

Bible Reading & Reflections



FBC RAMSEY

TO KNOW CHRIST &
MAKE HIM KNOWN

**January
to
June
2023**

How to Use this Book

This year our goal is to spend time together digging into some key passages of Scripture. Devotions are set up for five days a week. Take some time to read the passage, ask the Holy Spirit to teach you, and think about the questions provided. You can write your answers in this book or use a journal if you need more space.

Some of the verses are in picture form- feel free to tear them out and put them in a frame so God's Word is always in front of you.

We've quoted Scripture in a variety of reliable translations.

KJV= King James Version

CSB= Christian Standard Bible

NASB= New American Standard Bible

ESV= English Standard Version

NET= New English Translation

NLT= New Living Translation

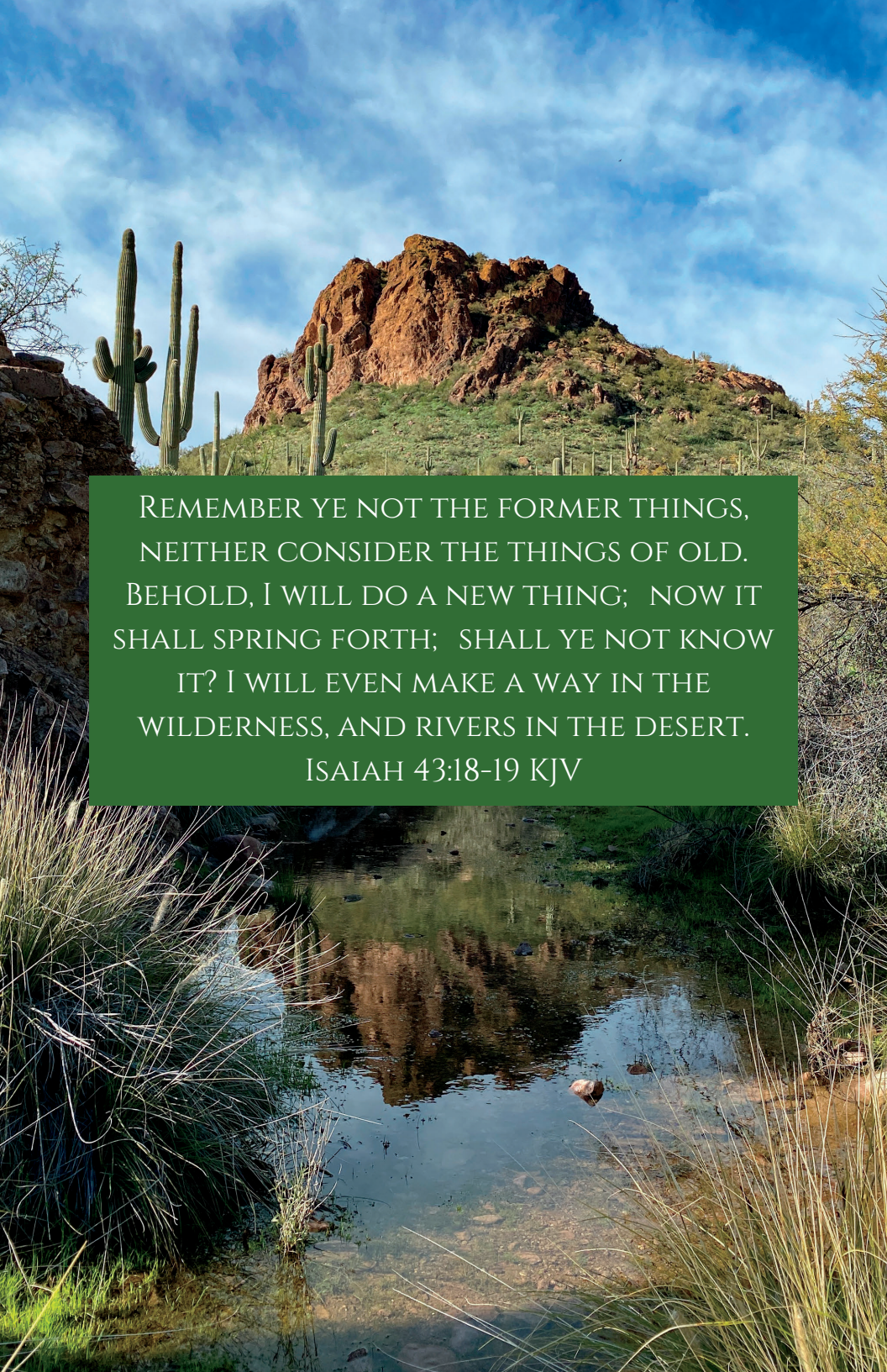


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Links are provided at the end of each day. They provide additional teaching or a worship song that goes along with the Scripture. Go here for an introductory video from Pastor Jeff: <https://youtu.be/SpJC13anhhw> .

We hope this book helps bring God's Word to life, promotes new spiritual habits and provides opportunities for spiritual growth this year!

Pastor Jeff & the FBC Ramsey Team



REMEMBER YE NOT THE FORMER THINGS,
NEITHER CONSIDER THE THINGS OF OLD.
BEHOLD, I WILL DO A NEW THING; NOW IT
SHALL SPRING FORTH; SHALL YE NOT KNOW
IT? I WILL EVEN MAKE A WAY IN THE
WILDERNESS, AND RIVERS IN THE DESERT.
ISAIAH 43:18-19 KJV

JANUARY 2, 2023

“Don’t remember these earlier events; don’t recall these former events. Look, I am about to do something new. Now it begins to happen! Do you not recognize it? Yes, I will make a road in the wilderness and paths in the wastelands.

Isaiah 43:18-19 NET



- Why does God want us to forget about the past?
- What new thing is God doing when He is speaking to Isaiah?
- What is God preparing for by making roads and rivers in the wilderness?

My Prayer:

JANUARY 3, 2023

What does it mean that all Scripture is inspired?

All Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness; so that the man of God may be adequate, equipped for every good work.
2 Timothy 3:16-17 NASB



All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 KJV

- What are the benefits of Scripture?

- What is the purpose of Scripture?



My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/urlvnxCaL00>



In the beginning the Word already existed. The Word was with God, and the Word was God. He existed in the beginning with God. God created everything through him, and nothing was created except through him. The Word gave life to everything that was created, and his life brought light to everyone.

John 1:1-4 NLT

JANUARY 4, 2023

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God. All things were made by him; and without him was not any thing made that was made. In him was life; and the life was the light of men.

John 1:1-4 KJV



- Who (specifically) is the “Word” here in John 1?
- When did He begin?
- How does life bring light to everyone?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/k50OWtVzsVI>

Genesis 1:1-5 KJV

In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth. And the earth was without form, and void; and darkness was upon the face of the deep. And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters. And God said, Let there be light: and there was light. And God saw the light, that it was good: and God divided the light from the darkness. And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And the evening and the morning were the first day.

Genesis 1:1-5 CSB

In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness covered the surface of the watery depths, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the surface of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light," and there was light. God saw that the light was good, and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light "day," and the darkness he called "night." There was an evening, and there was a morning: one day.


JANUARY 5, 2023

- What did the Earth look like if it had no form and void?
- Why is light the first thing God creates after the Earth?
- Why does He go from evening to morning and not the other way around?



My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/SrPdUSue9uE>

A dramatic sunset or sunrise over the ocean. The sun is partially obscured by a large, dark, billowing cloud in the center. Bright rays of light burst through the cloud, fanning out across the sky. The sky transitions from a deep blue at the top to a lighter, golden hue near the horizon. The ocean waves are visible at the bottom of the frame, with white foam from a breaking wave on the right side.

**How lovely is your dwelling place, O
LORD of hosts! My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the LORD; my heart and
flesh sing for joy to the living God.**

Psalm 84:1-2 ESV

JANUARY 6, 2023

How amiable are thy tabernacles, O Lord of hosts! My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord: my heart and my flesh crieth out for the living God.

Psalm 84:1-2 KJV



- In ways are God’s dwelling places “lovely?”
- How can our souls long for something we have not seen?
- Why does the psalmist cry out for the “Living God”?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/vEPAKmwHhdg>



So when they had gathered together, they began to ask him, “Lord, is this the time when you are restoring the kingdom to Israel?” He told them, “You are not permitted to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the farthest parts of the earth.”

Acts 1:6-8 NET

JANUARY 9, 2023

When they therefore were come together, they asked of him, saying, Lord, wilt thou at this time restore again the kingdom to Israel? And he said unto them, It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father hath put in his own power. But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Acts 1:6-8 KJV



- What were the disciples focused on?
- Why did Jesus not really answer their question?
- What were they to wait for and why?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/8fH8m-U5Ggl>



HE HATH SHEWED THEE, O MAN, WHAT IS
GOOD; AND WHAT DOTH THE LORD REQUIRE
OF THEE, BUT TO DO JUSTLY, AND TO LOVE
MERCY, AND TO WALK HUMBLY WITH THY GOD?
MICAHAH 6:8 KJV

JANUARY 10, 2023

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

Micah 6:8 NASB

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- Why does God have to tell us what is good?
- What 3 things God wants from us?
- What difference do the verbs make in “do justice,” “love kindness,” and “walk with God”?

My Prayer:

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JANUARY 11, 2023



THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS, AND
THE DARKNESS CAN NEVER EXTINGUISH IT.
GOD SENT A MAN, JOHN THE BAPTIST, TO
TELL ABOUT THE LIGHT SO THAT
EVERYONE MIGHT BELIEVE BECAUSE OF HIS
TESTIMONY.

JOHN 1:5-7 NLT

And the light shineth in darkness; and the darkness comprehended it not. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. The same came for a witness, to bear witness of the Light, that all men through him might believe.

John 1:5-7 KJV

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- Why is the light stronger than the darkness?

- How did his testimony show people who Jesus was?

