Paul was concerned, what was the problem with eating food offered to idols? Can you think of a similar problem today?

Joshua 19-20: How were the cities of refuge an expression of justice and mercy? What does this tell you about God?

Day 105 1 Corinthians 9 Joshua 21-22, Psalm 45

1 Corinthians 9: What were Paul's rights? Why did he choose to forego them? Where might you forgo a right for the good of others?

Joshua 21: What is the major thought of the author as he looks back over the allotment of the land? How has God demonstrated His faithfulness to you?

Joshua 22: What mistake did the Israelites make when they heard the eastern tribes had built an altar? How did they resolve this?

Psalm 45: This is a wedding song from the king's wedding. Compare it with Hebrews 1, where it is quoted about Jesus. What does it tell you about Him?

Day 106 1 Corinthians 10 Joshua 23-24

1 Corinthians 10: What two motives guide all of Paul's actions (see v. 31-33)? Live today guided by these two motives.

Joshua 23: In Joshua's farewell speech, what does he command the people to do? What does he warn them against?

Joshua 24: Joshua reminds them of their history and calls them to renew the covenant. Read v. 15. What is your response? Why?

Day 107 1 Corinthians 11 Judges 1-2, Proverbs 9

1 Corinthians 11: What were the problems with the Corinthians' celebration of the Lord's Supper, and what solutions did Paul propose?

Judges 1: The book of Judges has a promising start with Judah winning victories over the Canaanites. What is the first hint of trouble brewing?

Judges 2: What is God's response to their failure? What cycle follows? What application can you make for your life?

Proverbs 9: Compare and contrast mockers and the wise. Which best describes you?

Day 108 1 Corinthians 12 Judges 3-4

1 Corinthians 12: Which gifts has the Spirit given you and how are you using them "for the common good?"

Judges 3: Name two reasons God left people from other nations in the Promised Land.

Judges 4: Deborah was both a prophet and judge in Israel. What does this tell you about God and gender roles?

Day 109 1 Corinthians 13 Judges 5-6, Psalm 46

1 Corinthians 13: Insert your name instead of the word "love" in v. 4-7. Does that describe you? Ask God to grow your love in specific, practical ways.

Judges 5: What does Deborah's song celebrate?

Judges 6: Describe Gideon's character, his relationship with God, and his relationships with his neighbors. Why did God choose him?

Psalm 46: Pray this prayer, and then be still for several moments and know that He is God.

Day 110 1 Corinthians 14 Judges 7-8

1 Corinthians 14: What should your attitude be toward spiritual gifts? (See v. 1, 39-40)

Judges 7: Why did God whittle down Gideon's army? Where do you feel whittled down?

Judges 8: Gideon's victory was quickly followed by failure. What did he do and how did it backfire?

Day 111 1 Corinthians 15 Judges 9-10, Psalm 47

1 Corinthians 15: Restate the gospel as Paul explains it in v. 3-8. Why is the resurrection central to the gospel (12-34)? What is Paul's conclusion (58)?

Judges 9: Abimelech's methods boomerang back on him. When have you done something that came back to bite you?

Judges 10: The cycle kept repeating itself: idolatry, bondage, cry out to God, repentance, back to idolatry. What can be done to break such a cycle in your own life? In a church or nation?

Psalm 47: After reading the psalm aloud, take a moment to sing a song of praise to God!

Day 112 1 Corinthians 16 Judges 11-12

1 Corinthians 16: Paul had a great opportunity for ministry in Ephesus, and faced great opposition. What was his response? What is your response when faced with opposition?

Judges 11-12: Compare Jephthah's rash vow with Ecclesiastes 5:4-7 and Matthew 5:33-37. What do you think Jesus would have said to Jephthah?

Day 113 2 Corinthians 1 Judges 13-14, Psalm 48

2 Corinthians 1: How might God want to use your troubles?

Judges 13-14: If ever there was a flawed hero, it's Samson! Where does God show up in this story, and where does Samson light out on his own?

Psalm 48: This is a love song for Jerusalem, the place of God's temple. God's people (you, his church) are now His temple. Pray this psalm with that in mind.

Day 114 2 Corinthians 2 Judges 15-16

2 Corinthians 2: How might unforgiveness be related to Satan's schemes against us? What does this suggest about the importance of forgiveness?

Judges 15-16: What were the warning signs along the way that Samson ignored? Where have you been careless regarding God's commands?

Day 115 2 Corinthians 3 Judges 17-18, Psalm 49

2 Corinthians 3: Look at v. 4-6. How has God made you competent to minister to Him and others? Do you feel competent?

Judges 17-18: "In those days Israel had no king." Why do you think the author included this commentary in the middle of this story? What events might have been different with a king in place? What does that tell you about leadership?

Psalm 49: Compare the psalmist's assessment in v. 7-9 that no one can redeem or ransom a life with Mark 10:45 and 1 Peter 1:18-19.

Day 116 2 Corinthians 4 Judges 19-20

2 Corinthians 4: Look at v. 14-16. How does this encourage you? What will I do in response?

Judges 19: This sordid story also begins with "in those days Israel had no king." What is wrong with this story and what purpose does it serve?

Judges 20: Things go from bad to worse. Where is God active in this human debacle? Why? What is the ultimate outcome of unrepented sin?

Day 117 2 Corinthians 5 Judges 21, Psalm 50, Proverbs 10

2 Corinthians 5: Look at v. 17. How are you a new creation in Christ? What still needs to be made new in you?

Judges 21: The story gets worse, and ends with "everyone did as they saw fit." What happens when people live this way? How does this ending to the book of Judges make you feel? What does it make you desire?

Psalm 50: God says He doesn't need their sacrifices. Why? What does He want? How can you give that to Him?

Proverbs 10: This is the first chapter of collected proverbs (short pithy sayings of wisdom). Pick out one or two that speak to you, and share them with a friend today.

Day 118 2 Corinthians 6 Ruth 1-4

2 Corinthians 6: What would it mean to “receive God’s grace in vain” (v. 1)? Have you ever done that?

Ruth 1-4: Why is this lovely story in the Bible? (See 4:18-22 and Matthew 1:1-6). What does that tell you about the gospel? Where is God active in this story? In your story?

Day 119 2 Corinthians 7 1 Samuel 1-2, Psalm 51

2 Corinthians 7: Contrast godly sorrow with worldly sorrow. What does this suggest about true repentance?

1 Samuel 1: How did Hannah respond to God’s answer to her prayer? What prayer has God answered for you, and how have you responded?

1 Samuel 2: Compare and contrast Hannah’s prayer with Mary’s song in Luke 1:46-55.

Psalm 51: This is David’s prayer of confession after his sin with Bathsheba (see 2 Samuel 11-12). Use this prayer as your own confession to God.

Day 120 2 Corinthians 8 1 Samuel 3-4

2 Corinthians 8: Reflect upon the generosity of the Macedonian Christians (v. 1-5) and compare it with your own. Where would you like to grow?

1 Samuel 3: Take some time to pray the prayer in v. 9-10. “Speak Lord, for your servant is listening.” Be still and listen.

1 Samuel 4: How did the Israelites view the ark? What did it represent to them?

Day 121 2 Corinthians 9 1 Samuel 5-6, Psalm 52

2 Corinthians 9: Are you a cheerful and generous giver? If not, what prevents you?

1 Samuel 5-6: Describe the impact of the ark on the Philistines. On the inhabitants of Beth Shemesh. What does that tell you about God?

Psalm 52: Contrast what David says about himself and his enemy (Doeg).

Day 122 2 Corinthians 10 1 Samuel 7-8

2 Corinthians 10: How did Paul use his authority? Who can you build up to Mar, rather than tear down?

1 Samuel 7: What was different about this battle with the Philistines from that of ch. 4? How has God helped you in your battles?

1 Samuel 8: Why did Israel want a king? Who were they rejecting? What was Samuel’s warning?

Day 123 2 Corinthians 11 1 Samuel 9-10, Psalm 53

2 Corinthians 11: What tempts you away from “sincere and pure devotion to Christ?”

1 Samuel 9-10: Contrast Saul’s physical appearance (9:2) with his sense of self-worth and security (9:21, 10:22). Compare with 1 Samuel 16:7.

Psalm 53: Summarize the condition of human beings in v. 1-3. How does Paul use these verses in Romans 3?

Day 124 2 Corinthians 12 1 Samuel 11-12

2 Corinthians 12: When have you prayed about a hardship, “Take it away”? How did God answer your prayer? How was His grace sufficient for you?

1 Samuel 11: What transformed Saul from a frightened man to a bold leader? Compare the disciples in Acts 1-2.

1 Samuel 12: In v. 12-15, Samuel makes it clear that asking for a king was a sin. What does the rest of Samuel's response tell you about God?

Day 125 2 Corinthians 13 1 Samuel 13-14, Psalm 54

2 Corinthians 13: How are Christ's death and resurrection central to the way Paul interacts with the Corinthians?

1 Samuel 13: What is Saul's failure here, and what did it cost him?

1 Samuel 14: What do you learn from this story about Jonathan? His armor bearer? Saul?

Psalm 54: Trace the movements of David's prayer. Use these same steps as you pray about your troubles.

Day 126 Mark 11 Samuel 15-16

Mark 1: What was Jesus' message? (See v. 14-15). What does that mean and how does it affect you?

1 Samuel 15: How does Saul justify his disobedience? What is Samuel's response?

1 Samuel 16: Imagine being David in this story—how do you feel? Imagine being his brothers—how do you feel?

Day 127 Mark 2 1 Samuel 17-18, Psalm 55

Mark 2: What does the story of Jesus healing the paralytic (v. 1-12) teach you about Jesus and His mission? About friendship?

1 Samuel 17: Jesus is the Son of David. How does David's victory over Goliath foreshadow the work of Jesus?

1 Samuel 18: Contrast Saul, Jonathan and David and their attitudes toward one another.

Psalm 55: Have you ever felt like this? Wanted to "fly away"? What does David do and how does he conclude this prayer?

Day 128 Mark 3 1 Samuel 19-20

Mark 3: In the story of healing on the Sabbath (v. 1-6), what was important to the Pharisees? To Jesus? What is most important to you?

1 Samuel 19: What sources fueled Saul's desire to kill David?

1 Samuel 20: What might Jonathan's friendship with David cost Jonathan? What might it cost David? Do you have a friend for whom you'd take this kind of risk?

Day 129 Mark 4 1 Samuel 21-22, Proverbs 11

Mark 4: How is the kingdom of God like a mustard seed? How is this true in your life?

1 Samuel 21-22: How does Jesus use this story of David's men eating the consecrated bread (see Mark 2:25-28 or Luke 6:1-5)? What were the unintended consequences of David getting help from Ahimelech the priest?

Proverbs 11: Pick one proverb that speaks to you. Memorize it and share it with someone today.

Day 130 Mark 5 1 Samuel 23-24

Mark 5: Why did the Gerasenes beg Jesus to leave after He did such a wonderful miracle (v. 16-17)? What might be more important to you than God's good work?

1 Samuel 23: David consistently “inquired of the Lord” before acting. How can you do the same today?

1 Samuel 24: Why was David conscience-stricken after cutting the edge off Saul’s robe? What does it tell you about David?

Day 131 Mark 6 1 Samuel 25-26, Psalm 56

Mark 6: What does the story of the feeding of the 5000 (v. 30-44) teach you about your own need for rest? What eclipses that need?

1 Samuel 25: Who is the hero in this story, and why?

1 Samuel 26: Why did David spare Saul when he had the chance to take his life and gain the kingdom? What can you learn from that?

Psalm 56: Pray this prayer aloud over a difficult situation or person that you’re facing.

Day 132 Mark 7 1 Samuel 27-28

Mark 7: Analyze Jesus’ criticism of the Pharisees? Which of these problems are still common for religious people?

1 Samuel 27: How do you feel about David’s actions in this chapter? What questions does it raise for you about David? About God?

1 Samuel 28: What motivated Saul to disobey and take this forbidden action? What resulted?

Day 133 Mark 8 1 Samuel 29-31, Psalm 57

Mark 8: What does it mean to you to lose your life for the gospel in order to save it? (v. 34-35)

1 Samuel 29: How did God spare David from war with his own people?

1 Samuel 30-31: Look at 30:6. How can you “strengthen yourself in the Lord” today when faced with trouble?

Psalm 57: David’s psalm moves from asking God for help, to describing his situation, to praise and worship. Try using that same movement as you pray today.

