

Deeply Rooted Journal

January-March 2021

Psalm 1 uses the illustration of a tree to show us that we are to be rooted in God's Word. Being rooted in God's Word involves more than simply reading it. I encourage you to read the Scripture and meditate on it (Psalm 1:2).

How do we meditate on God's Word? By thinking about it. The questions this journal will prompt you to answer will lead you to think deeply about the verses you read. Allow the verses and truths in them to fill your mind throughout the day. Psalm 1 tells us that when we are rooted in and meditate on His Word we will be "like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither" (ESV).

How do I structure a time during the day to root myself in the Word of God? Think about your day and plan for 20-30 minutes to do the following things:

1. Pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to turn your attention to Him and help you understand His Word.
2. Read the Scripture for the day. It is not a lot of Scripture. Read it again to really focus in on what the Word says.
3. Answer the questions provided in this journal.
4. Pray. Ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to apply the Word of God to your life.

On the next page, you will see an overview of the devotions for this first journal. As you spend time with the Lord this year, I am praying for you to be rooted in God's Word and led by the Spirit to apply it to your life.

Pastor Nate Williams

JANUARY 2021

| Date | Scripture |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Monday, January 4 th | Psalm 131 |
| Tuesday, January 5 th | Ezekiel 37:26, Philippians 4 |
| Wednesday, January 6 th | Matthew 8:23-27 |
| Thursday, January 7 th | Psalm 112 |
| Friday, January 8 th | Ephesians 2 |
| Monday, January 11 th | Romans 1:1-17 |
| Tuesday, January 12 th | Romans 1:18-32 |
| Wednesday, January 13 th | Romans 2:1-16 |
| Thursday, January 14 th | Romans 2:17-29 |
| Friday, January 15 th | Romans 3:1-20 |
| Monday, January 18 th | Romans 3:21-31 |
| Tuesday, January 19 th | Romans 4:1-25 |
| Wednesday, January 20 th | Romans 5:1-11 |
| Thursday, January 21 st | Romans 5:12-21 |
| Friday, January 22 nd | Romans 6:1-14 |
| Monday, January 25 th | Romans 6:15-23 |
| Tuesday, January 26 th | Romans 7:1-13 |
| Wednesday, January 27 th | Romans 7:14-25 |
| Thursday, January 28 th | Romans 8:1-17 |
| Friday, January 29 th | Romans 8:18-25 |

FEBRUARY 2021

| Date | Scripture |
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| Monday, February 1 st | Romans 8:26-39 |
| Tuesday, February 2 nd | Romans 9:1-19 |
| Wednesday, February 3 rd | Romans 9:20-33 |
| Thursday, February 4 th | Romans 10:1-21 |
| Friday, February 5 th | Romans 11:1-24 |
| Monday, February 8 th | Romans 11:25-36 |
| Tuesday, February 9 th | Romans 12:1-8 |
| Wednesday, February 10 th | Romans 12:9-21 |
| Thursday, February 11 th | Romans 13:1-14 |
| Friday, February 12 th | Romans 14:1-12 |
| Monday, February 15 th | Romans 14:13-23 |
| Tuesday, February 16 th | Romans 15:1-21 |
| Wednesday, February 17 th | Romans 15:22-33 |
| Thursday, February 18 th | Romans 16:1-16 |
| Friday, February 19 th | Romans 16:17-27 |
| Monday, February 22 nd | Psalm 1 |
| Tuesday, February 23 rd | Psalm 8 |
| Wednesday, February 24 th | Psalm 19 |
| Thursday, February 25 th | Psalm 23 |
| Friday, February 26 th | Psalm 27 |