- What was the hopeful response to this testimony?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/XgsICbXOOIE>

FOR I AM NOT ASHAMED OF THE GOSPEL OF CHRIST: FOR IT IS THE POWER OF GOD UNTO SALVATION TO EVERY ONE THAT BELIEVETH; TO THE JEW FIRST, AND ALSO TO THE GREEK. FOR THEREIN IS THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD REVEALED FROM FAITH TO FAITH: AS IT IS WRITTEN, THE JUST SHALL LIVE BY FAITH.

ROMANS 1:16-17

KJV



JANUARY 12, 2023

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, first to the Jew, and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith, just as it is written: The righteous will live by faith.

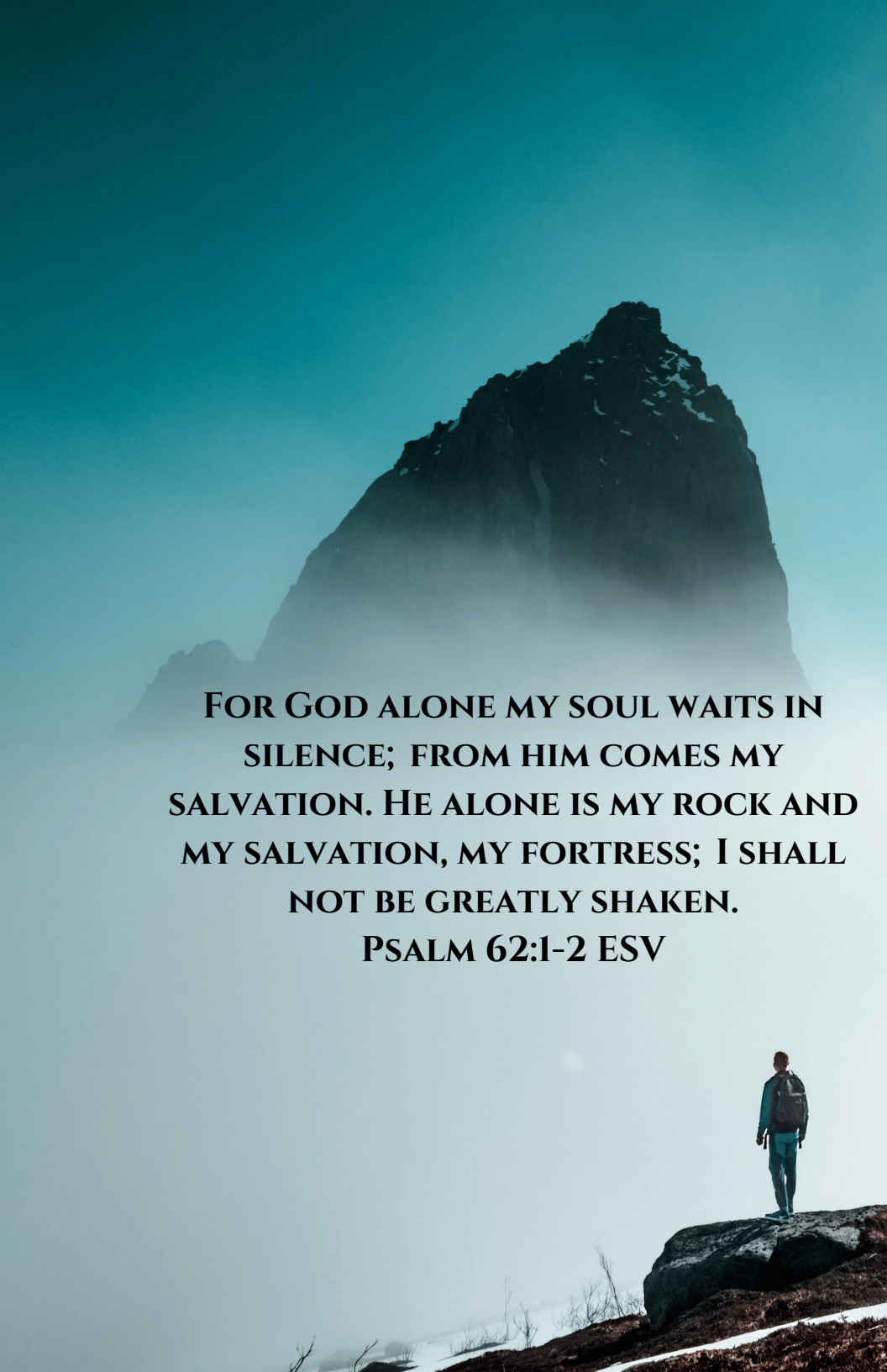
Romans 1:16-17 CSB

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- Why would someone be “ashamed” of the gospel?
- What would “being ashamed” look like?
- What does “faith to faith” mean?
- Why is living by faith the characteristic for someone who is righteous?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/2F659rstoxQ>

A person with a backpack stands on a rocky outcrop in the foreground, looking towards a large, dark mountain peak in the distance. The mountain is partially covered in snow and shrouded in mist. The sky is a clear, light blue. The overall scene is serene and majestic.

**FOR GOD ALONE MY SOUL WAITS IN
SILENCE; FROM HIM COMES MY
SALVATION. HE ALONE IS MY ROCK AND
MY SALVATION, MY FORTRESS; I SHALL
NOT BE GREATLY SHAKEN.**

PSALM 62:1-2 ESV

JANUARY 13, 2023

Truly my soul waiteth upon God: from him cometh my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be greatly moved.

Psalm 62:1-2 KJV

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- Why is waiting important in a relationship with God?
 - How is God a rock?
 - Is the psalmist shaken at all or simply not greatly shaken? What is the difference?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/e4brmgdJvBc>

**Much more then,
being now justified by
his blood, we shall be
saved from wrath
through him.**

**Much more then,
because we have now
been declared righteous
by his blood, we will be
saved through him from
God's wrath.**

**For if, when we were
enemies, we were
reconciled to God by the
death of his Son, much
more, being reconciled,
we shall be saved by his
life. And not only so, but
we also joy in God
through our Lord Jesus
Christ, by whom we
have now received the
atonement.**

Romans 5:9-11 KJV

**For if while we were
enemies we were
reconciled to God
through the death of his
Son, how much more,
since we have been
reconciled, will we be
saved by his life? 11 Not
only this, but we also
rejoice in God through
our Lord Jesus Christ,
through whom we have
now received this
reconciliation.**

Romans 5:9-11 NET

JANUARY 16, 2023

- How does Christ's blood saved people from God's wrath?
- What did Christ's death accomplish?
- What did His life accomplish?
- Why did we need to be reconciled with God?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/0X66l6Fviuc>

*That ye may
remember, and do all
my commandments,
and be holy unto
your God. I am the
Lord your God,
which brought you
out of the land of
Egypt, to be your
God: I am the Lord
your God.*

Numbers 15:40-41

KJV

JANUARY 17, 2023

So that you will remember and do all My commandments and be holy to your God. I am the Lord your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt to be your God; I am the Lord your God.

Numbers 15:40-41 NASB



- What are they supposed to remember?
- Why is remembrance so important?
- Is holiness the same in the Old Testament and the New Testament? How?
- Why does He repeat the phrase, “I am the LORD your God”?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/-037FqOyvNI>



**HE [JOHN] WAS NOT THAT LIGHT, BUT
WAS SENT TO BEAR WITNESS OF THAT
LIGHT.**

**THAT WAS THE TRUE LIGHT, WHICH
LIGHTETH EVERY MAN THAT COMETH
INTO THE WORLD. HE WAS IN THE WORLD,
AND THE WORLD WAS MADE BY HIM, AND
THE WORLD KNEW HIM NOT.**

**HE CAME UNTO HIS OWN, AND HIS OWN
RECEIVED HIM NOT.**

JOHN 1:8-11 KJV

JANUARY 18, 2023

John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created, but the world didn't recognize him. He came to his own people, and even they rejected him.

John 1:8-11 NLT

- Why would people confuse John with Jesus?
- What does the light do for everyone?
- Why wouldn't the world either recognize or receive Him when He came?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/yEj-c7PhAu4>

When the scribes who were Pharisees saw that he was eating with sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples, “Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?”

When Jesus heard this, he told them, “It is not those who are well who need a doctor, but those who are sick. I didn’t come to call the righteous, but sinners.”