Day 134 Mark 9 2 Samuel 1-2

Mark 9: What do you think of the father’s response to Jesus (v. 24)? Have you ever felt that way? What was Jesus’ response?

2 Samuel 1: How was David’s killing of the messenger consistent with his values and behavior?

2 Samuel 2: Why did the other tribes not accept David as king even though God had chosen him and Samuel anointed him?

Day 135 Mark 10 2 Samuel 3-4, Psalm 58

Mark 10: Look closely at Jesus’ answer to the question about divorce. What does He base His answer upon? How does this affect your thinking about Marriage?

2 Samuel 3-4: How is David’s behavior in these chapters consistent with his behavior when Saul was pursuing him? What does it tell you about David?

Psalm 58: Compare David’s prayer for vengeance with the words of Jesus in Matthew 5:43-48. When is it ok to express these feelings to God?

Day 136 Mark 11 2 Samuel 5-6

Mark 11: Look at v. 25. When you pray today, take a moment to forgive anyone you’ve been holding something against.

2 Samuel 5: Finally! David becomes king over all Israel. When have you had to wait for God's promise to come true?

2 Samuel 6: Trace David's emotions in this chapter. To what was each emotion a reaction?

Day 137 Mark 12 2 Samuel 7-8, Psalm 59

Mark 12: Look at v. 17. What are some implications of Jesus' words for how we think of the power of the state?

2 Samuel 7: Look at God's response to David and notice every time God says, "I will" or "I have." What does this say to you?

2 Samuel 8: What about David's victories troubles you? Encourages you? How important is it to understand context? What questions do you have?

Psalm 59: What makes you want to cry out today, "Deliver me! Save me!"? Pray it!

Day 138 Mark 13 2 Samuel 9-10

Mark 13: Look at v. 5-8. Why did Jesus start with this warning? How can you avoid being deceived?

2 Samuel 9: What was David's motivation in honoring Mephibosheth? How could you honor a friend today?

2 Samuel 10: This war began with a misunderstanding of motives. What was David's motive? When have you had conflict that came from misunderstood motives? What can you do to avoid those conflicts?

Day 139 Mark 14 2 Samuel 11-12, Psalm 60

Mark 14: Why did Jesus institute the Lord's Supper? Why is it important to you? Get some elements and share the Lord's Supper with someone today.

2 Samuel 11: Analyze the progression of David's disobedience. What different choices could David have made that would have changed this story?

2 Samuel 12: How does God interpret David's actions (v. 9-10, 14)? How did David respond to judgment?

Psalm 60: Have you ever felt rejected or abandoned by God? Pray this prayer.

Day 140 Mark 15 2 Samuel 13-14

Mark 15: Read this chapter slowly and imagine being there. How does it make you feel?

2 Samuel 13: How is David's sin in ch. 11 connected with this sad story? (See 12:10) What weakness in David contributed to Amnon's death?

2 Samuel 14: Analyze the characters of Absalom, Joab and David as revealed in this chapter.

Day 141 Mark 16 2 Samuel 15-16, Proverbs 12

Mark 16: Look at v. 7. Why might the angel have singled Peter out from the others? (Compare John 21)

2 Samuel 15: How is David's sin in ch. 11 connected with Absalom's rebellion? (See 12:10-12). How do you think this affected David's decision to flee? (See v. 25-26)

2 Samuel 16: Why did Shimei curse David? Do you have any unresolved conflict with others that could resurface?

Proverbs 12: Choose one proverb that speaks to you and create an action step for today.

Day 142 Galatians 1 2 Samuel 17-18

Galatians 1: What problem in the Galatian churches was Paul addressing? Why was his story important in addressing that problem?

2 Samuel 17: Why was Ahithophel's advice rejected? Why did he end his life? How do you feel when your advice is ignored?

2 Samuel 18: What does this chapter reveal about David's character? Why does he grieve so deeply over a son who wanted to kill him?

Day 143 Galatians 2 2 Samuel 19-20, Psalm 61

Galatians 2: What was Cephas' hypocrisy? How did Paul stand up to him? When should you publicly oppose someone you respect?

2 Samuel 19: Compare and contrast Shimei, Ziba, Mephibosheth and Barzillai. What has each done for David, and what does David do in return?

2 Samuel 20: The simmering conflict between Judah and Israel breaks out in Sheba's revolt. Do you have unresolved conflict with someone that should be addressed?

Psalm 61: Pray v. 1-5 slowly and thoughtfully.

Day 144 Galatians 3 2 Samuel 21-22

Galatians 3: How do verses 26-28 affect the way you think of and treat other people?

2 Samuel 21: What drives David to seek God? What covenant has been broken (see Joshua 9)? What is the issue here?

2 Samuel 22: This song is Psalm 18. List what God does for David. As you do, note what God has done for you.

Day 145 Galatians 4 2 Samuel 23-24, Psalm 62

Galatians 4: What was the role of the Law? How does this affect the way you read the Old Testament?

2 Samuel 23: David's mighty men remind us that greatness is a team effort. Who are your "mighty men" (or women) that help and sustain you?

2 Samuel 24: What was David's sin in counting his soldiers?

Psalm 62: What does it look like for you to find rest in God? What keeps you from it?

Day 146 Galatians 5 1 Kings 1-2

Galatians 5: What does Paul mean by "the flesh"? What cannot help you overcome the flesh? What can? What does it mean to walk in the Spirit?

1 Kings 1: How had David contributed to Adonijah's rebellious behavior?

1 Kings 2: Look at David's dying charge to Solomon (v. 1-9). What was positive? Negative? Why the negatives?

Day 147 Galatians 6 1 Kings 3-4, Psalm 63

Galatians 6: Where have you become weary in doing good? Why should you persevere?

1 Kings 3: If God said to you, "Ask for whatever you want me to give you," what would you ask for? Why? Would God be pleased?

1 Kings 4: What are you doing to learn and add to your wisdom?

Psalm 63: Pray this prayer. Ask God to help you thirst for Him with your whole being!

Day 148 Ephesians 1 1 Kings 5-6

Ephesians 1: List the spiritual blessings that are yours in Christ in v. 3-14. Give thanks to God!

1 Kings 5: Solomon was Israel's great builder. What enabled him to do this?

1 Kings 6: What promise did God give Solomon in the middle of building the temple?

Day 149 Ephesians 2 1 Kings 7-8, Psalm 64

Ephesians 2: What has God done for you in Christ (v 1-10)? For us? (v. 11-22)

1 Kings 7-8: For whom and what does Solomon pray as he dedicates the temple? Who will you pray for today?

Psalm 64: Do you have a complaint (problem) you'd like to voice before God? Pray it with this psalm.

Day 150 Ephesians 3 1 Kings 9-10

Ephesians 3: What was the mystery that was revealed to Paul? Why is it important? What are "the boundless riches of Christ" that you've experienced?

1 Kings 9: What is God's promise to Solomon? God's warning?

1 Kings 10: What was the Queen of Sheba's purpose in coming to Jerusalem? Her response to what she saw? To whom did she give credit?

Day 151 Ephesians 4 1 Kings 11-12, Psalm 65

Ephesians 4: How does Paul describe "a life worthy of the calling you have received?"

1 Kings 11: Solomon began well but finished poorly. Trace the causes and the results of his fall.

1 Kings 12: What problems did Rehoboam inherit from his father? How did he make them worse? What could he have done to make them better?

Psalm 65: In this psalm of praise, list the things for which David gives God praise.

Day 152 1 Kings 13-14 Ephesians 5

Ephesians 5: What does it look like for you today to "follow God's example" and "walk in the way of love?" How can you "make the most of every opportunity?"

1 Kings 13: The kingdom had split; Israel would never be a united kingdom again. What did Jeroboam do to unite Israel (the northern kingdom), and what was God's response?

1 Kings 14: How quickly we fall! What were Rehoboam and Judah's sin, and how long did it take before they experienced God's judgment?

Day 153 Ephesians 6 1 Kings 15-16, Proverbs 13

Ephesians 6: Consider the pieces of "the armor of God" and how each one can help you "take your stand against the devil's schemes."

1 Kings 15: Contrast the hearts of Abijah and his son Asa, and the results of their reigns.

1 Kings 16: What lessons can you draw from the parade of evil kings in Israel?

Proverbs 13: Pick your favorite proverb from this chapter and share it with someone you know could benefit from this bit of wisdom.

Day 154 Philippians 1 1 Kings 17-18

Philippians 1: Look at v. 6. How does it make you feel? Pray this promise back to God over the incomplete work in your life.

1 Kings 17: Describe the faith of the widow of Zarephath. Think of a time when you took a big risk in obedience to a word from God.

1 Kings 18: Elijah called the people to stop wavering and choose whom they were going to follow. What causes you to waver? What competes with Jesus for your devotion?

Day 155 Philippians 2 1 Kings 19-20, Psalm 66

Philippians 2: What advice does Paul give about our relationships in v. 3-5, and how is Jesus the example of that (v. 6-11)?

1 Kings 19: From the heights of victory to the depths of depression—have you been there? What did God do for Elijah? What was Elijah's response?

1 Kings 20: Trace the character of Ahab through this chapter.

Psalm 66: The psalmist praises God for what He has done for him. What specifically had God done? What has He done for you? Give Him praise for that.

Day 156 Philippians 3 1 Kings 21-22

Philippians 3: What have you lost in order to gain Christ? What are you forgetting in order to press on to the goal?

1 Kings 21: Characterize Ahab in v. 25-29. What does that tell you about human beings? About God?

1 Kings 22: Trace the actions of the prophet Micaiah in this chapter. What can you learn from him?

Day 157 Philippians 4 2 Kings 1-2, Psalm 67

Philippians 4: What has made you anxious? Pray about it until you experience God's peace. (Bonus: memorize v. 6-7.)

2 Kings 1: King Ahaziah consulted Baal rather than God to see if he would recover. What are you tempted to seek for answers rather than asking God?

2 Kings 2: Why did Elisha refuse to leave Elijah? Where are you stubborn for good reasons?

Psalm 67: Compare v. 1 with Numbers 6:24-26. For what purpose does the psalmist pray for God's blessing?

Day 158 Colossians 1 2 Kings 3-4

Colossians 1: V. 15-20 describe Jesus in exalted terms. Meditate on these verses and use them to worship Jesus.

2 Kings 3: Look at v. 18. The prophet describes this miracle as "an easy thing" for the Lord. What are you facing that seems impossible to you?

2 Kings 4: Do you think the widow may have wished she had asked for more jars? Where are your prayers too small?

Day 159 Colossians 2 2 Kings 5-6, Psalm 68

Colossians 2: What has Jesus done for us (see v. 13-15)?

2 Kings 5: Compare and contrast the actions of Naaman, Elisha and Gehazi.

2 Kings 6: What does the story of Elisha and the blinded Aramean army (v. 8-23) teach you about spiritual warfare? About God? How does it reflect the gospel?

Psalm 68: What does this psalm say about God? How will that change the way you live today?

Day 160 Colossians 3 2 Kings 7-8

Colossians 3: What might change if you were to do your work "with all your heart as working for the Lord"?

2 Kings 7: Compare the four lepers and your Christian witness in a) need; b) discovery; c) action. What was their motivation to share the good news? What is yours?

2 Kings 8: What “coincidence” happened that resulted in the widow’s land being restored? Where have you seen God work through “coincidence”?

Day 161 Colossians 4 2 Kings 9-10, Psalm 69

Colossians 4: What does it mean to be “devoted to prayer” (v. 2)? What action step can you take to do that?

2 Kings 9: Who do you know that drives like Jehu (v. 20)?

2 Kings 10: What was Jehu’s mission? Where did he succeed and gain the Lord’s approbation? Where did he fail?

Psalm 69: How does the psalmist’s faith in God express itself in the midst of his dire circumstances?