MARCH 2021

| Date | Scripture |
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| Monday, March 1 st | Psalms 34 |
| Tuesday, March 2 nd | Psalms 42 |
| Wednesday, March 3 rd | Psalms 46 |
| Thursday, March 4 th | Psalms 51 |
| Friday, March 5 th | Psalms 61 |
| Monday, March 8 th | Psalms 62 |
| Tuesday, March 9 th | Psalms 63 |
| Wednesday, March 10 th | Psalms 73 |
| Thursday, March 11 th | Psalms 84 |
| Friday, March 12 th | Psalms 98 |
| Monday, March 15 th | Psalms 107 |
| Tuesday, March 16 th | Psalms 115 |
| Wednesday, March 17 th | Psalms 119:1-24 |
| Thursday, March 18 th | Psalms 119:25-56 |
| Friday, March 19 th | Psalms 119: 57-72 |
| Monday, March 22 nd | Psalms 119:73-104 |
| Tuesday, March 23 rd | Psalms 119:105-128 |
| Wednesday, March 24 th | Psalms 119:129-144 |
| Thursday, March 25 th | Psalms 119:145-160 |
| Friday, March 26 th | Psalms 119:161-176 |

Monday, January 4, 2021

Come abide with the Lord Jesus Christ today as a child. When children trust, they come willing to rest and are content with the person they trust. Commit to consistently come to Jesus this year with complete trust in Him. When we come to Jesus with the attitude of a child, we will find peace (shalom).

Read Psalm 131.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Tuesday, January 5, 2021

Peace (shalom) is a state of wholeness and security. The foundation of hope is the peace we receive from Jesus Christ that does not compare to anything this world has to offer. The “peace” this world offers us is fleeting, but the peace offered to us by God is everlasting. Peace is a fruit of the Spirit that surpasses all comprehension and guards our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

Read Ezekiel 37:26 and Philippians 4.

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Wednesday, January 6, 2021

Anxiety steals your sleep. When we are riddled with anxiety, we often sleep light or don't sleep at all; when we do sleep, we are woken up by small noises. Jesus was able to sleep on a boat, in the middle of a storm because He trusted His Father completely. He was at peace (shalom) with His Father, and so He was able to rest. On the other hand, the disciples were frantically panicking. Cry out to Jesus like the disciples did that night on the boat. Recognize He has power and call Him Lord. Be honest with Jesus, today, and tell Him what is stealing your peace.

Read Matthew 8:23-27.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Thursday, January 7, 2021

Nothing can separate those in the Kingdom of God from Jesus (Romans 8:38-39). Those who believe and trust in Jesus are called righteous. The righteous won't be moved. They are not afraid of bad news, have firm hearts, and trust God (Psalm. 112:6-7).

Read Psalm 112.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Friday, January 8, 2021

Jesus came and, through His suffering, He replaced the enmity between us and God with peace. He simultaneously replaced the peace we once had with Satan and the world with enmity. Before salvation, we followed the prince of the power of the air, but now we follow Jesus, the Prince of Peace. Jesus has made peace available to us with God and leads us to live peaceably with others.

Read Ephesians 2.

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Monday, January 11, 2021

In these opening verses of Romans, Paul emphasizes that we have “been set apart for the gospel of God” (v1). It is the Holy Spirit, through salvation and sanctification, who does the work of setting us apart. We are set apart for the gospel of God according to the Spirit who supplies us with holiness.

Read Romans 1:1-17.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Tuesday, January 12, 2021

Today's reading displays the result of a lack of submission to the Holy Spirit. Like the list of the works of flesh found in Galatians 5:17-21, here we find a description of a life opposite of the fruit of the Spirit.

Read Romans 1:18-32.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Wednesday, January 13, 2021

In today's reading, we see God's judgment rightly falls on those who live in sin. We also see a great promise—the promise of glory, honor, and peace given to those who live in righteousness. The point of these verses is that those who have the law written on their hearts will be doers of the Word, not just hearers of it.

Read Romans 2:1-16.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Thursday, January 14, 2021

What is said about the Holy Spirit in these verses will be reaffirmed and explained in Romans 1:1-6. Essentially, Paul is saying the Holy Spirit serves as the key to working out the New Covenant in the life of a believer. The New Covenant is not applied to the believer without the work of the Holy Spirit.