Mark 2:16-17 CSB



JANUARY 19, 2023

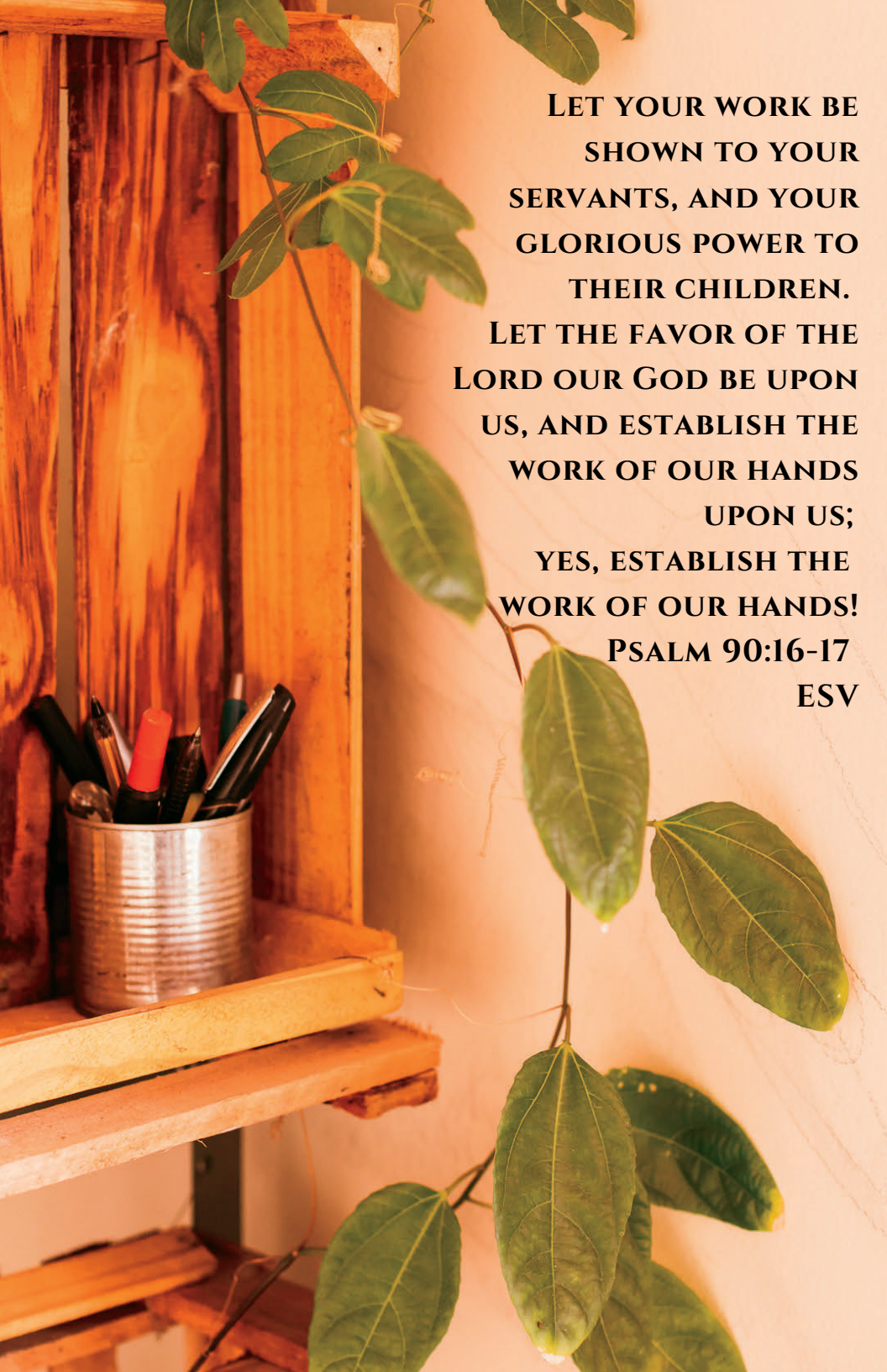
And when the scribes and Pharisees saw him eat with publicans and sinners, they said unto his disciples, How is it that he eateth and drinketh with publicans and sinners? When Jesus heard it, he saith unto them, They that are whole have no need of the physician, but they that are sick: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.

Mark 2:16-17 KJV

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- Why were the scribes there?
 - Why did the descriptions of these people separate tax collectors and sinners?
 - Did Jesus call the Pharisees here “righteous” or “well”? Why or why not?

My Prayer

<https://youtu.be/GBKW6OAsZgQ>



**LET YOUR WORK BE
SHOWN TO YOUR
SERVANTS, AND YOUR
GLORIOUS POWER TO
THEIR CHILDREN.
LET THE FAVOR OF THE
LORD OUR GOD BE UPON
US, AND ESTABLISH THE
WORK OF OUR HANDS
UPON US;
YES, ESTABLISH THE
WORK OF OUR HANDS!
PSALM 90:16-17
ESV**

JANUARY 20, 2023

Let thy work appear unto thy servants, and thy glory unto their children. And let the beauty of the Lord our God be upon us: and establish thou the work of our hands upon us; yea, the work of our hands establish thou it.

Psalm 90:16-17 KJV



- Is it possible to miss the work and power of God?
- How is God beautiful or favorable on us?
- How does God establish the work of our hands?

My Prayer

<https://youtu.be/PCDNZwMRYfo>

*Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will raise unto David a righteous Branch, and a King shall reign and prosper, and shall execute judgment and justice in the earth. In his days Judah shall be saved, and Israel shall dwell safely: and this is his name whereby he shall be called, The Lord Our Righteousness.
Jeremiah 23:5-6 KJV*



JANUARY 23, 2023

“I, the Lord, promise that a new time will certainly come when I will raise up for them a righteous branch, a descendant of David. He will rule over them with wisdom and understanding and will do what is just and right in the land. Under his rule Judah will enjoy safety and Israel will live in security. This is the name he will go by: ‘The Lord has provided us with justice.’

Jeremiah 23:5-6 NET



- Who is the King God is going to raise?
- Why is justice and judgment so important to God?
- What is the importance of this name of God, “The LORD our righteousness”?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/lhrxkAsJpUg>

Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight.

Proverbs 3:5-6 NASB



JANUARY 24, 2023

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6 KJV



- Why is the contrast between trusting Him and not leaning on our own understanding important?
- How does someone acknowledge God in all their ways?
- What do straight paths look like? Does it mean easy? Why or why not?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/rDI6gqUBQ28>

John 1:12-13 KJV



But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: Which were born, not of blood, nor of the will of the flesh, nor of the will of man, but of God.

JANUARY 25, 2023

But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

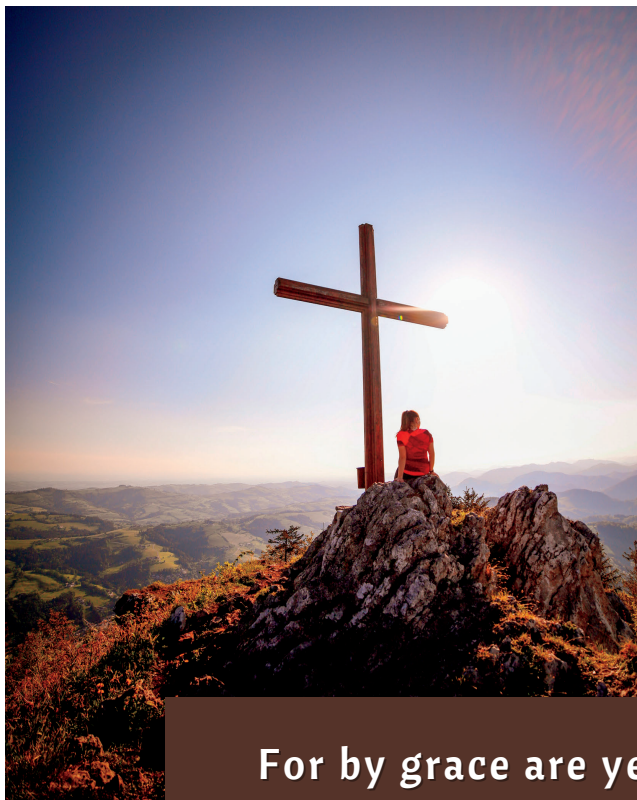
John 1:12-13 NLT



- Who are the children of God?
- How do they become the children of God?
- If our new birth is not physical, what kind of birth from God do we experience?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/3JhllvvP5vs>



For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10 KJV

JANUARY 26, 2023

For you are saved by grace through faith, and this is not from yourselves; it is God's gift— not from works, so that no one can boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared ahead of time for us to do.

Ephesians 2:8-10 CSB



- What are we saved by?
- What is the avenue in which we are saved?
- What is the difference in the works (which do not save us) and the works prepared for us?

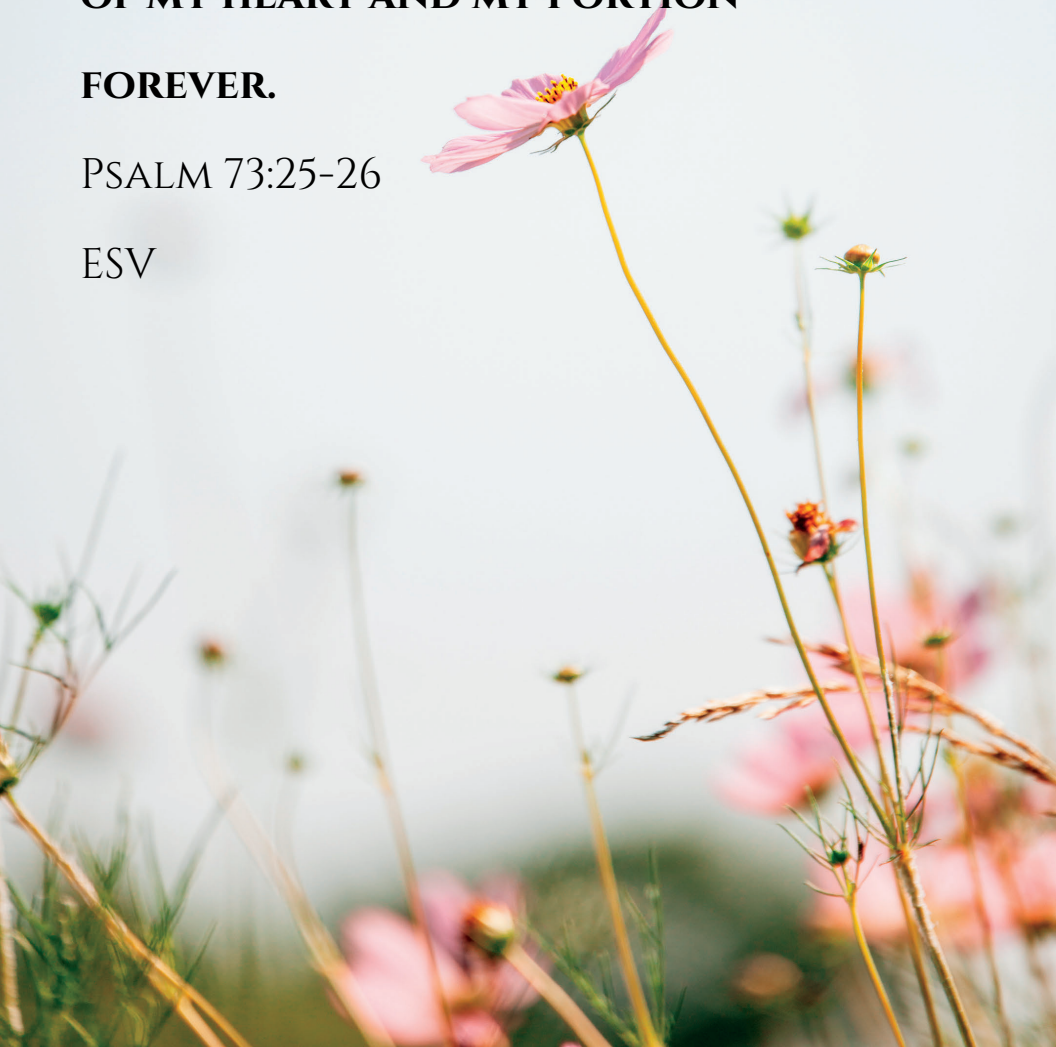
My Prayer:

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WHOM HAVE I IN HEAVEN BUT
YOU? AND THERE IS NOTHING ON
EARTH THAT I DESIRE BESIDES YOU.
**MY FLESH AND MY HEART MAY
FAIL, BUT GOD IS THE STRENGTH
OF MY HEART AND MY PORTION
FOREVER.**

PSALM 73:25-26

ESV



JANUARY 27, 2023

Whom have I in heaven but thee? and there is none upon earth that I desire beside thee. My flesh and my heart faileth: but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion for ever.