Day 162 1 Thessalonians 1 2 Kings 11-12

1 Thessalonians 1: How does the Lord’s message “ring out” of your life? Pray today that it will!

2 Kings 11: Compare and contrast Athaliah and Jehoiada: their motivations and actions.

2 Kings 12: Joash led well because of the influence of Jehoiada. Who are your mentors? Who are you mentoring?

Day 163 1 Thessalonians 2 2 Kings 13-14, Psalm 70

1 Thessalonians 2: What images does Paul use of his care for the Thessalonians? Compare this to your care for others.

2 Kings 13: What reason does the author give for Israel’s prolonged oppression by Aram?

2 Kings 14: Consider the parade of kings you’ve read about. What conclusions do you draw about how good or bad leaders affect a nation?

Psalm 70: “Hasten...come quickly...do not delay.” Where in your life do you feel the need for God’s timely help and deliverance?

Day 164 1 Thessalonians 3 2 Kings 15-16

1 Thessalonians 3: Pray v. 12-13 over yourself and those you love today.

2 Kings 15: The author summarizes Azariah’s 52 year reign in two verses (v. 3-4). Summarize them in your own words. How do you want your life summarized?

2 Kings 16: Who did Ahaz seek help from when invaded by Aram? What were the results?

Day 165 1 Thessalonians 4 2 Kings 17-18, Proverbs 14

1 Thessalonians 4: What does Paul urge them (and us) to do “more and more”? (Hint: there are two things.)

2 Kings 17: The author explains why Israel was taken into captivity. Summarize the reasons. What is your take-away?

2 Kings 18: The bronze snake Moses made had become an idol. What good things are you tempted to idolize?

Proverbs 14: Which proverb speaks to you today? Why?

Day 166 1 Thessalonians 5 2 Kings 19-20

1 Thessalonians 5: What instructions does Paul give in light of the coming Day of the Lord?

2 Kings 19: Describe Hezekiah's prayer. How can it be a model for your prayers? What was God's response?

2 Kings 20: Characterize Hezekiah in this chapter? What is good? Bad?

Day 167 2 Thessalonians 1 2 Kings 21-22, Psalm 71

2 Thessalonians 1: Pray v. 11-12 over yourself and those you love today.

2 Kings 21-22: After Manasseh's disastrous reign, what sparked the spiritual renewal under Josiah? What could you do to encourage revival?

Psalm 71: What does it mean for you to take refuge in the Lord? How will you do it today?

Day 168 2 Thessalonians 2 2 Kings 23-24

2 Thessalonians 2: In light of all that was happening, what does Paul encourage them to do? (see v. 15)

2 Kings 23: What positive steps did Josiah take to renew Judah? What negative steps (what did he eliminate)? What does this suggest for your renewal?

2 Kings 24: What were the external political circumstances contributing to Judah's decline and downfall? What were the spiritual conditions?

Day 169 2 Thessalonians 3 2 Kings 25, Psalm 72

2 Thessalonians 3: What does Paul ask them to pray for him? What do you ask for prayer for?

2 Kings 25: So ends the long sad story of Israel and Judah's decline. Why do you think the author ends the story with Jehoiachin freed from prison and eating at the king's table?

Psalm 72: What is the first thing the psalmist asks God to give the king? Why is that first?

Day 170 John 1 1 Chronicles 1-3

John 1: What does John say in his prologue (v. 1-18) about the Word? How does this information about Jesus impact you?

1 Chronicles 1-3: Why was this long genealogy, particularly the royal line of David, important to the chronicler?

Day 171 John 2 1 Chronicles 4-6, Psalm 73

John 2: What does the wedding story at Cana tell you about Jesus? What is your response?

1 Chronicles 4-6: What editorial explanation does the author add to this section of the genealogy, and what can you learn from it?

Psalm 73: Describe the psalmist's problem, how he resolved it and his conclusion.

Day 172 John 3 1 Chronicles 7-9

John 3: Jesus tells one of Israel's premier religious leaders and teachers that he must be born again. Where in your life do you need to be born again?

1 Chronicles 7-9: What happened to Israel and why (see 9:2)? How has your faithfulness or unfaithfulness to God affected the outcomes of your life?

Day 173 John 4 1 Chronicles 10-11, Psalm 74

John 4: What was Jesus' "food" (v. 31-34)? How does doing God's will nourish you? Is doing God's will as necessary for you as the food you eat?

1 Chronicles 10: The chronicler likes to tell us not only what happened, but why. What is his explanation for Saul's demise and death? What is your take away?

1 Chronicles 11: David's success was due in part to his team—his mighty men. Who are the people around you that are helping you do God's will? And who are you helping?

Psalms 74: Have you ever felt abandoned or forgotten by God? How does the psalmist resolve this?

Day 174 John 5 1 Chronicles 12-13

John 5: What does Jesus say about Himself and His relationship with the Father? How are we to read and understand the Scriptures?

1 Chronicles 12-13: One of David's first acts as king is to bring the Ark of the Covenant to Jerusalem. Why was this significant?

Day 175 John 6 1 Chronicles 14-15, Psalm 75

John 6: Why did Jesus test Philip? What does it mean to you that Jesus is the Bread of Life?

1 Chronicles 14: David inquired of the Lord before the second battle. Where might you neglect to inquire of the Lord because you have experience and assume you know what to do?

1 Chronicles 15: What was different about the way the Ark was transported from the first time to this? Why did that matter?

Psalms 75: For what does the psalmist praise and exalt God? Take a moment to praise Him in your own words.

Day 176 John 7 1 Chronicles 16-17

John 7: What is the great claim Jesus makes in v. 37-39? How have you experienced this?

1 Chronicles 16-17: What was God's promise to David? What was David's response? How have you responded to God's promises to you?

Day 177 John 8 1 Chronicles 18-19, Proverbs 15

John 8: What is Jesus' remarkable claim in v. 12? How have you experienced this?

1 Chronicles 18: Whom does the chronicler credit for David's victories?

1 Chronicles 19: This entire battle begins with a misunderstood gesture of kindness. Can you think of a time someone misunderstood your intentions? Or you misunderstood theirs? What is the cost of jumping to conclusions?

Proverbs 15: Look at v. 1. With whom do you tend to react harshly? Ask God to help you give a gentle answer today.

Day 178 John 9 1 Chronicles 20-21

John 9: See the blind man's testimony in v. 25. Now fill in the blanks with your story: "I was _____, but now I _____." Share it with someone today.

1 Chronicles 20-21: The text doesn't say why David counted the fighting men or why it was a sin. What do you think are the possible explanations?

Day 179 John 10 1 Chronicles 22-23, Psalm 76

John 10: What things does the good shepherd do for the sheep? How has Jesus been a good shepherd to you?

1 Chronicles 22: David made preparations for Solomon to build the temple. Who are you helping to be successful—particularly spiritually?

1 Chronicles 23: What does David's organization of the Levites suggest about his values?

Psalms 76: How does the psalmist describe God's person and activity?

Day 180 John 11 1 Chronicles 24-25

John 11: What spectacular claim does Jesus make in v. 25-26? Do you believe this? What difference does it make for you?

1 Chronicles 24-25: More organizational charts and lists! What does this suggest about God's work? About your part in it?

Day 181 John 12 1 Chronicles 26-27, Psalm 77

John 12: In v. 23-26 Jesus compares His life to a seed. How does He apply this to you? What is your response?

1 Chronicles 26-27: More organizational charts and lists! In 27:23-24, the chronicler looks back at the census debacle. What had David ignored?

Psalms 77: Where do you need God's help right now? Use this psalm as a prayer directed to that need.

Day 182 John 13 1 Chronicles 28-29

John 13: How could you "wash someone's feet" (serve) today? What is the promise attached to this?

1 Chronicles 28-29: How does David's charge to Solomon (28:8-10) speak to you and your life?

Day 183 John 14 2 Chronicles 1-2, Psalm 78

John 14: More spectacular claims! What does Jesus claim about Himself? How does that impact you? (John 14-17 are holy ground: the final teaching of Jesus in the upper room. If you can, spend some extra time the next few days soaking in these chapters.)

2 Chronicles 1: If God said to you, "Ask for whatever you wish," what would you ask for? Why? Go ahead... ask!

2 Chronicles 2: What was Solomon's motivation to build a magnificent temple? How does that affect the way you do your work?

Psalms 78: This is a lengthy teaching psalm. What does it teach you about God? About you?

Day 184 John 15 2 Chronicles 3-4

John 15: How can you remain in Christ today? What does it mean to "bear much fruit?"

2 Chronicles 3-4: How would you describe Solomon's attitude toward the task of building the temple?

Day 185 John 16 2 Chronicles 5-6, Psalm 79

John 16: What does Jesus say about the role of the Holy Spirit? How have you experienced these truths about the Spirit?

2 Chronicles 5: At the dedication service, the glory of the Lord filled the temple. What was God communicating to them? To you?

2 Chronicles 6: Analyze Solomon's prayer. What does he say about God? What does he ask repeatedly? What does that say about us?

Psalms 79: This is a prayer for God's help when Israel was overrun by an enemy. How do you feel overrun and overpowered? Ask God for deliverance and help.

Day 186 John 17 2 Chronicles 7-8

John 17: What does Jesus pray for us (those who will believe the apostles' message) in v. 20-26? How can you live into that prayer?

2 Chronicles 7-8: God responds to Solomon's prayer. What promise does God give him? What warning?

Day 187 John 18 2 Chronicles 9-10, Psalm 80

John 18: Trace Peter's actions during this drama. Imagine what he was feeling, what motivated him. How would you have felt?

2 Chronicles 9: What is the author's purpose in telling of the Queen of Sheba's visit and describing Solomon's splendor? How does the chapter end?

2 Chronicles 10: The kingdom goes from splendor to splintered almost overnight. What was Rehoboam's mistake?

Psalm 80: This is a prayer for restoration (v. 3, 7, 19). Where do you need restoration? Pray this psalm for yourself.

Day 188 John 19 2 Chronicles 11-12

John 19: Look at the red letters (the words of Jesus) in this chapter. What do they tell you about Jesus?

2 Chronicles 11-12: Trace Rehoboam's response to God and the results.

Day 189 John 20 2 Chronicles 13-14, Proverbs 16

John 20: How does Jesus respond to doubting Thomas? What does this suggest you could do with your doubts? Who did Thomas believe Jesus to be?

2 Chronicles 13: How can you rely on the Lord today when facing overwhelming odds?

2 Chronicles 14: Pray Asa's prayer in v. 11 over your battle.

Proverbs 16: Choose one proverb that speaks to you and share it with a friend and explain what it means to you.

Day 190 John 21 2 Chronicles 15-16

John 21: What was the one question Jesus asked Peter after his denial? Why did Jesus ask it three times?

2 Chronicles 15-16: After a long and faithful reign, how did Asa finish? What can you do to avoid this?

Day 191 1 John 1 2 Chronicles 17-18, Psalm 81

1 John 1: Memorize v. 9. Ask the Lord to show you if there is something you need to confess. Do it. Thank Him for faithfully forgiving you.

2 Chronicles 17: What did Jehoshaphat do right?

2 Chronicles 18: What did Jehoshaphat do wrong?

Psalm 81: How has God "removed the burden from your shoulder?" Sing a song of thanks to Him for this!

Day 192 1 John 2 2 Chronicles 19-20

1 John 2: What does John mean by “don’t love the world?” Reflect on the three things he names in v. 16.

2 Chronicles 19-20: Pray Jehoshaphat’s prayer over your problems today. What battle plan did the Lord give him? Why?

Day 193 1 John 3 2 Chronicles 21-22, Psalm 82

1 John 3: How do we know what love is? What is the practical outcome?

2 Chronicles 21: How is Jehoram’s life summarized in v. 20? How do you want your life to be summarized?

2 Chronicles 22: What was the fundamental cause of this string of failed kings and short reigns?

Psalm 82: Where do you see the unjust defended and the weak oppressed? Make that part of your prayers today.

Day 194 1 John 4 2 Chronicles 23-24

1 John 4: What two things are of fundamental importance to John—essential to being Christian?

2 Chronicles 23-24: Describe the relationship between Joash and Jehoiada. How does Joash repay Jehoiada’s kindness?

Day 195 1 John 5 2 Chronicles 25-26, Psalm 83

1 John 5: Why did John write these things? What confidence did he want us to have?

2 Chronicles 25: What lesson can you draw from Amaziah absorbing the loss he paid the Israelite troops (see v. 9)?

2 Chronicles 26: What reasons are given for Uzziah’s success?

Psalm 83: Do you know anyone who is an avowed enemy of God or His people? Pray v. 18 for them.