Read Romans 2:17-29.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Friday, January 15, 2021

Yesterday's reading revealed to us that it is the Spirit's work that makes us new creations in Christ. Today, Paul concludes a large section of Scripture (1:18-3:20) that teaches all are sinners. Right-standing with God is only available for those who trust in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. When we are tempted to condemn others for their sins, we must remember we, too, are guilty of sin (Romans 2:21-24). What sins are you most prone to condemn others of? Confess this attitude of judgment to the Lord.

Read Romans 3:1-20.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Monday, January 18, 2021

Today's reading reveals what sets Christianity apart from every other religion in the world: we are not made right with God through our own works but by His works.

Read Romans 3:21-31.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

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- Confess sin.
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Tuesday, January 19, 2021

Today's reading highlights faith as the means by which our eyes are opened to the beauty of God. We are reminded that faith is a gift from God, rooted in the work of God. We cannot attain it with our works, only by His work. We also are reminded that God is faithful to do what He says He will do. He always finishes what He starts.

Read Romans 4:1-25.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

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Wednesday, January 20, 2021

In today's reading, the magnificence of the work of the Holy Spirit is on full display. The love of God is poured out into our hearts. It is through the work of the Spirit that we experience the love of God, and, thus, we have hope. This is not a wishful hope, but a hope of certainty, because of God's love poured out through the Spirit.

Read Romans 5:1-11.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
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- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
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Thursday, January 21, 2021

These verses refer to sin and grace as absolute truths. The reference to Adam and his sin is a concrete expression of sin for all people. The reference to God's free gift is a concrete expression of grace available to all through Jesus Christ. As we submit to Jesus, grace will reign through righteousness.

Read Romans 5:12-21.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

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Friday, January 22, 2021

Though the Holy Spirit is not mentioned explicitly in these verses, He is at work to bring the truths spoken of to be a reality in the life of all disciples of Jesus. In Romans 6:4, we are reminded of the work of the Spirit in two ways: (1) It is by the power of the Spirit that Jesus was raised to life; and (2) the phrase, “walk in newness of life,” points ahead to the phrase, “newness of the Spirit,” in Romans 7:6 The Spirit is not only our source of life but also the means by which we live that life.

Read Romans 6:1-14.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Monday, January 25, 2021

These verses reveal our natural human limitations. Limited to only natural abilities, we will live enslaved to sin. But through the supernatural work of the Spirit, we are freed from slavery to sin and are now bonded to righteousness that leads to sanctification.

Read Romans 6:15-23.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Tuesday, January 26, 2021

For followers of Jesus, the death of Jesus Christ and the gift of the Holy Spirit ended our former way of life. We are also released from the law (7:6). The law reveals our fallen nature and inability to know God. But through Jesus Christ, we are released from the law and brought into a relationship with Him.

Read Romans 7:1-13.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Wednesday, January 27, 2021

In today's reading, Paul describes life before and life after Christ. Before Christ, life is defined by our flesh. After Christ, life is defined by the Spirit. Like Paul, before Christ transformed us, we did not have the ability to do what was right. But through the Spirit, we now are empowered to honor Christ and live in righteousness.

Read Romans 7:14-25.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Thursday, January 28, 2021

The Holy Spirit is the life-giving power that everything Paul has argued for in Romans hinges upon. The Holy Spirit sets us free from law and makes both Jew and Gentile children of God and heirs of His glory. The Holy Spirit makes living in righteousness possible.

Read Romans 8:1-17.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Friday, January 29, 2021

All of us—the whole earth in fact—must endure suffering, weakness, decay, groanings and sighs, all while waiting eagerly for the glory that is to come. Today's reading reminds us we do not endure these things without hope. We are also reminded that, compared to an eternity of glory with Jesus Christ, these momentary sufferings are nothing. With hope-filled hearts, we are able to endure suffering and wait patiently for the glory to come.