Psalm 73:25-26 KJV



- Who does the Psalmist look to in heaven and on Earth?
- What causes hearts and flesh to fail?
- What does it mean that God is our portion?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/75UCx8GRU0o>



**For thus saith the Lord God;
Behold, I, even I, will both
search my sheep, and seek
them out. As a shepherd
seeketh out his flock in the day
that he is among his sheep that
are scattered; so will I seek out
my sheep, and will deliver them
out of all places where they
have been scattered in the
cloudy and dark day.
Ezekiel 34:11-12 KJV**

JANUARY 30, 2023

For this is what the Sovereign Lord says: Look, I myself will search for my sheep and seek them out. As a shepherd seeks out his flock when he is among his scattered sheep, so I will seek out my flock. I will rescue them from all the places where they have been scattered on a cloudy, dark day.

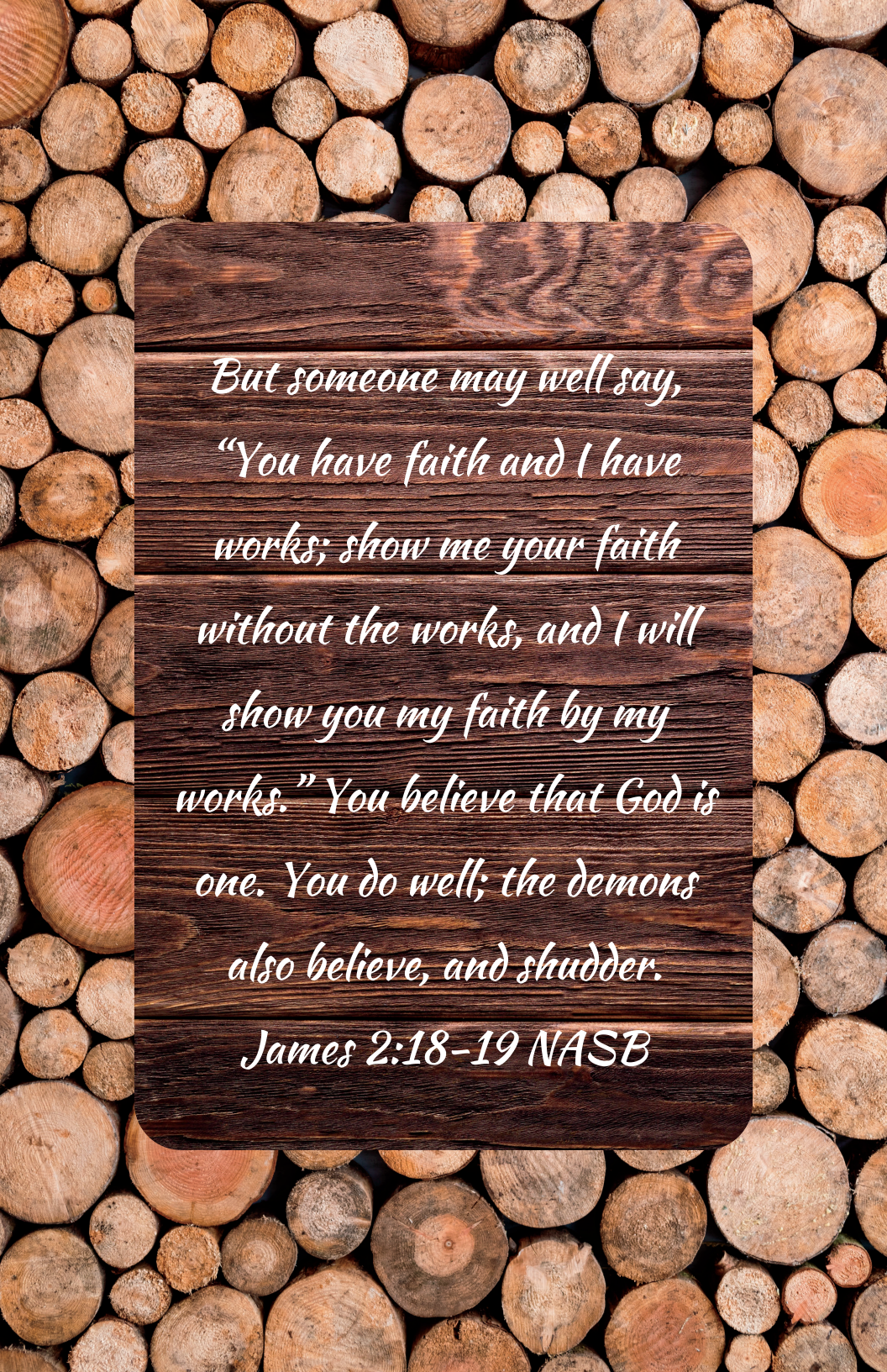
Ezekiel 34:11-12 NET



- Who are the sheep He is seeking out here?
- Why does He refer to them as sheep?
- Why do they need to be delivered?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/uJJCUGU-i0s>

The image features a background of numerous stacked logs, showing various wood grain patterns and colors from light tan to dark brown. Overlaid on this background is a dark, textured wood plank with rounded corners. The text is written in a white, elegant cursive font on this plank.

*But someone may well say,
“You have faith and I have
works; show me your faith
without the works, and I will
show you my faith by my
works.” You believe that God is
one. You do well; the demons
also believe, and shudder.*

James 2:18-19 NASB

JANUARY 31, 2023

Yea, a man may say, Thou hast faith, and I have works: shew me thy faith without thy works, and I will shew thee my faith by my works. 1Thou believest that there is one God; thou doest well: the devils also believe, and tremble.

James 2:18-19 KJV



- What is the relationship between Faith and works here?
- Is just belief enough? Why or why not?
- Does this mean the demons have faith? Why or why not?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/irY4NMiDPfY>

**And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt
among us, and we beheld his glory, the
glory as of the only begotten of the
Father, full of grace and truth.**



**John bare witness of him, and cried, saying,
This was he of whom I spake, He that cometh
after me is preferred before me: for he was
before me. And of his fulness have all we
received, and grace for grace.**

John 1:14-16 KJV

FEBRUARY 1, 2023

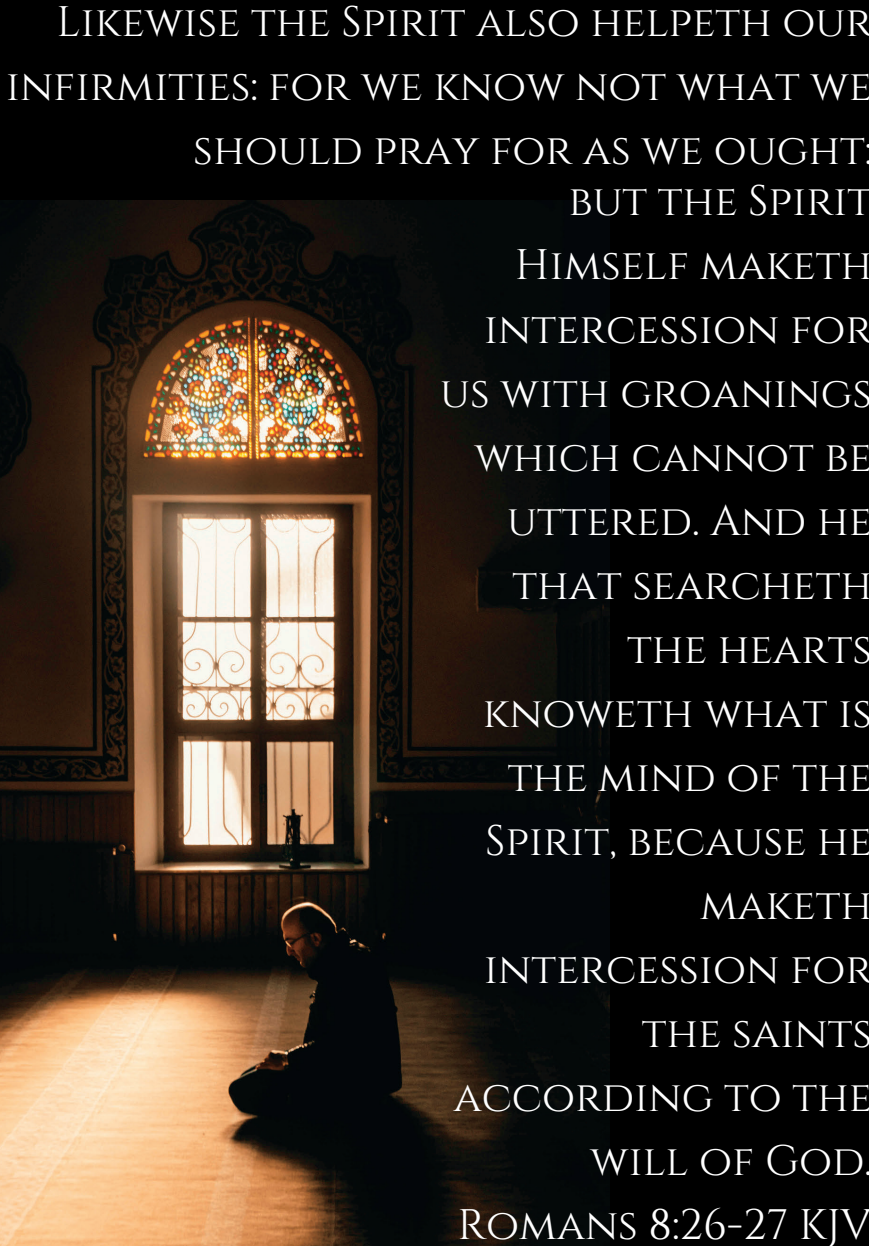
So the Word became human and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father's one and only Son. John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, "This is the one I was talking about when I said, 'Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.'" From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another.