Day 196 2 John 2 Chronicles 27-28

2 John: John gives a command and a warning. What are they?

2 Chronicles 27-28: How was Ahaz unfaithful to God and what were the results?

Day 197 3 John 2 Chronicles 29-30, Psalm 84

3 John: Why was it so important to show hospitality to traveling gospel workers?

2 Chronicles 29-30: How did Hezekiah express his faithfulness to God and what were the results? Why do you think the kings alternated between good and bad?

Psalm 84: The psalmist sings of his love for the temple. Do you have a place you love to meet God? Compare this psalm to your love for God’s church (people).

Day 198 Revelation 1 2 Chronicles 31-32

Revelation 1: How is Jesus described? How does that description impact you?

2 Chronicles 31-32: What were Hezekiah’s successes? Failures?

Day 199 Revelation 2 2 Chronicles 33-34, Psalm 85

Revelation 2: What three things does Jesus tell the Ephesian Christians to do to repair their forsaken first love?

2 Chronicles 33: When God spoke to Manasseh, he paid no attention. What did God do to get his attention?

2 Chronicles 34: How old was Josiah when he began to seek the Lord? What does that suggest to you?

Psalms 85: Pray this prayer for restoration over yourself, your family, your church, your community.

Day 200 Revelation 3 2 Chronicles 35-36

Revelation 3: What does Jesus recommend for the lukewarm in the Laodicean church?

2 Chronicles 35-36: After Josiah's good reign, a procession of bad kings with short reigns followed, culminating in the fall of Jerusalem. What reasons are given for Jerusalem's fall?

Day 201 Revelation 4 Ezra 1-2, Proverbs 17

Revelation 4: Reflect on the two songs that are sung before God's throne (v. 8, 11). What do these suggest for your own worship of God?

Ezra 1-2: God is portrayed as sovereign over the kingdoms of the world. How does this affect the way you see world events today and your prayers?

Proverbs 17: Choose one proverb that speaks to you and write an action step for the day.

Day 202 Revelation 5 Ezra 3-4

Revelation 5: Three more songs of worship! What do they say about the Lamb? How do these affect your own worship?

Ezra 3: Why do you think some of the older people wept when they saw the temple foundation being laid?

Ezra 4: Has anyone ever opposed you or purposely discouraged you in doing God's will? What was your response?

Day 203 Revelation 6 Ezra 5-6, Psalm 86

Revelation 6: What happens when the Lamb opens the six seals? What does this tell you about God?

Ezra 5-6: Compare this story and the concluding verse (7:22) with Proverbs 21:1.

Psalms 86: What does the psalmist ask for? What does he say about God?

Day 204 Revelation 7 Ezra 7-8

Revelation 7: Reflect on the description of the 144,000 (a symbolic number). What does this tell you about Jesus' followers?

Ezra 7: How is Ezra described, and what would you like to emulate?

Ezra 8: How did Ezra express his trust in God for the journey? How did he express his care for God's reputation? What was the result?

Day 205 Revelation 8 Ezra 9-10, Psalm 87

Revelation 8: What do v. 3-4 suggest about our prayers?

Ezra 9-10: Ezra confessed as though the people's sins were his own. Why? Have you ever prayed this way? If not, take some time to do it now.

Psalms 87: This is a love song about Jerusalem. Do you love your city this way? How do you show your love for your city?

Day 206 Revelation 9 Nehemiah 1-2

Revelation 9: The seven trumpets represent God's judgment. How do people respond to the judgment? How would you respond?

Nehemiah 1: What is Nehemiah's response to Jerusalem's distress? Reflect on his prayer and let it influence yours today.

Nehemiah 2: Analyze Nehemiah's interaction with the king. What can you take away from it?

Day 207 Revelation 10 Nehemiah 3-4, Psalm 88

Revelation 10: "There will be no more delay." (v. 6). Why would God delay? (see 2 Peter 3:8-10)

Nehemiah 3-4: If a list were made of various roles in God's work, what would yours be? What were Nehemiah's responses to his opponents' threats?

Psalm 88: What emotions does the psalmist express to the Lord? What emotions do you feel free to express to the Lord?

Day 208 Revelation 11 Nehemiah 5-6

Revelation 11: Who are the two witnesses? How are they described and what do they do? What happens to them?

Nehemiah 5: Describe Nehemiah's leadership in this chapter. What makes him an effective leader?

Nehemiah 6: List the different ways Nehemiah's opponents tried to derail him. How did he resist?

Day 209 Revelation 12 Nehemiah 7-8, Psalm 89

Revelation 12: What does John say about the devil? Spiritual warfare? Our role in the battle?

Nehemiah 7-8: Why did people weep when Ezra read the Law? What did Nehemiah tell them to do instead, and why?

Psalm 89: Use this psalm (or parts of it) to offer your own praise to God. Worship Him!

Day 210 Revelation 13 Nehemiah 9-10

Revelation 13: When describing the spiritual battle, what does John say is called for on the part of God's people? How are you doing on that score?

Nehemiah 9: This long prayer is a praise for all God has done. As you read it, list what it says about who God is and what he has done.

Nehemiah 10: In response to all God has done, the people make promises. What did they promise to do?

Day 211 Revelation 14 Nehemiah 11-13, Psalm 90

Revelation 14: Do you "follow the Lamb wherever He goes?" What would that look like for you? Is there anywhere Jesus is going that you don't want to follow?

Nehemiah 11-13: Nehemiah was gone for awhile and found lots of problems when he returned. What were the problems and what did he do about them?

Psalm 90: What does it mean that God is "our dwelling place?" How does the psalmist view time? How does this impact the way you think about your life?

Day 212 Revelation 15 Esther 1-3

Revelation 15: What does verse 1 tell you about God's wrath? How is that different from God's love? Here's another worship song: what does it say about God?

Esther 1-3: What do you observe about the character of Mordecai and Esther? Where do you see the hand of God invisibly at work?

Day 213 Revelation 16 Esther 4-6, Proverbs 18

Revelation 16: Why was God's wrath justified? Do you think wrath is beneath God? Why or why not?

Esther 4-6: Evaluate Mordecai's appeal to Esther and her response in 4:13-17.

Proverbs 18: Select one proverb that speaks to you and write an action step for today.

Day 214 Revelation 17 Esther 7-10

Revelation 17: How is Babylon described? What do you think she represents?

Esther 7-10: What is the purpose of the story of Esther? Your big takeaway?

Day 215 Revelation 18 Job 1-2, Psalm 91

Revelation 18: What would verse 4 have meant to John's readers? What does it mean to you practically to "come out of Babylon?" (See also Jeremiah 51:45)

Job 1-2: Characterize Job. His wife. What are their responses to their suffering? How do Job's three friends respond to Job?

Psalm 91: A famous and oft-quoted psalm! List the promises here and take a moment to pray them over your life and the lives of those you love.

Day 216 Revelation 19 Job 3-5

Revelation 19: When Babylon falls, a great multitude praises God. Why do they praise Him? Where are you praying for God's justice to prevail?

Job 3-5: What does Job wish and how does Eliphaz respond? How would you respond to Job?

Day 217 Revelation 20 Job 6-7, Psalm 92

Revelation 20: What is the lake of fire, and who and what ends up there?

Job 6-7: Of what does Job accuse his comforters? What does he ask them to do?

Psalm 92: Why is it good to praise the Lord? How could you expand your worship into each day of the week?

Day 218 Revelation 21 Job 8-10

Revelation 21: Which elements of the new heavens and new earth are you most looking forward to, and why?

Job 8-10: What is the thrust of Bildad's argument and Job's response? Which view do you resonate with?

Day 219 Revelation 22 Job 11-12, Psalm 93

Revelation 22: Compare paradise lost in Genesis 1-3 with paradise restored here. What promise is repeated 3 times in this chapter? How does this affect you?

Job 11-12: Summarize Zophar's argument and Job's response. Why do you think Job has become sarcastic and snarky?

Psalm 93: "The Lord reigns." What does that mean to you in your daily life?

Day 220 1 Timothy 1 Job 13-14

1 Timothy 1: How does Paul describe himself in v. 12-17? How does he describe Jesus? God?

Job 13-14: What does Job wish he could do? What does he want from God? How does he characterize his comforters?

Day 221 1 Timothy 2 Job 15-17, Psalm 94

1 Timothy 2: For whom are we to pray, and why? Take a moment to do it.

Job 15-17: How does Eliphaz characterize Job? How does Job respond? How does Job describe himself?

Psalm 94: Can you think of a time when you wanted God to avenge a wrong? Have you ever taken vengeance into your hands? Compare Romans 12:19-21.

Day 222 1 Timothy 3 Job 18-19

1 Timothy 3: What observations do you make about the requirements for an overseer (or elder or pastor—the titles are used interchangeably in the NT)?

Job 18-19: What kind of man is Bildad describing? Why does he assume Job fits the description? What is Job's response...again?

Day 223 1 Timothy 4 Job 20-21, Psalm 95

1 Timothy 4: How are you training yourself to be godly?

Job 20-21: How does Zophar describe Job? And what is Job's response?

Psalm 95: This is a call to sing and worship. What reasons are given to do this? Take a moment now and "sing for joy to the Lord," and "come before him with thanksgiving."

Day 224 1 Timothy 5 Job 22-24

1 Timothy 5: Why did the church care for widows, and what were the requirements and restrictions?

Job 22-24: Of what does Eliphaz accuse Job? What does Job wish he could do in response?

Day 225 1 Timothy 6 Job 25-27, Proverbs 19

1 Timothy 6: What does Paul say about money/wealth in v. 6-10, 17-19? How does this change your thinking about money and the way you handle it?

Job 25-27: Bildad's thankfully short speech summarizes his position. What is it? And what is Job's adamant response?

Proverbs 19: Select one proverb that speaks to you and share it with a friend today. Tell them why it is meaningful for you.

Day 226 2 Timothy 1 Job 28-29

2 Timothy 1: Read v. 6-8 and turn them into a personal prayer. Ask the Lord to do these things in you!

Job 28-29: What does Job long for? Have you ever felt that way?

Day 227 2 Timothy 2 Job 30-31, Psalm 96

2 Timothy 2: In v. 2, Paul traces a spiritual lineage of the gospel being passed along. Who invested in you? In whom are you investing?

Job 30-31: What are the main themes of Job's final defense?

Psalm 96: Sing to the Lord a new song! You might use this psalm and sing it to the Lord. Or use a new worship song you just learned. Or just make one up!

Day 228 2 Timothy 3 Job 32-33

2 Timothy 3: In view of the end times, what advice does Paul give Timothy (v. 14-17)? How can you apply this?

Job 32-33: Why did Job's three friends stop answering Job? Why did young Elihu take up the task?

Day 229 2 Timothy 4 Job 34-35, Psalm 97

2 Timothy 4: How does Paul summarize his current situation and his attitude toward it? Compare that with the charge he gives young Timothy.

Job 34-35: Summarize Elihu's argument. What do you agree with? Disagree with?

Psalm 97: How does the psalmist see God's reign expressed in the world?

Day 230 Titus 1 Job 36-37

Titus 1: What are the requirements for an elder (pastor or leader)? What does this tell you about what God values?

Job 36-37: How does Elihu's argument differ from those of Job's three comforters?

Day 231 Titus 2 Job 38-39, Psalm 98

Titus 2: How can you live today to make "the teaching about God our Savior attractive?" What does God's grace teach us to do?

Job 38-39: Finally...God speaks! Summarize God's response to Job. What is the point God is making?

Psalm 98: For what does the psalmist praise the Lord? Why would we rejoice when the Lord "comes to judge the earth?"

Day 232 Titus 3 Job 40-41

Titus 3: What does this chapter say about doing good? How is doing good related to our salvation?

Job 40-41: What is Job's response when God calls him to answer? Compare Romans 11:33-36.

Day 233 Philemon Job 42, Psalm 99

Philemon: How does Paul's letter place master and slave on the same footing and quietly undermine slavery?

Job 42: Summarize Job's response to God; God's response to Job's friends; and God's ultimate response to Job. What is your big takeaway from the book of Job?

Psalm 99: What qualities in God does the psalmist acknowledge and praise?