John 1:14-16 NLT

- How was the Word like us and how was He different based upon these passages?
- What does John's testimony about Jesus, tell us about who Jesus is?
- What are the blessings we have received?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/gT6MB2cwNyw>

A photograph of a man kneeling in prayer on a wooden floor in a church. He is silhouetted against the light coming from a large, ornate window. The window features a semi-circular stained glass section at the top and a four-pane window below with decorative ironwork. The room is dimly lit, with the primary light source being the window, creating a dramatic and contemplative atmosphere.

LIKEWISE THE SPIRIT ALSO HELPETH OUR
INFIRMITIES: FOR WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE
SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT:
BUT THE SPIRIT
HIMSELF MAKETH
INTERCESSION FOR
US WITH GROANINGS
WHICH CANNOT BE
UTTERED. AND HE
THAT SEARCHETH
THE HEARTS
KNOWETH WHAT IS
THE MIND OF THE
SPIRIT, BECAUSE HE
MAKETH
INTERCESSION FOR
THE SAINTS
ACCORDING TO THE
WILL OF GOD.
ROMANS 8:26-27 KJV

FEBRUARY 2, 2023

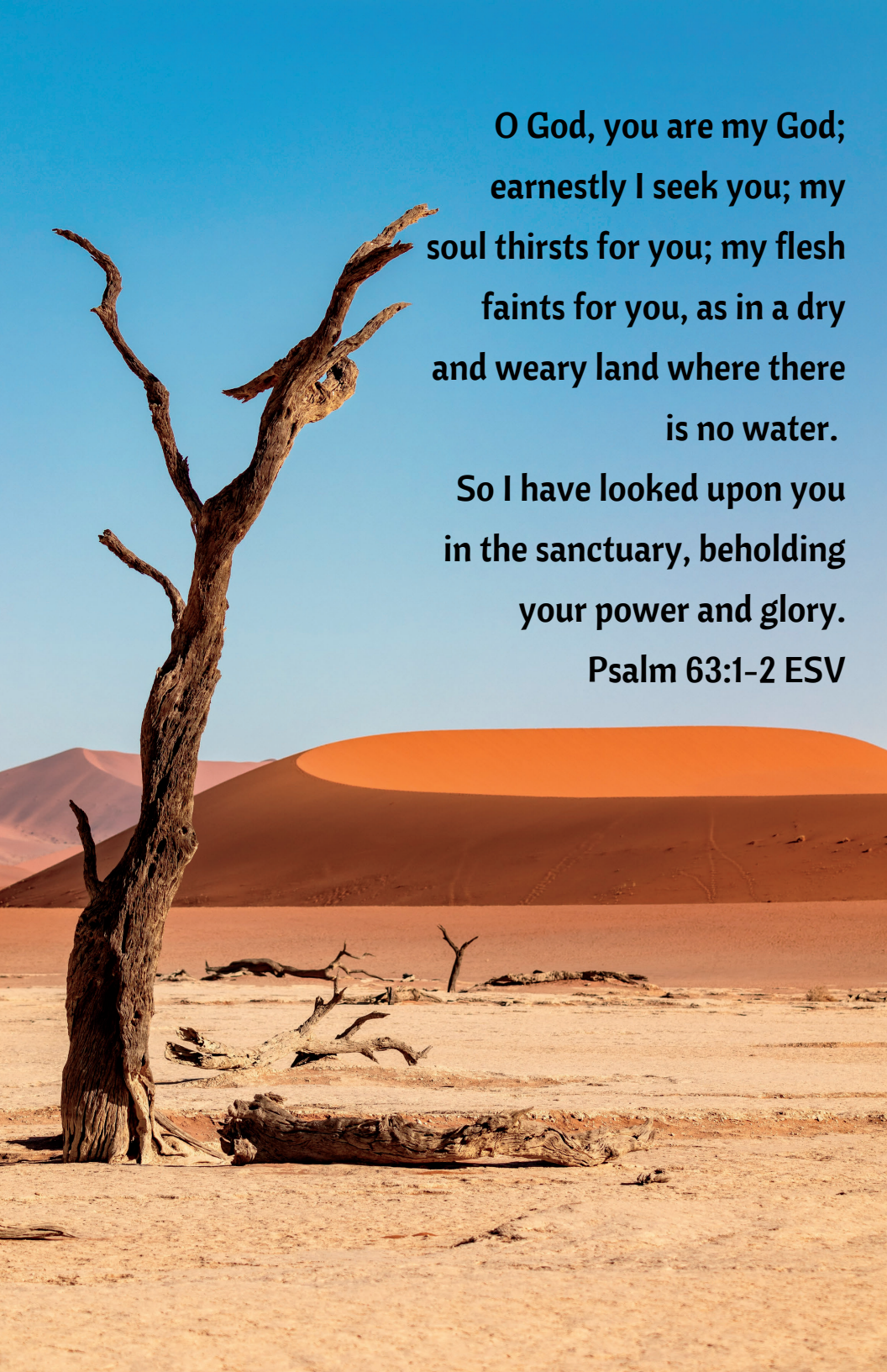
In the same way the Spirit also helps us in our weakness, because we do not know what to pray for as we should, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with inexpressible groanings. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because he intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

Romans 8:26-27 CSB

- How does the Spirit help us in our weaknesses?
- What are the inexpressible groanings?
- What standard does the Spirit use when praying for us?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/Ery4GoDNYFA>

A photograph of a dead, gnarled tree in a desert landscape. The tree is the central focus on the left side, with its twisted trunk and bare branches reaching upwards. The ground is dry and sandy, with several other dead tree trunks lying on the ground. In the background, there are large, smooth sand dunes in a vibrant orange color under a clear blue sky.

**O God, you are my God;
earnestly I seek you; my
soul thirsts for you; my flesh
faints for you, as in a dry
and weary land where there
is no water.**

**So I have looked upon you
in the sanctuary, beholding
your power and glory.**

Psalm 63:1-2 ESV

FEBRUARY 3, 2023

O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is; To see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.

Psalm 63:1-2 KJV

- Why is David so desperate here? Is it just a physical need?

- What is the sanctuary of God for David? What is it for us?

- What does the power and glory look like?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/UdS6fFDf170>

*Rejoice evermore.
Pray without ceasing.
In every thing give thanks:
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus
concerning you.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 KJV*



FEBRUARY 6, 2023

Always rejoice, constantly pray, in everything give thanks.

For this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 NET

- Why is it important to rejoice always?
- How is it possible to constantly pray?
- What things are they to give thanks for?
- Why no exceptions to any of these?

My Prayer:

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OBEY

SAMUEL SAID, "HAS THE LORD AS MUCH DELIGHT
IN BURNT OFFERINGS AND SACRIFICES AS IN
OBEYING THE VOICE OF THE LORD? BEHOLD, TO
OBEY IS BETTER THAN SACRIFICE, AND TO HEED
THAN THE FAT OF RAMS.

1 SAMUEL 15:22 NASB



SACRIFICE

FEBRUARY 7, 2023

And Samuel said, Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.

1 Samuel 15:22 KJV

- Does God delight in us doing good things for Him?
- Is this a choice of right or wrong, or a choice of better and best?
- Is giving God anything less than what He wants, sin? Why or why not?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/f8MLURyQXtQ>



For the law was given by Moses, but grace and truth came by Jesus Christ. No man hath seen God at any time, the only begotten Son, which is in the bosom of the Father, he hath declared him.

John 1:17-18 KJV



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For the law was given through Moses, but God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. 18 No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, is near to the Father's heart. He has revealed God to us.

John 1:17-18 NLT

- What difference is there between the law and God's love?

- What did God show through His Son?

- What did Jesus show about God?

My Prayer:

https://youtu.be/NtO2O0W_DBE

NOW THEREFORE FEAR THE LORD, AND SERVE HIM
IN SINCERITY AND IN TRUTH: AND PUT AWAY THE
GODS WHICH YOUR FATHERS SERVED ON THE
OTHER SIDE OF THE FLOOD, AND IN EGYPT; AND
SERVE YE THE LORD. AND IF IT SEEM EVIL UNTO
YOU TO SERVE THE LORD, CHOOSE YOU THIS DAY
WHOM YE WILL SERVE; WHETHER THE GODS
WHICH YOUR FATHERS SERVED THAT WERE ON
THE OTHER SIDE OF THE FLOOD, OR THE GODS OF
THE AMORITES, IN WHOSE LAND YE DWELL:
**BUT AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE, WE WILL
SERVE THE LORD.**

JOSHUA 24:14-15 KJV



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Therefore, fear the Lord and worship him in sincerity and truth. Get rid of the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River and in Egypt, and worship the Lord. But if it doesn't please you to worship the Lord, choose for yourselves today: Which will you worship—the gods your ancestors worshiped beyond the Euphrates River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living? As for me and my family, we will worship the Lord.