Day 234 Hebrews 1 Ecclesiastes 1-2

Hebrews 1: What does the author say about Jesus in the prologue (v. 1-4)? How does this affect the way you live and worship?

Ecclesiastes 1-2: Why does the author believe everything is meaningless? Have you ever felt this way? How does this compare with the rest of the Biblical message?

Day 235 Hebrews 2 Ecclesiastes 3-4, Psalm 100

Hebrews 2: The author warns against drifting away. Where have you drifted? How can you "pay careful attention" to what you have heard?

Ecclesiastes 3-4: What do 4:9-12 suggest about your relationships? What can you do today to strengthen those bonds?

Psalm 100: Enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise! Begin your prayer time today with praise and thanks rather than asking.

Day 236 Hebrews 3 Ecclesiastes 5-6

Hebrews 3: This letter was written to Christians in danger of abandoning their faith. What counsel does the author give them in v. 12-14? How can you apply this?

Ecclesiastes 5-6: How do 5:1-3 affect the way you pray? Worship? Approach God?

Day 237 Hebrews 4 Ecclesiastes 7-8, Proverbs 20

Hebrews 4: Meditate on v. 14-16. What does it say about Jesus? How does this affect your confidence in prayer?

Ecclesiastes 7-8: What possible good can come from great sorrow? How has sorrow affected you? What has been your response?

Proverbs 20: Select a proverb that speaks to you. Memorize it and share it with a friend.

Day 238 Hebrews 5 Ecclesiastes 9-10

Hebrews 5: Contrast the mature with the readers of this letter (v. 11-14).

Ecclesiastes 9-10: What injustices or inequities have you observed in the world? What is your response?

Day 239 Hebrews 6 Ecclesiastes 11-12, Psalm 101

Hebrews 6: What warning does the author give them? What encouragement?

Ecclesiastes 11-12: For the author, what was “the conclusion of the matter?”

Psalm 101: David wants to lead a “blameless life” (v. 2). What are some of the characteristics of that life? Which one speaks to you and why?

Day 240 Hebrews 7 Song of Solomon 1-2

Hebrews 7: What is the author’s point in this extended comparison between Jesus and Melchizedek? How is Jesus “a better hope”? And the gospel “a better covenant?”

Song of Songs 1-2: The early church fathers loved to read these poems of married love as a metaphor of Christ and the church. What do you see that reflects Jesus’ love for you?

Day 241 Hebrews 8 Song of Solomon 3-4, Psalm 102

Hebrews 8: What is the author’s “main point”? How is the new covenant better than the old?

Song of Songs 3-4: What does this book of poems suggest about God’s view of erotic love?

Psalm 102: This is a psalm of lament. When have you felt like this? What conclusion does the psalmist come to?

Day 242 Hebrews 9 Song of Solomon 5-6

Hebrews 9: Contrast worship under the old covenant with worship under the new covenant secured by the blood of Christ.

Song of Songs 5-6: How would you describe someone you love? If appropriate, share that description with them.

Day 243 Hebrews 10 Song of Solomon 7-8

Hebrews 10: In light of their confidence in Jesus, the author encourages them to do several things (v. 19-25). What are those things? Which one can you do today?

Song of Songs 7-8: How does the author characterize romantic love? Do you think this is an accurate characterization? Why or why not?

Day 244 Hebrews 11 Isaiah 1-2, Psalm 103

Hebrews 11: The Hall of Fame for Faith! What is faith? Write a definition in your own words. What results did faith produce in these biblical characters? Who would be in your personal Hall of Fame for Faith?

Isaiah 1: What does God think of Israel's worship? What does He desire instead?

Isaiah 2: Compare and contrast the vision of v. 1-5 with the reality of v. 6-22.

Psalm 103: "Forget not all his benefits." What benefits are listed? What have you experienced? What do you need right now?

Day 245 Hebrews 12 Isaiah 3-4

Hebrews 12: What is the race marked out for you? What entanglements hinder you from running well?

Isaiah 3: What was the Lord's complaint against Israel's leaders? (v. 13-15)

Isaiah 4: God will bring a beautiful Branch out of the stump of Israel. Where have you seen God bring beauty out of ashes?

Day 246 Hebrews 13 Isaiah 5-6, Psalm 104

Hebrews 13: The author concludes with some final exhortations. Which one most speaks to you and why? What will you do about it today?

Isaiah 5: Number the woes. Which woes could be applied to us? What is your response?

Isaiah 6: What speaks to you from Isaiah's vision and call? Has God ever asked you to do something that seemed impossible and pointless?

Psalm 104: This psalm of praise celebrates God's creation. Go outdoors today and spend some time enjoying nature and praising the Lord!

Day 247 James 1 Isaiah 7-8

James 1: Where do you need God's wisdom? What should you do? What will God do?

Isaiah 7: Matthew saw Jesus as the fulfillment of the sign of Immanuel (see Matthew 1:22-23). What was the original context of the sign in Isaiah 7?

Isaiah 8: Facing the impending invasion by Assyria, what does the Lord tell them not to fear? To fear? Apply this to the conspiracy theories you're hearing today.

Day 248 James 2 Isaiah 9-10, Psalm 105

James 2: Are you ever guilty of favoritism? What kinds of people do you favor? What does the Lord want you to do instead?

Isaiah 9: V. 6-7 are a famous prophecy applied to Jesus. What does it say about him? What characterizes God's Kingdom that is different from human rule?

Isaiah 10: What woe does the Lord pronounce in v. 1-4? How can you fight injustice and oppression?

Psalm 105: This psalm of praise celebrates God's wonderful acts in Israel's history. Write a short psalm that celebrates what God has done in your life.

Day 249 James 3 Isaiah 11-12

James 3: What do you learn from this chapter about taming your tongue? What about that would you most like to change?

Isaiah 11: Another beautiful prophecy about Jesus and His reign. What are the characteristics of God's Kingdom in this prophecy? How can we live into it now?

Isaiah 12: For what are we to praise the Lord? What is our response to what He has done?

Day 250 James 4 Isaiah 13-14, Proverbs 21

James 4: What is James' advice about planning for tomorrow? How should we approach it? How does it affect your plans?

Isaiah 13-14: For what sins does God announce judgment on Babylon? Contrast this with His word for Jacob (Israel).

Proverbs 21: Choose one proverb that speaks to you and create an action step for today.

Day 251 James 5 Isaiah 15-16

James 5: What does James say about prayer and how will that affect the way you pray today?

Isaiah 15-16: What was Moab's sin? What is the prophet's response to God's judgment on Moab? What is your response when others suffer for their sins?

Day 252 1 Peter 1 Isaiah 17-18, Psalm 106

1 Peter 1: What does it mean to be holy? How are we called to live? To love?

Isaiah 17-18: These prophecies reveal God's sovereignty over all nations. How does that change the way you pray?

Psalm 106: This teaching psalm retells the history of Israel with an emphasis on God's salvation, and finishes with the prayer of v. 47. Where do you need God's salvation right now? Remember His activity in your life, then ask with confidence.

Day 253 1 Peter 2 Isaiah 19-20

1 Peter 2: What do verses 9-10 say about who you are in Christ? How does this change the way you see yourself? The way you live?

Isaiah 19-20 What is God's ultimate end for Egypt? Where have you seen God's judgment on sin bring about someone's redemption?

Day 254 1 Peter 3 Isaiah 21-22, Psalm 107

1 Peter 3: How are we to respond to those who mistreat us? Why?

Isaiah 21-22: After pronouncing judgment on the nations, the Lord turns to Jerusalem. What have they done (22:11-13)?

Psalm 107: "Let the redeemed of the Lord tell their story." Tell your story to someone today how the Lord found and redeemed you.

Day 255 1 Peter 4 Isaiah 23-24

1 Peter 4: The end of all things is near. Therefore...what four things should we do?

Isaiah 23: Why did the Lord plan Tyre's downfall? What is your personal takeaway from this?

Isaiah 24: God's devastation will fall on all the earth. Why? (see v. 4-6)

Day 256 1 Peter 5 Isaiah 25-26, Psalm 108

1 Peter 5: What direction does Peter give the elders? The younger? All of you?

Isaiah 25-26: For what does the prophet praise the Lord? How can you experience “perfect peace”? Compare with Philippians 4:6-7.

Psalms 108: David begins this psalm with four “I will” statements. What are they? Then he gives the reason; what is it?

Day 257 2 Peter 1 Isaiah 27-28

2 Peter 1: How can you “make every effort” to add these qualities to your life? What does Peter say will be the result?

Isaiah 27: Where in this chapter does God promise His blessing? His judgment? Why both?

Isaiah 28: Israel’s refusal to listen brought God’s judgment. Where has God been speaking to you, and you don’t want to listen? What will you do?

Day 258 2 Peter 2 Isaiah 29-30, Psalm 109

2 Peter 2: How does Peter describe the false teachers? What will happen to them? How can you discern true from false teachers? Any clues in this text?

Isaiah 29: Compare 29:13 with Matthew 15:8-9. How does Jesus apply this passage to His contemporaries? How does it apply to us?

Isaiah 30: What is Israel’s sin that elicits God’s woe (v. 1-5)? Where are you guilty of the same sin?

Psalms 109: This was David’s prayer for help with his enemies. How do you pray for your enemies? Compare this prayer with Jesus’ teaching in Luke 6:27-36.

Day 259 2 Peter 3 Isaiah 31-32

2 Peter 3: What does Peter say about the coming “Day of the Lord?” How should it impact our daily lives? What does God want for everyone?

Isaiah 31: Where are you tempted to go for help rather than the Lord?

Isaiah 32: What images does the prophet use to characterize the righteous king? How has Jesus been like that to you?

Day 260 Jude Isaiah 33-34, Psalm 110

Jude: How does Jude describe the false teachers? What does he tell the Christians to do? Pray his doxology (v. 24-25).

Isaiah 33-34: Isaiah 33:5-6 are hope in the midst of judgment. What does it mean that God will be “the sure foundation for your times”?

Psalms 110: How did Jesus apply this kingly psalm to Himself? See Matthew 22:41-46.

Day 261 Matthew 1 Isaiah 35-36

Matthew 1: What do the two names given to Jesus tell you about who He is? What will He do?

Isaiah 35: How does the prophet describe God’s redemption? And the response of the redeemed?

Isaiah 36: What is the boast of the King of Assyria’s representative? What is true? What is false? How can you discern what is true and false in the news you hear?

Day 262 Matthew 2 Isaiah 37-38, Proverbs 22

Matthew 2: Compare and contrast the response of King Herod, the Jewish leaders and the Magi to the birth of Jesus.

Isaiah 37: What two things did King Hezekiah do in response to Assyria's threats? How do you respond to threatening situations?

Isaiah 38: What was Hezekiah's response to the news of his impending death? To his miraculous healing?

Proverbs 22: If you were going to put one of these proverbs on a plaque and hang it on your wall, which one would it be? Why?

Day 263 Matthew 3 Isaiah 39-40

Matthew 3: How does John describe the one coming after him? What does it mean to be baptized with the Holy Spirit and fire?

Isaiah 39: How was King Hezekiah short-sighted? Where have you thought only of yourself and not those who come after you?

Isaiah 40: This chapter starts the second half of Isaiah, often known as "the gospel of Isaiah." What is the promise in v. 28-31? How have you experienced this?

Day 264 Matthew 4 Isaiah 41-42, Psalm 111

Matthew 4: What did Jesus call His followers to do? What does He promise that He will do?

Isaiah 41: What are some of the ways the Lord promised to help Israel?

Isaiah 42: How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy about the Servant of the Lord? See Matthew 12:15-21.

Psalm 111: Take some time to ponder the great works of the Lord (v. 2) and delight in them.

Day 265 Matthew 5 Isaiah 43-44

Matthew 5: What does Jesus say about murder and anger (v. 21-26)? With whom are you angry? Based on Jesus' words, what will you do next?

Isaiah 43: What does God promise Israel? Which promise stands out to you and why?

Isaiah 44: How does Isaiah portray the irony of idolatry? What are you tempted to put before God?

Day 266 Matthew 6 Isaiah 45-46, Psalm 112

Matthew 6: Jesus said, "when you give to the needy...". When and how do you give to the needy? What could you do to make this a regular (but unseen) part of your spiritual practice?

Isaiah 45: What does God's plan for Cyrus tell you about God?

Isaiah 46: Contrast and compare the idols (Bel and Nebo) with the Lord.

Psalm 112: What blessings are declared for those who fear the Lord and delight in His commands?

Day 267 Matthew 7 Isaiah 47-48

Matthew 7: Where are you taking the broad and easy way? What would it look like for you to enter the narrow gate and walk the narrow road to life?

Isaiah 47: What were Babylon's sins?

Isaiah 48: What were Israel's sins? What did God call them to do and promise them in return (v. 17-19)?

Day 268 Matthew Isaiah 49-50, Psalm 113

Matthew 8: Jesus was amazed at the centurion's faith (v. 10). What made it amazing? What can you do to increase your faith?

Isaiah 49-50: How did Jesus fulfill this prophecy (49:1-7) about the Servant of the Lord?

Psalm 113: What does the Lord do? How can you praise Him from dawn to dusk?

Day 269 Matthew 9 Isaiah 51-52

Matthew 9: Why do you think Jesus forgave the paralytic first rather than just healing him? Describe the faith of his friends.

Isaiah 51: God calls them to reflect on their spiritual heritage (v. 1-2). Take a moment to reflect on yours. Who are “the rocks from which you were cut?”

Isaiah 52: Compare v. 7 with Romans 10:14-15. Do you have beautiful feet? How are you bringing the good news to others?

Day 270 Matthew 10 Isaiah 53-54, Psalm 114

Matthew 10: Even though Jesus predicts stiff opposition, He repeatedly tells His followers, “Do not be afraid.” Why?

Isaiah 53: This passage (Isaiah 52:13-53:12) is the most famous and oft-repeated prophecy about Jesus. List what it says about Jesus. About us.

Isaiah 54: Which parts of this prophecy about the future glory of Israel speak to you? Why?

Psalm 114: What is the psalmist’s question, and how does he answer it?

Day 271 Matthew 11 Isaiah 55-56

Matthew 11: What was Jesus’ assessment of John the Baptist? Of the people of “this generation”?

Isaiah 55: What is God’s invitation to the thirsty and hungry? What is true of God’s thoughts and words?

Isaiah 56: God called them to “maintain justice and do what is right” (v. 1). What would it look like for you to do that today?

Day 272 Matthew 12 Isaiah 57-58, Psalm 115

Matthew 12: What is the relationship between our hearts and our words?

Isaiah 57: Contrast and compare God’s attitude and actions toward the contrite and the unrepentant.

Isaiah 58: What are the marks of true fasting?

Psalm 115: Contrast idols with the Lord. Pray v. 14-15 over those you love.

Day 273 Matthew 13 Isaiah 59-60

Matthew 13: What is the meaning of the parables of the hidden treasure and the pearl? How would that change your life today?

Isaiah 59: What was God’s solution for Israel’s sin?

Isaiah 60: What happens when the glory of the Lord rises upon His people?

Day 274 Matthew 14 Isaiah 61-62, Proverbs 23

Matthew 14: Why do you think Peter wanted to walk on the water? What caused him to sink? What was his immediate response?

Isaiah 61-62: Jesus quoted Isaiah 61 as His mission statement (see Luke 4:16-21). What does this chapter predict the Messiah will do?

Proverbs 23: Which of these wise sayings did you need to hear today? Why?

Day 275 Matthew 15 Isaiah 63-64

Matthew 15: How did the Canaanite woman express her faith? How can you express your faith in similar ways?

Isaiah 63: Look at the prophet's question for God in v. 17. **How would you answer it?** Do you think God hardens our hearts and makes us wander? Why?

Isaiah 64: This chapter is a prayer. Pray it over your situation today.

Day 276 Matthew 16 Isaiah 65-66, Psalm 116

Matthew 16: Trace Peter's highs and lows in v. 13-23. What does that tell you about following Jesus?

Isaiah 65-66: What are God's promises in these two chapters?

Psalm 116: Why did the psalmist love the Lord? Why do you? Tell Him in your own psalm!

Day 277 Matthew 17 Jeremiah 1-2

Matthew 17: Why were the disciples unable to drive out the demon? (Be sure to read the footnote on verse 21). How are faith and prayer related?

Jeremiah 1: What was Jeremiah's objection to the Lord's call, and what was the Lord's response? What objections do you have to God's call on your life?

Jeremiah 2: What two sins had Israel committed (v. 13)? How have you done the same things?

Day 278 Matthew 18 Jeremiah 3-4, Psalm 117

Matthew 18: Who do you need to forgive...again? Why should you? Describe God's forgiveness of you as pictured in Jesus' parable.

Jeremiah 3-4: Repeatedly, the Lord calls for them to return to Him. Where have you strayed from God? What does it look like for you to return?

Psalm 117: What two reasons does the psalmist give to praise the Lord?

Day 279 Matthew 19 Jeremiah 5-6

Matthew 19: What was Jesus' stance on divorce? How does it differ from yours? What would you ask Him about this?

Jeremiah 5: What sins has Israel committed? What judgment is coming? What mercy?

Jeremiah 6: When is shame an appropriate response (v. 15)? What happens when we "don't even know how to blush?"

Day 280 Matthew 20 Jeremiah 7-8, Psalm 118

Matthew 20: Contrast leadership as the Gentiles practiced it and as Jesus taught it to His disciples. Where do you want to be served rather than serve?

Jeremiah 7-8: What specific changes was God looking for in His people?

Psalm 118: "His love endures forever." What are some of the examples of God's enduring love in this psalm? In your life?

Day 281 Matthew 21 Jeremiah 9-10

Matthew 21: In the parable of the two sons, which son do you most identify with? What has the Father asked you to do? Have you done it?

Jeremiah 9: Jeremiah is known as "the weeping prophet." What is it that brings him to tears? What should we boast about? And not boast about? Why?

Jeremiah 10: Compare and contrast God with the idols they worshiped.

Day 282 Matthew 22 Jeremiah 11-12, Psalm 119.1

Matthew 22: What are the implications of verse 21 for a Christian's relationship to the state? To God?

Jeremiah 11-12: Israel had broken their covenant with God and He called them back to obedience. What promises are attached to obedience? Is there anything where your obedience is lacking?

Psalms 119.1: This is the longest psalm, and is a tribute to God's word. Read the first half and pick one or two ideas about God's word (law, statutes, etc.) that speaks to you.

Day 283 Matthew 23 Jeremiah 13-14

Matthew 23: List the seven woes Jesus pronounces on the religious leaders. Which ones apply to you?

Jeremiah 13: What object lessons does Jeremiah use and what is the meaning of each?

Jeremiah 14: Compare and contrast Jeremiah and the false prophets.

Day 284 Matthew 24 Jeremiah 15-16, Psalm 119:2

Matthew 24: What must happen before the end will come? What are you doing to make that happen?

Jeremiah 15-16: What is Jeremiah's complaint to the Lord (15:15-18)? How does God respond?

Psalms 119.2: Read the second half of this psalm on God's word and pick out one or two ideas that are meaningful. Share them with someone today.

Day 285 Matthew 25 Jeremiah 17-18

Matthew 25: In the parable of the sheep and goats, what is the standard God uses for the final judgment? What are you currently doing "for the least of these?"

Jeremiah 17: Compare and contrast the one who trusts in man with the one who trusts in the Lord.

Jeremiah 18: What is the lesson from the potter? How are you clay in the Potter's hands? Are you moldable? Why or why not? Where are you resisting?

Day 286 Matthew 26 Jeremiah 19-20, Psalm 120

Matthew 26: What was the significance of the bread and wine at the last supper? What does taking communion mean to you?

Jeremiah 19-20: What did the broken pottery jar symbolize? What happened to Jeremiah because of his prophecy? What was his response?

Psalms 120: When have you been harmed by "lying lips" and "deceitful tongues"? Pray about it as the psalmist did.

Day 287 Matthew 27 Jeremiah 21-22

Matthew 27: What is the significance of Jesus' cry on the cross in v. 46? Compare Psalm 22.

Jeremiah 21: What did Jeremiah tell King Zedekiah to do? How did this make Jeremiah look?

Jeremiah 22: What was the king called to do? What would happen if he did it? If he didn't?

Day 288 Matthew 28 Jeremiah 23-24, Proverbs 24

Matthew 28: What were the disciples' emotional responses to the resurrection? What might yours have been? Why is this evidence of the authenticity of the story?

Jeremiah 23-24: Compare and contrast the good shepherds and prophets with the bad.

Proverbs 24: Who are the advisers in your life? Whom do you go to for guidance? How often?

Day 289 Mk1 Jeremiah 25-26

Mark 1: What did Jesus do after ministering to people late into the night? Why do you think he did that? When do you make time to be alone with God?

Jeremiah 25: What had God done again and again, and what had Israel failed to do? How do you listen to God?

Jeremiah 26: What does this story tell you about Jeremiah? What do verses 3-4 tell you about God?

Day 290 Mark 2 Jeremiah 27-28, Psalm 121

Mark 2: What does it mean that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath? How has taking a regular Sabbath benefited you?

Jeremiah 27-28: What did the yoke symbolize? How did Jeremiah describe God in 27:5? How is that relevant to the rest of Jeremiah's message? How did the yoke factor into the exchange with Hananiah in chapter 28?

Psalm 121: Who is your "help" when you're in trouble? Why does the psalmist say that God is such a good helper?

Day 291 Mark 3 Jeremiah 29-30

Mark 3: What two things did Jesus appoint the twelve to do? What does this mean for your life?

Jeremiah 29: What advice does Jeremiah give the exiles? How would that apply to your life?

Jeremiah 30: A light in the darkness! What promises does God give captive Israel? How do those speak to you in your situation?

Day 292 Mark 4 Jeremiah 31-32, Psalm 122

Mark 4: What storms are you facing? How is your faith? Have you remembered that Jesus is in your boat and you're going to the other side?

Jeremiah 31: How is God's love described? What is the character of the new covenant God will make?

Jeremiah 32: What is the significance of Jeremiah's purchase? What does his prayer say about God?

Psalm 122: Why were they to pray for the peace of Jerusalem? Compare 1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Day 293 Mark 5 Jeremiah 33-34

Mark 5: Imagine being Jairus. How do you feel when you ask Jesus to come heal your daughter? When Jesus says yes? When Jesus is delayed? When Jesus says "Don't be afraid, just believe"? When Jesus raises your daughter? Bring all your feelings to Jesus.

Jeremiah 33: Review the promises God makes to exiled Israel; what does He promise? Who is the Branch? What does this tell you about God?

Jeremiah 34: What was the significance of freeing the slaves? How does Jeremiah relate this to their history?

Day 294 Mark 6 Jeremiah 35-36, Psalm 123

Mark 6: Why do you think a prophet is without honor in his hometown? What have you assumed you know but you may be wrong? How can you check your assumptions?

Jeremiah 35-36: What lesson did God want them to learn from the Rekabites? What was Jehoiakim's response to Jeremiah's prophecy? How do you respond to God's word?

Psalms 123: What does it mean to “look to the Lord”? What examples does the psalmist use to illustrate this? Where are you looking to the Lord for mercy?

Day 295 Mark 7 Jeremiah 37-38

Mark 7: Jesus put the emphasis on what’s in the heart rather than externals. How is your heart? Is there anything in you that you wish wasn’t? Ask God to cleanse you. And see Proverbs 4:23.

Jeremiah 37: Why was Jeremiah considered a traitor? Have you ever been misunderstood because of your faith?

Jeremiah 38: What do you learn about Jeremiah’s character from this story? About King Zedekiah’s character?

Day 296 Mark 8 Jeremiah 39-40, Psalm 124

Mark 8: Regarding the miracle of feeding the multitude: Why do you think the disciples were so dense? Where might you be failing to understand Jesus? Ask others to point out your blind spots.

Jeremiah 39-40: Why did Jerusalem fall? How might Jeremiah being set free and provided for by the Babylonians be interpreted by his countrymen?

Psalms 124: Is God “on our side”? When and when not?

Day 297 Mark 9 Jeremiah 41-42

Mark 9: What were the disciples arguing about...again? What was Jesus’ response?

Jeremiah 41-42: Why do you think the Lord waited 10 Days to answer Jeremiah? What did Johanan and the people promise Jeremiah? What did they do? Do you have any unfulfilled promises to God?