Joshua 24:14-15 CSB

- Why is fear and worship of God crucial?
- How is worship and service to God the same?
- Why must there be a decision who we will worship/serve?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/YtkYtRvcn4c>

CREATE IN ME A CLEAN HEART, O
GOD; AND RENEW A RIGHT SPIRIT
WITHIN ME. CAST ME NOT AWAY
FROM THY PRESENCE; AND TAKE
NOT THY HOLY SPIRIT FROM ME.
RESTORE UNTO ME THE JOY OF THY
SALVATION; AND UPHOLD ME
WITH THY FREE SPIRIT.
PSALM 51:10-12 KJV



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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit.

Psalm 51:10-12 ESV

- Who is the One who creates and renews?
- Why is there fear of being cast out of the presence of God?
- Why would restoration and continuation be necessary?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/px-eU1QjQiU>

But if you seek the Lord your God from there, you will find him, if, indeed, you seek him with all your heart and soul. In your distress when all these things happen to you in future days, if you return to the Lord your God and obey him (for he is a merciful God), he will not let you down or destroy you, for he cannot forget the covenant with your ancestors that he confirmed by oath to them.

Deuteronomy 4:29-31 NET



FEBRUARY 13, 2023

But if from thence thou shalt seek the Lord thy God, thou shalt find him, if thou seek him with all thy heart and with all thy soul. When thou art in tribulation, and all these things are come upon thee, even in the latter days, if thou turn to the Lord thy God, and shalt be obedient unto his voice; (For the Lord thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he sware unto them.

Deuteronomy 4:29-31 KJV

- Why is it necessary to seek God in order to find Him?
- Are some of the stresses of life a result of disobedience?
- What does these verses say about God's character?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/JH8CrsOzKxM>



**LOVE IS PATIENT,
LOVE IS KIND
AND IS NOT JEALOUS;
LOVE DOES NOT BRAG
AND IS NOT ARROGANT,
DOES NOT ACT UNBECOMINGLY;
IT DOES NOT SEEK ITS OWN,
IS NOT PROVOKED,
DOES NOT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT A
WRONG SUFFERED,
DOES NOT REJOICE IN
UNRIGHTEOUSNESS, BUT REJOICES WITH
THE TRUTH;
BEARS ALL THINGS,
BELIEVES ALL THINGS,
HOPES ALL THINGS,
ENDURES ALL THINGS.
1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-7 NASB**



FEBRUARY 14, 2023

Charity suffereth long, and is kind; charity envieth not; charity vaunteth not itself, is not puffed up, Doth not behave itself unseemly, seeketh not her own, is not easily provoked, thinketh no evil; Rejoiceth not in iniquity, but rejoiceth in the truth; Beareth all things, believeth all things, hopeth all things, endureth all things.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7 KJV

- How are these definitions of love different than the normal ones?
- Based on these verses is love more of a feeling or action?
- How important is commitment when it comes to love?

My Prayer:

https://youtu.be/64pidfAq_us



And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you. And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:4-5 KJV

FEBRUARY 15, 2023

And we are confident in the Lord that you are doing and will continue to do the things we commanded you. May the Lord lead your hearts into a full understanding and expression of the love of God and the patient endurance that comes from Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:4-5 NLT

- Why would Paul be so confident in their faithfulness?
- Why is it important to let the Lord lead the heart?
- Why is the love of God so important to be understood?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/kbPBDKOn1cc>



And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.

For what is a man advantaged, if he gain the whole world, and lose himself, or be cast away?

Luke 9:23-25 KJV

FEBRUARY 16, 2023


Then he said to them all, “If anyone wants to follow after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life because of me will save it. For what does it benefit someone if he gains the whole world, and yet loses or forfeits himself?

Luke 9:23-25 CSB

- What is denying and taking up the cross?
- Why do it daily?
- How does one lose their life by saving it?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/3Z1PjwW7Wog>



*I will lift up mine eyes unto the
hills, from whence cometh my help.
My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.
Psalm 121:1-2 KJV*

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**I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help
come? My help comes from the Lord, who made
heaven and earth.**

Psalm 121:1-2 ESV

- Why is the psalmist looking to the hills?
- Where is the help coming from?
- Why is the Psalmist reminding Himself of God as Creator?

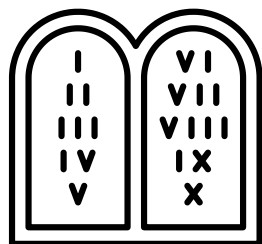
My Prayer:

I AM THE LORD THY
GOD, WHICH
BROUGHT THEE OUT
OF THE LAND OF
EGYPT, FROM THE
HOUSE OF BONDAGE.
THOU SHALT HAVE
NONE OTHER GODS
BEFORE ME.

DEUTERONOMY 5:6-7

KJV

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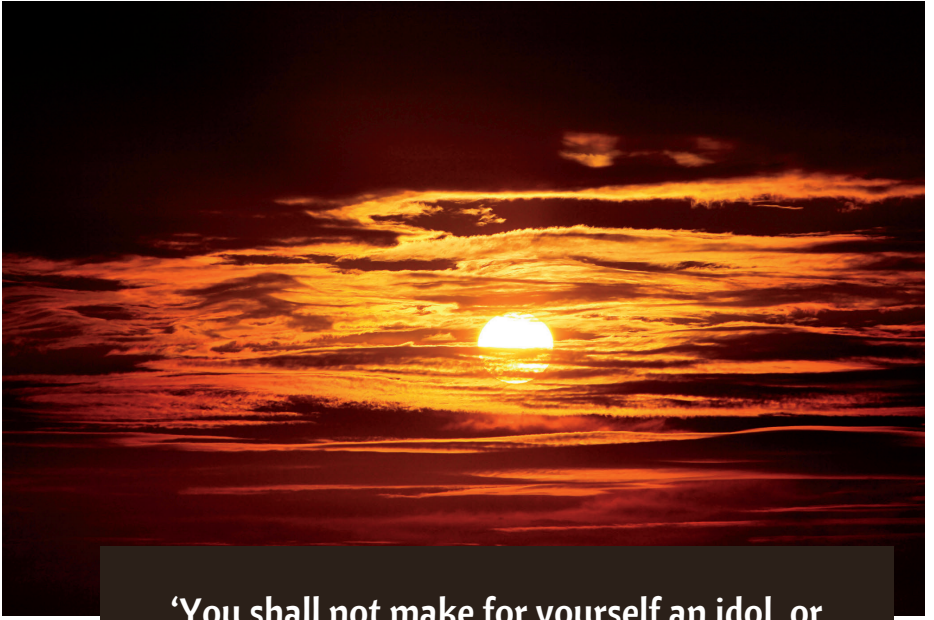
I am the Lord your God—he who brought you from the land of Egypt, from the place of slavery. You must not have any other gods besides me.

Deuteronomy 5:6-7 NET

- Why did they need reminding who God is?
- What temptations might they have when times get hard?
- Is this saying it is ok to have other gods as long as they are below Yahweh? Why or why not?

My Prayer:

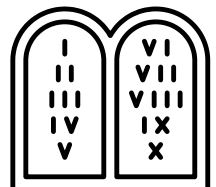
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'You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, and on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:8-10 NASB

II



FEBRUARY 21, 2023

Thou shalt not make thee any graven image, or any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the waters beneath the earth: Thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me, And shewing mercy unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

Deuteronomy 5:8-10 KJV

- Why doesn't God want idols to be made?
- Why is the punishment so severe?
- Why is His lovingkindness (mercy) so extreme?

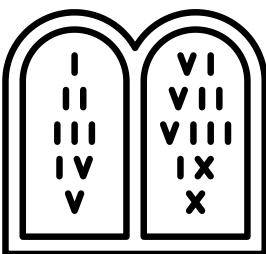
My Prayer:

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Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Deuteronomy 5:11 KJV



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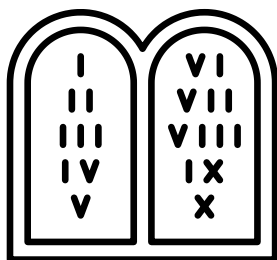
**You must not misuse the name of the Lord your God.
The Lord will not let you go unpunished if you misuse
his name.**

Deuteronomy 5:11 NLT

- Why is God's name so important?
- What does it mean to use God's name in vain?
- Why is God so diligent in punishing the misuse of His name?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/nl8OtOfzUDE>



IV

Be careful to remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy as the Lord your God has commanded you. You are to labor six days and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God. Do not do any work—you, your son or daughter, your male or female slave, your ox or donkey, any of your livestock, or the resident alien who lives within your city gates, so that your male and female slaves may rest as you do. Remember that you were a slave in the land of Egypt, and the Lord your God brought you out of there with a strong hand and an outstretched arm. That is why the Lord your God has commanded you to keep the Sabbath day.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 CSB

FEBRUARY 23, 2023

Keep the sabbath day to sanctify it, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee. Six days thou shalt labour, and do all thy work: But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thine ox, nor thine ass, nor any of thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates; that thy manservant and thy maidservant may rest as well as thou. And remember that thou wast a servant in the land of Egypt, and that the Lord thy God brought thee out thence through a mighty hand and by a stretched out arm: therefore the Lord thy God commanded thee to keep the sabbath day.

Deuteronomy 5:12-15 KJV

- What is important about a day of rest?
- What does it mean “to keep it holy”?
- Why don't Christians keep the Sabbath (Saturday) today?