Day 298 Mark 10 Jeremiah 43-44, Psalm 125

Mark 10: What makes Jesus’ healing of Bartimaeus so remarkable? Think about: a) who Jesus was; b) where He was going; c) who Bartimaeus was; d) the words, “Jesus stopped.”

Jeremiah 43-44: What truths does Jeremiah teach those who have disobeyed and escaped to Egypt?

Psalms 125: In what two ways does the psalmist use mountains as a metaphor?

Day 299 Mark 11 Jeremiah 45-46

Mark 11: Why did Jesus curse the fig tree and how was that prophetic act related to what followed at the temple?

Jeremiah 45: What does the Lord mean when He tells Baruch, “do not seek great things for yourself?”

Jeremiah 46: According to these prophecies, God is directing the affairs of nations. Apply that thought to our current world. What do you think and feel about that? What questions does it raise?

Day 300 Mark 12 Jeremiah 47-48, Proverbs 25

Mark 12: Look at v. 28-34. Since this is the most important commandment, what does that mean practically for you today? Why did Jesus tell his questioner that he wasn’t far from the kingdom of God?

Jeremiah 47-48: What does Jeremiah, a prophet to Israel, have to say to the nations? What does that say about God?

Proverbs 25: Look at v. 21-22 and compare with Romans 12:17-21. What kindness could you do for an enemy today? Why do you think revenge is forbidden?

Day 301 Mark 13 Jeremiah 49-50

Mark 13: What warnings does Jesus give? What promises? What commands?

Jeremiah 49-50: Jeremiah's prophecies against the nations culminate in a long prophecy against Babylon, the reigning world power that was conquering everyone. What is God's judgment of Babylon? What does this tell you about God?

Day 302 Mark 14 Jeremiah 51-52, Psalm 126

Mark 14: Jesus invited only Peter, James and John into the garden to pray with him. How would you have felt had you been them? What did they do? What was Jesus' response? Pray v. 36 today over your life as an act of surrender to God's will.

Jeremiah 51-52: Jeremiah was an equal opportunity prophet! Compare his prophecy to Babylon the conqueror with his prophecies to Israel, the conquered. What is the purpose of the final story about King Jehoiachin being released and eating at the king's table?

Psalm 126: What great things has the Lord done for you that make you want to sing for joy? Take a moment and sing!

Day 303 Mark 15 Lamentations 1-2

Mark 15: Compare and contrast the disciples' emotions in ch. 15 and 16. Do the same with your emotions as you read the story. Ask God to help you become more self-aware about what you're feeling.

Lamentations 1-2: This is Jeremiah's lament over his fallen nation. Describe Jeremiah's emotions. When have you felt something like this? When have you lamented?

Day 304 Mark 16 Lamentations 3-4

Mark 16: Trace the disciples' faith after the resurrection.

Lamentations 3-4: What does Jeremiah remember in the midst of his pain that gives him hope? How does this make you feel?

Day 305 Romans 1 Lamentations 5, Psalm 127

Romans 1: Paul's premise for the letter is found in v. 16-17. What does it say about the gospel? Faith? Righteousness? He begins his main argument by talking about the wrath of God. Why does he start there?

Lamentations 5: Jeremiah concludes his lament with prayer. What two things does he ask God to do? Pray those two things over your life as well.

Psalm 127: How does this psalm affect the way you do your work? Plan your schedule? Plan your family?

Day 306 Romans 2 Ezekiel 1-2

Romans 2: How does Paul assess the Jews' relationship with their Law? What comparisons or contrasts can you draw with yourself?

Ezekiel 1: Compare Ezekiel's vision of God with that of Moses (Exodus 3), Isaiah (Isaiah 6) and John's vision of Jesus (Revelation 1).

Ezekiel 2: Ezekiel was to speak God's message regardless of whether people listened or not. How about you? Are you willing to do the same?

Day 307 Romans 3 Ezekiel 3-4, Psalm 128

Romans 3: Why is boasting excluded? How does the gospel “uphold the law?”

Ezekiel 3-4: In what ways might God have called you to be a “watchman” for those around you?

Psalms 128: What blessings await those who fear the Lord?

Day 308 Romans 4 Ezekiel 5-6

Romans 4: How does Paul describe Abraham’s faith in God’s promise (v. 18-22)? Compare this with your own faith in God. Where do you need to grow?

Ezekiel 5: Jewish prophets often used object lessons. What object lesson does Ezekiel use and what message did it convey?

Ezekiel 6: For what sins did God judge Israel? How are these sins still prevalent today? How do they affect you?

Day 309 Romans 5 Ezekiel 7-8, Psalm 129

Romans 5: What are the results of being justified by faith? See v. 1-5.

Ezekiel 7-8: What was God’s ultimate goal in sending judgment? What particular thing had Israel done that was especially offensive to God?

Psalm 129: What confidence does the psalmist express in the face of opposition?

Day 310 Romans 6 Ezekiel 9-10

Romans 6: Are you offering any part of yourself to sin “as an instrument of wickedness?” What would it look like for you to offer that to God “as an instrument of righteousness?”

Ezekiel 9: Who was marked and why? What does this tell you about God’s judgment?

Ezekiel 10: What was the significance of the glory of the Lord departing from the temple? (Compare 1 Kings 8)

Day 311 Romans 7 Ezekiel 11-12, Psalm 130

Romans 7: Compare and contrast serving “in the new way of the Spirit” with “the old way of the written code.”

Ezekiel 11-12: Why does God ask Ezekiel to act out going into exile?

Psalm 130: Pray this psalm slowly. What speaks to you?

Day 312 Romans 8 Ezekiel 13-14

Romans 8: What does it mean that we are “more than conquerors?” What hardships are you experiencing and how is God helping you?

Ezekiel 13: False prophets were a problem in Ezekiel’s day. What was God’s word to them? Do you know of any false prophets today? How can you tell if prophecy is false or true?

Ezekiel 14: What was God’s response to the idolators that came to inquire of Him?

Day 313 Romans 9 Ezekiel 15-16, Proverbs 26

Romans 9: On what basis does God choose people? What questions does this raise for you?

Ezekiel 15-16: What two metaphors does God use for Jerusalem, and what is the meaning of each?

Proverbs 26: Why do v. 4 and 5 seem to contradict each other? What does this tell you about the nature of proverbs?

Day 314 Romans 10 Ezekiel 17-18

Romans 10: How did the Israelites seek to become righteous? How does the gospel differ from that? How can we be saved?

Ezekiel 17: What is the meaning of the allegory of the two eagles and the vine? What is the hope embedded in the end of the prophetic message?

Ezekiel 18: What does this prophecy teach you about human responsibility? About God's grace?

Day 315 Romans 11 Ezekiel 19-20, Psalm 131

Romans 11: Read Paul's doxology (v. 33-36) out loud as a prayer. What does it say about God? About us?

Ezekiel 19-20: One of the prophet's refrains is, "But you did not listen." How are you listening to God? How could you improve your listening?

Psalm 131: Pray this psalm slowly and take some time to calm and quiet yourself before God.

Day 316 Romans 12 Ezekiel 21-22

Romans 12: Who would you like to take revenge on? How could you do good for them instead?

Ezekiel 21: What does this chapter reveal about God's methods in working out His purposes? Where do you see God working in your life?

Ezekiel 22: What two primary sins of Jerusalem does Ezekiel name? How do you think God may respond to these same sins in our nation? In you?

Day 317 Romans 13 Ezekiel 23-24, Psalm 132

Romans 13: What are the Christian's responsibilities towards the state? Why? The state's responsibilities towards its citizens? Why?

Ezekiel 23-24: What does the parable of the two sisters and the metaphor of adultery suggest about the kind of relationship God wants with you? Compare with Ephesians 5:22-33.

Psalm 132: What were the Lord's promises to David?

Day 318 Romans 14 Ezekiel 25-26

Romans 14: Whom are you passing judgment on? What would it look like for you to act in love towards them? What is central to the Kingdom of God?

Ezekiel 25-26: What common theme do you see in God's judgments on these nations? What does it suggest about God's values?

Day 319 Romans 15 Ezekiel 27-28, Psalm 133

Romans 15: What are our obligations to our Christian brothers and sisters? How is Jesus a model for this?

Ezekiel 27-28: What was Tyre's strength? What was their weakness? The description of the king of Tyre is often thought to be symbolic of Satan. What would make people think that?

Psalm 133: What is the result of God's people living together in unity? How can you contribute to that unity?

Day 320 Romans 16 Ezekiel 29-30

Romans 16: Why should we watch out for people who cause division and put obstacles in our way? What should we do?

Ezekiel 29-30: When Israel leaned on Egypt, what kind of help did Egypt prove to be? Who or what do you lean on in trouble?

Day 321 Luke 1 Ezekiel 31-32, Psalm 134

Luke 1: How does the angel describe John? (v. 13-17) Which of these characteristics would like to be true of you? Make it a prayer now.

Ezekiel 31-32: Egypt was powerful and proud, but God pointed them to the example of Assyria, who was great and then fell. Compare to Proverbs 16:18.

Psalm 134: The final “song of ascents,” sung as the pilgrims entered Jerusalem and the temple, was a call to praise. What did lifting one’s hands signify? Try lifting your hands and praising the Lord!

Day 322 Luke 2 Ezekiel 33-34

Luke 2: Trace the responses of Mary through this chapter. What can you learn from her?

Ezekiel 33: What does Ezekiel’s call to be a watchman suggest about individual responsibility? About God’s grace?

Ezekiel 34: Contrast and compare Israel’s bad shepherds with God as their shepherd. See John 10.

Day 323 Luke 3 Ezekiel 35-36, Psalm 135

Luke 3: What does it mean to “produce fruit in keeping with repentance?” What is the fruit of your repentance?

Ezekiel 35-36: What was Edom’s (Mt. Seir) sin against Israel? Compare Proverbs 24:17-18 and Romans 12:14-21.

Psalm 135: Verse 3 gives two reasons to praise the Lord. What are they and how have you experienced each of them?

Day 324 Luke 4 Ezekiel 37-38

Luke 4: What did Jesus say that infuriated the citizens of Nazareth? What does that say about his mission? Your mission?

Ezekiel 37: What was the meaning of the vision of dry bones? What hope does that give you?

Ezekiel 38: Ezekiel announces God’s victory over powerful nations. What hope does that give you?

Day 325 Luke 5 Ezekiel 39-40, Proverbs 27

Luke 5: Why do you think Jesus used this fishing miracle to call Peter and his partners? What was prophetic about it? What was the promise?

Ezekiel 39-40: What was the significance of the vision of the new temple for the Jewish exiles? For you?

Proverbs 27: What benefits do these proverbs ascribe to friends? What can our friends do for us?

Day 326 Luke 6 Ezekiel 41-43

Luke 6: How does Jesus describe his relationship to the Sabbath (and by extension, the Law)?

Ezekiel 41-43: Compare and contrast the vision of this temple with Solomon’s temple in 2 Kings 6.

Day 327 Luke 7 Ezekiel 44-45, Psalm 136

Luke 7: Trace the emotions of Jesus through this chapter. What does that tell you about him?

Ezekiel 44-45: What is the significance of the glory of the Lord returning to the temple (compare with chapter 10)?

Psalm 136: This antiphonal hymn (call and response) was sung at Israel's festivals. The call celebrated God's activity in their history, and the response was "His love endures forever." Take a moment to think of God's activity in your life, and celebrate with praise.

Day 328 Luke 8 Ezekiel 46-48

Luke 8: What does Jesus tell the man who had "Legion" to do once he was well? How could you do the same?

Ezekiel 46-48: Ezekiel finishes with a vision of Israel restored. What is the significance of the river (ch. 47)? The trees on the banks? Compare with Revelation 22:1-2.

Day 329 Luke 9 Daniel 1-2, Psalm 137

Luke 9: What is the significance of the practical instructions Jesus gave the 12 for their missionary journey? What instructions has he given you for your mission?

Daniel 1: How did Daniel adapt to his new culture and where did he draw the line and refuse to adapt? Where have you drawn a line?

Daniel 2: What was Daniel's response when he heard of the king's decree? How did Daniel give credit to God? How can you do the same?

Psalm 137: This is a song from Israel's exile in Babylon. What emotions does the psalmist express? Take a moment to honestly tell God how you are feeling.

Day 330 Luke 10 Daniel 3-4

Luke 10: Contrast Mary and Martha's response to Jesus. Which one do you most identify with and why? What would you like to change?

Daniel 3: Look at Daniel's friends' reply to the king in v. 16-18. What can you apply from that? What did burn in the furnace?

Daniel 4: How did God respond to the king's pride? Compare with James 4:6 and 1 Peter 5:5-6. Why is pride so dangerous? Is there good pride?

Day 331 Luke 11 Daniel 5-6, Psalm 138

Luke 11: What is the meaning of the story of the friend at midnight? (Hint: see v. 9-13). How will this affect your prayers today?

Daniel 5: "The handwriting is on the wall" comes from this chapter. What was God's message to the king and why? What about Daniel's delivery is inspiring?

Daniel 6: What motivated Daniel's enemies? The king? Daniel? What was the king's response to the miracle?

Psalm 138: For what does David praise the Lord? Which of these reasons resonates with you? Use them to praise him!

Day 332 Luke 12 Daniel 7-8

Luke 12: List the reasons Jesus gives that you should not worry.

Daniel 7-8: Why did God give Daniel these visions of the future? What was Daniel's response?

Day 333 Luke 13 Daniel 9-10, Psalm 139

Luke 13: "Repent or perish!" Where do you need to repent (to turn away from sin and back to God)?

Daniel 9-10: What does Daniel 10 suggest about prayer and spiritual warfare? Compare with Ephesians 6:10-20. Look at ch. 12:2-3. What promises are made there?

Psalm 139: Pray verses 23-24, then listen for God's response. Do what he tells you.

Day 334 Luke 14 Daniel 11-12

Luke 14: Count the cost! What are the costs of discipleship that Jesus names in v. 26-33?

Daniel 11-12: Where do you see the hope of resurrection in these chapters? What is Daniel told to do when he didn't understand? What do you do when you don't understand Scripture?

Day 335 Luke 15 Hosea 1-3

Luke 15: What are the similarities in the three stories Jesus tells? The differences? The common point?

Hosea 1-3: What was the purpose of God's command to Hosea to marry a promiscuous woman? Or of God's command to take her back after she left for another man?

Day 336 Luke 16 Hosea 4-5, Psalm 140

Luke 16: How have you been "trustworthy in handling worldly wealth?" How is it "someone else's property?" How does that change the way you handle it?

Hosea 4-5: Summarize God's charges against Israel. What did God find offensive?

Psalm 140: "Rescue me, Lord" (v. 1). "Keep me safe" (v. 4). Where do you need God's rescue and protection? Who else do you know that needs this prayer? Pray it for them.

Day 337 Luke 17 Hosea 6-7

Luke 17: Only one of ten cleansed lepers returned to say thanks. Jesus asked, "Where are the other nine?" What can you thank God for that has gone unrecognized? Thank him now.

Hosea 6-7: How could you "press on" to know the Lord? Also, Jesus quotes 6:6 often. What does it mean and why is it important?

Day 338 Luke 18 Hosea 8-9, Proverbs 28

Luke 18: What is the lesson from the parable of the persistent widow? How is God like or unlike the judge?

Hosea 8-9: What was Israel's sin? God's response?

Proverbs 28: Choose one proverb that speaks to you and share it with someone today. Is there some adjustment you need to make?

Day 339 Luke 19 Hosea 10-11

Luke 19: How did the townspeople see Zacchaeus? How did Jesus see him? How do you view people? (compare 2 Corinthians 5:16-17)

Hosea 10-11: Trace God's emotions as they are expressed in these chapters. How does God characterize his love?

Day 340 Luke 20 Hosea 12-13

Luke 20: For what did Jesus criticize the teachers of the law? How can you avoid being guilty of these same things?

Hosea 12-13: God takes Israel to court. What are His charges against them?

Day 341 Luke 21 Hosea 14, Psalm 141

Luke 21: For what did Jesus commend the poor widow? How would you describe her offering? Your offerings?

Hosea 14: God invites Israel to return to him. How were they to do that? What would be the result?

Psalms 141: Why would verse 3 be an important prayer? Compare James 3:1-12.

Day 342 Luke 22 Joel 1-3

Luke 22: Imagine Jesus and his disciples around the table for the Last Supper? What was Jesus feeling? The disciples? When do you think they understood the import of his words? When did the meaning of the Lord's Supper become alive for you?

Joel 1-3: Joel writes about a locust infestation. What does he tell the people to do? What promises does he make? Compare 2:28-32 with Acts 2:16-21.

Day 343 Luke 23 Amos 1-2, Psalm 142

Luke 23: Meditate on Jesus' prayer in v. 34. How can you apply this to those who have hurt you?

Amos 1-2: Amos starts with God's judgment on Israel's neighbors before moving to her. Compare and contrast the behaviors of Israel with her neighbors, and God's judgment of both.

Psalm 142: What is the cry of your heart today? If you could ask God for one thing, what is it? What makes you feel desperate?

Day 344 Luke 24 Amos 3-4

Luke 24: What were the disciples' responses to the news of Jesus' resurrection? How would you have responded?

Amos 3-4: What had the Lord done to get their attention, yet they wouldn't return? How might God be trying to get your attention?

Day 345 John 1 Amos 5-6, Psalm 143

John 1: What is the first thing Andrew did after meeting Jesus? With whom could you do the same today?

Amos 5-6: "Seek me and live." What do you tend to seek rather than God? What did God want more than their religious ceremonies?

Psalm 143: In this prayer for help, how does David express his desperation? What do you do when you feel desperate?

Day 346 John 2 Amos 7-9

John 2: Why did Jesus clear the temple? What upset him and why?

Amos 7-9: Amos' prophecy of judgment ends with a promise of restoration. How is God giving you hope in your situation?

Day 347 John 3 Obadiah, Psalm 144

John 3: Characterize John the Baptist's attitude toward Jesus. What can you emulate?

Obadiah: For what particular sin does God pronounce judgment on Edom? How do you respond when others fall?

Psalm 144: What does David envision to be the result of God's deliverance and blessing? How do you hope the Lord blesses you?

Day 348 John 4 Jonah 1-2

John 4: What can you learn from the story of Jesus and the woman at the well about having spiritual conversations with others?

Jonah 1-2: Have you ever run from God? Run from something He called you to do? How does Jonah's prayer show a change of heart?

Day 349 John 5 Jonah 3-4, Psalm 145

John 5: God is always at work (v. 17). Where do you see God at work in your life today? In the lives of those you love?

Jonah 3-4: How does Nineveh and her king respond to Jonah's message? What does God do? How does Jonah react? Why did Jonah run from God in the first place? What does this story tell you about God?

Psalm 145: List what David says God has done in this beautiful psalm of praise. Then use the list to reflect on what God has done in your life and give him praise.

Day 350 John 6 Micah 1-2

John 6: Why did Jesus use the occasion of feeding the crowd to teach that he was the Bread of Life? Why did this offend so many?

Micah 1-2: Contrast the plans of the people of Judah with the plan of God for them. How does this affect your plans?

Day 351 John 7 Micah 3-4, Proverbs 29

John 7: What does Jesus claim about his teaching? How can you know the source of his teaching? When have you judged "by mere appearances?"

Micah 3-4: For what sins does God take the leaders and prophets to task?

Proverbs 29: Choose one proverb that speaks to you and text it to a friend. Explain why it spoke to you.

Day 352 John 8 Micah 5-7

John 8: Who would you like to see punished for what they've done? For what sins do you deserve to be punished? What would it look like for you to drop your rocks?

Micah 5-7: Look at 6:6-8. What did the Lord want more than animal sacrifices? What does this look like in your life today?

Day 353 John 9 Nahum 1-3, Psalm 146

John 9: What does Jesus mean that he came to make the blind see and the seeing blind? (v. 39-41) What can you do to make sure you see?

Nahum 1-3: Notice the contrast in 1:7-8. What does this tell you about the character of God? Compare Jonah's prophecy against Nineveh with this one which was much later.

Psalm 146: What are the reasons the psalmist counsels us not to put our trust in human leaders? What are the reasons to trust the Lord?

Day 354 John 10 Habakkuk 1-3

John 10: What does "life to the full" mean for you? Would you describe your life that way? Why or why not? How do you listen to his voice (v. 27)?

Habakkuk 1-3: This short book is the prophet's dialogue with God. What is Habakkuk's complaint? What is God's answer? How does Habakkuk conclude? What do you do when life doesn't make sense?

Day 355 John 11 Zephaniah 1-3, Psalm 147

John 11: In this story, compare and contrast the responses to Jesus of the following people: his disciples, Mary, Martha, the crowd, the Jewish leaders.

Zephaniah 1-3: Zephaniah predicts the coming Day of the Lord—a day of judgment. But he finishes with hope in 3:9-20. Summarize those promises. What promise has God given you? What hope are you holding on to?

Psalm 147: The psalmist lists many blessings for which to praise the Lord. Select one or two that are especially meaningful to you and take some time to tell God thanks!

Day 356 John 12 Haggai 1-2

John 12: How does Jesus describe his relationship with the Father in v. 44-50?

Haggai 1-2: What was it costing the people to put building their own homes before the Lord's temple? What is the effect in your life when you put something else before God?

Day 357 John 13 Zechariah 1-2, Psalm 148

John 13: What is the new command? How is it "new?" What will be the result of obedience?

Zechariah 1-2: What does it look like for you to "return to the Lord?" Why would you need to? What does God promise when you do?

Psalm 148: List everything and everyone that the psalmist calls to praise the Lord, and the reasons why.

Day 358 John 14 Zechariah 3-4

John 14: How does Jesus describe the relationship between love and obedience?

Zechariah 3-4: What was God's word to Zerubbabel? How does that word still apply to you?

Day 359 John 15 Zechariah 5-6, Psalm 149

John 15: Verses 12 and 17 say "love each other." In between, Jesus uses his own love as an example. How did Jesus love his disciples? How can you love him and others in the same way?

Zechariah 5-6: What was God's message to Joshua, the priest?

Psalm 149: "The Lord takes delight in his people." Enjoy this Christmas day by delighting in the Lord and in your people!

Day 360 John 16 Zechariah 7-8

John 16: Jesus promised his peace in the midst of a world full of trouble. How have you experienced that? Or what keeps you from it?

Zechariah 7-8: What did God desire more than fasting (religious exercises)? What was their response to that? Your response?

Day 361 John 17 Zechariah 9-10, Psalm 150

John 17: What is eternal life? How did Jesus bring glory to God?

Zechariah 9-10: Compare 9:9-10 with Matthew 21:4-10. How does Jesus fulfill this prophecy and its surrounding context?

Psalm 150: Who should praise the Lord? For what? Where? Read this psalm out loud and praise the Lord that you've read and thought about all 150 psalms! Way to go!

Day 362 John 18 Zechariah 11-12

John 18: How does Jesus explain himself to the high priest? To Pilate? What do you learn about Jesus and his Kingdom from these exchanges?

Zechariah 11-12: More messianic prophecies. Compare 12:10 with John 19:37, Revelation 1:7.

Day 363 John 19 Zechariah 13-14, Proverbs 30

John 19: Read the story of Jesus' execution slowly. How does it make you feel? Jesus said that no one took his life, that he willingly gave it. Who really has the power in this chapter?

Zechariah 13-14: In Matthew 26:31, Jesus quotes 13:7, predicting that his disciples would scatter and flee when he was arrested and killed. When have you had a chance to stand with the Lord but bailed instead? How does Jesus respond?

Proverbs 30: How do you feel about the two things Agur asked of the Lord? If you could ask for two things, what would they be? Why?

Day 364 John 20 Malachi 1-2

John 20: "As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." What does that mean to you? How will you live as a "sent one" today?

Malachi 1-2: How had they shown contempt for God? Is there anywhere in your life where you are offering God a blemished lamb, something less than your best?

Day 365 John 21 Malachi 3-4, Proverbs 31

John 21: What is the significance of the miraculous catch of fish? Compare with Luke 5:1-11.

Malachi 3-4: How were they to return to God? What promises are attached to tithing?

Proverbs 31: What are we to do for the oppressed and needy? Describe a "wife of noble character." Which traits that surprise you? How does this compare with your view of Christian womanhood?

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