My Prayer:

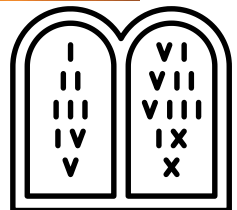
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Honour thy father and thy mother, as the Lord thy God hath commanded thee; that thy days may be prolonged, and that it may go well with thee, in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Deuteronomy 5:16 KJV



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FEBRUARY 24, 2023

Honor your father and your mother, as the Lord your God commanded you, that your days may be long, and that it may go well with you in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

Deuteronomy 5:16 ESV

- Why does this relationship mean so much to God?
- How are the days long if this is obeyed?
- What does it mean that things would go well in the land?

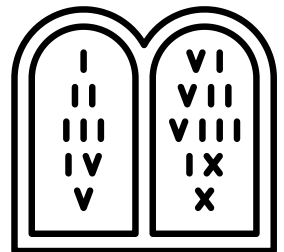
My Prayer:

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THOU SHALT NOT KILL.
DEUTERONOMY 5:17
KJV

VI



FEBRUARY 27, 2023

You must not murder.

Deuteronomy 5:17 NET

- Is there a difference between to kill and to murder?
- Does this command extend to war?
- Is murder/killing ever justified?

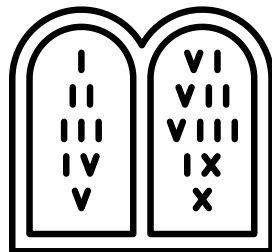
My Prayer:

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**You shall not commit
adultery.
Deuteronomy 5:18 NASB**



VII



FEBRUARY 28, 2023

Neither shalt thou commit adultery.

Deuteronomy 5:18 KJV

- What constitutes adultery?

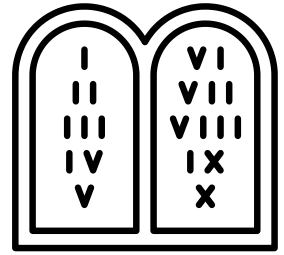
- How far does this go? (see Matthew 5:27-30)

- Who is hurt by this sin?

My Prayer:

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VIII



**YOU MUST NOT STEAL.
DEUTERONOMY 5:19 NLT**

MARCH 1, 2023

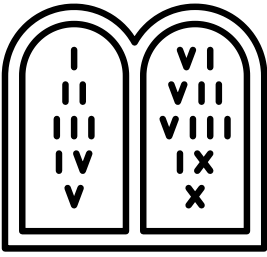
**Neither shalt thou steal.
Deuteronomy 5:19 KJV**



- Why is stealing one of the to 10 things God forbids?
- Are there ways people steal other than taking items that belong to someone else?
- Is stealing ever acceptable? Why or why not?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/U6JVI1d5vZ8>



IX



**Neither shalt thou bear false
witness against thy neighbour.
Deuteronomy 5:20 KJV**

MARCH 2, 2023

Do not give dishonest testimony against your neighbor.

Deuteronomy 5:20 CSB



- Is this different than, “Do not lie?”

- Why should they be truthful towards their neighbors?

- How would this impact our relationships with our neighbors?

My Prayer:

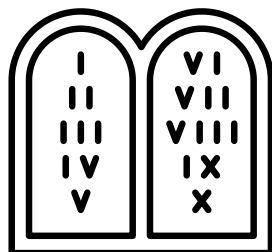
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And you shall not covet
your neighbor's wife.
And you shall not desire
your neighbor's house,
his field, or his male
servant, or his female
servant, his ox, or his
donkey, or anything that
is your neighbor's.

Deuteronomy 5:21 ESV

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MARCH 3, 2023

Neither shalt thou desire thy neighbour's wife, neither shalt thou covet thy neighbour's house, his field, or his manservant, or his maidservant, his ox, or his ass, or any thing that is thy neighbour's.

Deuteronomy 5:21 KJV



- When talking about the neighbor's wife, is this the same as the command to not commit adultery?
- Why is coveting so wrong, if you aren't acting upon it?
- How does coveting affect your relationship with God?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/sbJjpn9DKE4>

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke on you and learn from me, because I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy to bear, and my load is not hard to carry.

Matthew 11:28-30 NET



MARCH 6, 2023

Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30 KJV

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- Who can find rest in Christ?
 - What is the yoke of Christ?
 - What lessons are to be learned from Christ?

My Prayer:

https://youtu.be/gXFbT_oA_0k



The God who made the world and all things in it, since He is Lord of heaven and earth, does not dwell in temples made with hands; nor is He served by human hands, as though He needed anything, since He Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things;

Acts 17:24-25 NASB

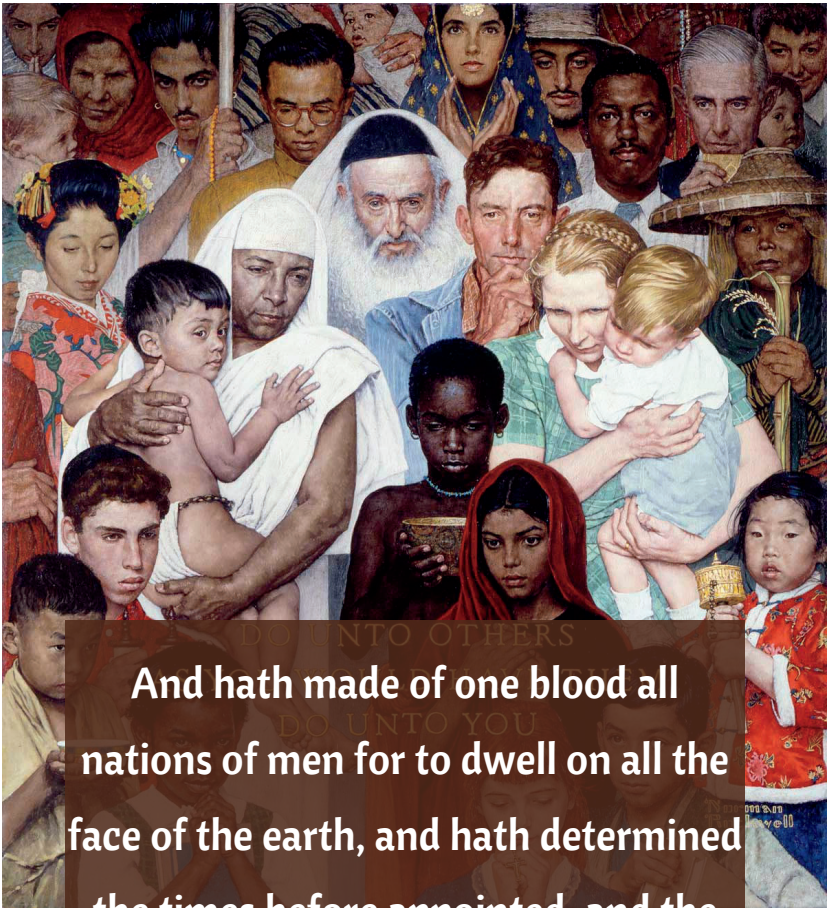
MARCH 7, 2023

God that made the world and all things therein, seeing that he is Lord of heaven and earth, dwelleth not in temples made with hands; Neither is worshipped with men's hands, as though he needed any thing, seeing he giveth to all life, and breath, and all things;
Acts 17:24-25 KJV

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- Why is it important to know God created the heavens and the Earth?
 - If God does not need worship, why worship?
 - Who is the source of all life? And how does this change our view of life?
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My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/YV0rGUamh6s>



And hath made of one blood all nations of men for to dwell on all the face of the earth, and hath determined the times before appointed, and the bounds of their habitation; That they should seek the Lord, if haply they might feel after him, and find him, though he be not far from every one of us:

Acts 17:26-27 KJV

MARCH 8, 2023

From one man he created all the nations throughout the whole earth. He decided beforehand when they should rise and fall, and he determined their boundaries. His purpose was for the nations to seek after God and perhaps feel their way toward him and find him—though he is not far from any one of us.


Acts 17:26-27 NLT



- Who is the “one man”?
- Why did God determine the fate of the nations?
- Why does He feel so far from them?

My Prayer:

https://youtu.be/z_Ss_GqwK6k

A wooden Adirondack chair is positioned on a wooden dock in the foreground, facing away from the viewer towards a calm body of water. The background shows a soft, hazy sunset or sunrise over the water, with a line of trees visible on the far shore. The overall mood is peaceful and contemplative.

*Because of the Lord's faithful love we do not
perish, for his mercies never end.*

*They are new every morning; great is your
faithfulness! I say, "The Lord is my portion,
therefore I will put my hope in him."*

Lamentations 3:22-24 CSB

MARCH 9, 2023

It is of the Lord's mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness. The Lord is my portion, saith my soul; therefore will I hope in him.

Lamentations 3:22-24 KJV




- Why is understanding God's faithfulness so important?

- What does the Psalmist mean that the Lord is his portion?

- Why does this inspire hope?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/kRkz4TuRUXE>



THEREFORE MY HEART
IS GLAD, AND MY
WHOLE BEING
REJOICES; MY FLESH
ALSO DWELLS SECURE.
FOR YOU WILL NOT
ABANDON MY SOUL
TO SHEOL, OR LET
YOUR HOLY ONE SEE
CORRUPTION.
YOU MAKE KNOWN TO
ME THE PATH OF LIFE;
IN YOUR PRESENCE
THERE IS FULLNESS OF
JOY; AT YOUR RIGHT
HAND ARE PLEASURES
FOREVERMORE.
PSALM 16:9-11 ESV

MARCH 10, 2023

Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt shew me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.

Psalm 16:9-11 KJV



- What reasons makes the Psalmist glad?
- Does this verse mean someone can escape hell after they go there? Why or why not?
- What is the result of being in His presence?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/16kshy3JsdM>

Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that those who are recognized as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and those in high positions use their authority over them. But it is not this way among you. Instead whoever wants to be great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first among you must be the slave of all.

For even the Son of Man did not come to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.”

Mark 10:42-45 NET



MARCH 13, 2023

But Jesus called them to him, and saith unto them, Ye know that they which are accounted to rule over the Gentiles exercise lordship over them; and their great ones exercise authority upon them. But so shall it not be among you: but whosoever will be great among you, shall be your minister: And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

Mark 10 42-45 KJV



- What is the path to greatness?
- What does being a “slave” mean?
- How was Jesus an example for this?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/QDjpK7O-JJE>



I do set my bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a token of a covenant between me and the earth. And it shall come to pass, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow shall be seen in the cloud: And I will remember my covenant, which is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall no more become a flood to destroy all flesh. And the bow shall be in the cloud; and I will look upon it, that I may remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, This is the token of the covenant, which I have established between me and all flesh that is upon the earth.

Genesis 9:13-17 KJV

MARCH 14, 2023

I set My bow in the cloud, and it shall be for a sign of a covenant between Me and the earth. It shall come about, when I bring a cloud over the earth, that the bow will be seen in the cloud, and I will remember My covenant, which is between Me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and never again shall the water become a flood to destroy all flesh. When the bow is in the cloud, then I will look upon it, to remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” And God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant which I have established between Me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

Genesis 9: 13-17 NASB

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- Why would God use a rainbow to symbolize His commitment to the Earth?
 - Is this really a reminder to God of His covenant?
 - Who is the covenant with?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/9RfQkK5jNBU>

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. And they that are Christ's have crucified the flesh with the affections and lusts.

Galatians 5:22-24 KJV



MARCH 15, 2023

But the Holy Spirit produces this kind of fruit in our lives: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against these things! Those who belong to Christ Jesus have nailed the passions and desires of their sinful nature to his cross and crucified them there.

Galatians 5:22-24 NLT

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- Who produces this fruit?
 - How do we receive this fruit?
 - Are each of these separate fruit or all a part of the same fruit?

My Prayer:

https://youtu.be/ZaiqRAv6m_E

Therefore, brothers and sisters, in view of the mercies of God, I urge you to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God; this is your true worship.

Do not be conformed to this age, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may discern what is the good, pleasing, and perfect will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 CSB



MARCH 16, 2023

I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Romans 12:1-2 KJV



- What part do the mercies of God have with presenting our bodies as a living sacrifice?
- How is this worship?
- How are we changed?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/FsMykFfNF40>




**God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. Selah
Psalm 146:1-3 ESV**

MARCH 17, 2023

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.

Psalm 46:1-3 KJV

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- How close is God when trouble comes our way?
 - What should our reaction be when trouble appears?
 - What if everything we know falls apart?

My Prayer:

https://youtu.be/PKs_gQecaDY

AND I WILL BETROTH THEE
UNTO ME FOR EVER; YEA, I WILL
BETROTH THEE UNTO ME IN
RIGHTEOUSNESS, AND IN
JUDGMENT, AND IN
LOVINGKINDNESS, AND IN
MERCIES. I WILL EVEN
BETROTH THEE UNTO ME IN
FAITHFULNESS: AND THOU
SHALT KNOW THE LORD.
HOSEA 2:19-20 KJV



MARCH 20, 2023

I will commit myself to you forever; I will commit myself to you in righteousness and justice, in steadfast love and tender compassion. I will commit myself to you in faithfulness; then you will acknowledge the Lord.

Hosea 2:19-20 NET



- Is there a difference between committing and committing in righteousness, judgement, etc.?

- Who will acknowledge the Lord? Why?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/rcgm96YYflk>




MASTER, WHICH IS THE GREAT
COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW? JESUS SAID
UNTO HIM, THOU SHALT LOVE THE LORD
THY GOD WITH ALL THY HEART, AND
WITH ALL THY SOUL, AND WITH ALL THY
MIND. THIS IS THE FIRST AND GREAT
COMMANDMENT. AND THE SECOND IS
LIKE UNTO IT, THOU SHALT LOVE THY
NEIGHBOR AS THYSELF. ON THESE TWO
COMMANDMENTS HANG ALL THE LAW
AND THE PROPHETS.

MATTHEW 22:36-40 KJV

MARCH 21, 2023


**“Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?”
And He said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all
your mind.’ This is the great and foremost
commandment. The second is like it, ‘You shall love your
neighbor as yourself.’ On these two commandments
depend the whole Law and the Prophets.”**

Matthew 22:36-40 NASB

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- Why do we love God with 3 parts of our being?
 - Why is this the greatest commandment?
 - Why are these 2 commandments the foundation of everything else?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/sSMRkQz0sIY>



Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will shew thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed.

Genesis 12:1-3 KJV



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MARCH 22, 2023

The Lord had said to Abram, “Leave your native country, your relatives, and your father’s family, and go to the land that I will show you. I will make you into a great nation. I will bless you and make you famous, and you will be a blessing to others. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who treat you with contempt. All the families on earth will be blessed through you.”

Genesis 12:1-3 NLT

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- How big/life-changing is God’s command to Abram?
 - Why would Abram do it?
 - What is the reward for Abram in obeying?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/MSLIGff9j1U>

*Finally brothers and sisters,
whatever is true, whatever is
honorable, whatever is just,
whatever is pure, whatever is lovely,
whatever is commendable—if there is
any moral excellence and if there is
anything praiseworthy—dwell on
these things. Do what you have
learned and received and heard from
me, and seen in me, and the God of
peace will be with you.*

Philippians 4:8-9 CSB



MARCH 23, 2023

Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things. Those things, which ye have both learned, and received, and heard, and seen in me, do: and the God of peace shall be with you.

Philippians 4:8-9 KJV



- Why is it important to think/dwell on these things?
- Is it enough to just think about them?
- What is the reward of obedience from these things?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/puol-W70sY0>



FOR YOU FORMED MY INWARD PARTS;
YOU KNITTED ME TOGETHER IN MY
MOTHER'S WOMB. I PRAISE YOU, FOR I AM
FEARFULLY AND WONDERFULLY MADE.
WONDERFUL ARE YOUR WORKS; MY SOUL
KNOWS IT VERY WELL. MY FRAME WAS
NOT HIDDEN FROM YOU, WHEN I WAS
BEING MADE IN SECRET, INTRICATELY
WOVEN IN THE DEPTHS OF THE EARTH.
YOUR EYES SAW MY UNFORMED
SUBSTANCE; IN YOUR BOOK WERE
WRITTEN, EVERY ONE OF THEM, THE DAYS
THAT WERE FORMED FOR ME WHEN AS
YET THERE WAS NONE OF THEM.
PSALM 139:13-16 CSB



MARCH 24, 2023

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb. I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well. My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth. Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

Psalm 139:13-16 KJV



- What is the significance of being created by God with such care and precision?
- How do our souls recognize God's works?
- Does God control our days or does He provide the days we have for His glory?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/XrYILn0KtXA>



Faithful

But the Lord is faithful, who shall establish you, and keep you from evil.

And we have confidence in the Lord touching you, that ye both do and will do the things which we command you.

And the Lord direct your hearts into the love of God, and into the patient waiting for Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:3-5 KJV



MARCH 27, 2032

But the Lord is faithful, and he will strengthen you and protect you from the evil one. And we are confident about you in the Lord that you are both doing—and will do—what we are commanding. Now may the Lord direct your hearts toward the love of God and the endurance of Christ.

2 Thessalonians 3:3-5 NET



- How is the faithfulness of God related to His strength and protection?

- Why would Paul be so confident about what they are doing?

- Who directs their hearts? And why?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/00VfVeZwLuM>



Though the fig tree should not blossom and there be no fruit on the vines, though the yield of the olive should fail and the fields produce no food, though the flock should be cut off from the fold and there be no cattle in the stalls, Yet I will exult in the Lord, I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.

The Lord God is my strength, He has made my feet like hinds' feet, and makes me walk on my high places.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 NASB

MARCH 28, 2023

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labour of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls: Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation. The Lord God is my strength, and he will make my feet like hinds' feet, and he will make me to walk upon mine high places.

Habakkuk 3:17-19 KJV



- What is the prophet describing in verse 17?
- What would you expect someone's reaction be to this? What was his?
- How is he able to look at it differently?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/OPMaRqGJPUU>



**NOT THAT I WAS EVER IN NEED,
FOR I HAVE LEARNED HOW TO
BE CONTENT WITH WHATEVER I
HAVE. I KNOW HOW TO LIVE
ON ALMOST NOTHING OR
WITH EVERYTHING. I HAVE
LEARNED THE SECRET OF
LIVING IN EVERY SITUATION,
WHETHER IT IS WITH A FULL
STOMACH OR EMPTY, WITH
PLENTY OR LITTLE. FOR I CAN
DO EVERYTHING THROUGH
CHRIST, WHO GIVES ME
STRENGTH.**

PHILIPPIANS 4:11-13 NLT



MARCH 29, 2023

Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, therewith to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.


Philippians 4:11-13 KJV



- Was Paul actually well off, or does he just have a change of perception?
- What has Paul experienced in his life?
- Based on this context, how does it change our usual perspective on verse 13?

My Prayer:

https://youtu.be/Be_z6k5Vdw4



This is my commandment,
That ye love one another, as I
have loved you. Greater love
hath no man than this, that a
man lay down his life for his
friends. Ye are my friends, if
ye do whatsoever I command
you. Henceforth I call you not
servants; for the servant
knoweth not what his lord
doeth: but I have called you
friends; for all things that I
have heard of my Father I have
made known unto you.

John 15:12-15 KJV



Friends

MARCH 30, 2023

This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father.

John 15:12-15 CSB



- What is the relationship between our feeling for Christ and our obedience to Christ?

- What kind of friends are we with Christ?

- How do we know what the Father is doing?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/VhjYgLDWXOs>



*Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!
Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!
Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!
The young lions suffer want and hunger;
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.
Psalm 34:8-10 ESV*



MARCH 31, 2023

O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the Lord, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing.

Psalm 34:8-10 KJV



- How can you “taste and see” the goodness of God?
- Is fear simply respect or is there more to it?
- Why the comparison to young lions?

My Prayer:

<https://youtu.be/DfW2mkkMTAg>