Read Romans 8:18-25.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

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Monday, February 1, 2021

The verses in today's reading are directly tied to the previous verses. They are specifically tied to Romans 8:16, which tells us the Holy Spirit bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Because the Spirit is connected to us, we are able to know His strength in our weakness, be prayed for by the Spirit in our sufferings, and have all things work together for good. Do not miss the beautiful life-changing truths in today's reading; that though we once walked in the ways of our flesh, we now, by the Spirit, live in the love of God. And nothing can separate us from His love.

Read Romans 8:26-39.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

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Tuesday, February 2, 2021

The same Holy Spirit Paul has just written about in the previous chapter now attests to Paul's truthfulness. What truth is it the Holy Spirit is affirming? The mercy of God through Jesus Christ. "Guilty" is the verdict each of us deserves, but through Jesus Christ, we are shown mercy in the form of grace and forgiveness.

Read Romans 9:1-19.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
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Wednesday, February 3, 2021

Romans 9 brings up difficult questions about the character of God, like “how can a loving God be wrathful toward sin?” God is wrathful toward sin because He is a good and perfect Judge. In His love, He calls us to place our faith in His righteousness, not our own. He loves you so much that He sent His Son, Jesus Christ, to die the death you deserve.

Read Romans 9:20-33.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
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- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Thursday, February 4, 2021

Everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord, confesses their sins and believes in Jesus, will be saved. This is true for all people—Jew or Greek, American or Arabic, chief surgeon or custodian, married or single, child or adult. How will the world—our neighbors, family, friends, co-workers, and the nations—hear about this good news unless we tell them?

Read Romans 10:1-21.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

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Friday, February 5, 2021

In today's reading, Paul reminds us apples or oranges do not keep the trees going. The fruit does not sustain the tree; the tree sustains the fruit. Therefore, we can do nothing to gain or keep our salvation. We cannot claim a role in the victory of death. God's victory over death, through Jesus, is our victory. It is God who saves us and sustains us.

Read Romans 11:1-24.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

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- Confess sin.
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Monday, February 8, 2021

Today's reading highlights the wisdom and knowledge of God. No one can know the mind of the Lord. His wisdom and knowledge are unsearchable. No one is qualified to be His counselor, nor does He need one. But we do need His counsel. Praise the Lord for being a God who is willing to give us wisdom if we simply ask (James 1:5).

Read Romans 11:25-36.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Tuesday, February 9, 2021

The mercies of God, experienced through the work of the Spirit of God, cause us to become living sacrifices. The result of becoming a living sacrifice is a renewed mind that is able, through the Spirit's work, to discern the will of God. What does the life of someone who has experienced a renewed mind look like? Romans 12:3-8 tell us.

Read Romans 12:1-8.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

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Wednesday, February 10, 2021

In Romans 8:4, Paul tells us those who walk in the Spirit will fulfill the righteous requirements of the law. Now, in today's reading, he tells us the command to love one another sums up all the other commands. The point here is that those who walk in the Spirit will see love, a fruit of the Spirit, come to fruition in their life.

Read Romans 12:9-21.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

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Thursday, February 11, 2021

In Romans 8:12-13, Paul tells us those who walk in the Spirit will put to death the deeds of the flesh. In today's reading, we see Paul list specific deeds of the flesh. These verses give us a sample of what living life according to the deeds of the flesh looks like. Deeds of the flesh are of the dark, but the works of the Spirit are of the light.

Read Romans 13:1-14.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Friday, February 12, 2021

Today's reading ushers us into the climax of the book of Romans. In these verses, Paul protects the gospel and those who might be abused or judged by others.

Read Romans 14:1-12.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Monday, February 15, 2021

Today, we are reminded we are to love others specifically by not offending them or causing them to stumble. Those who are stronger in faith must act in love toward those less mature. Paul's point is that since food and drink do not have to do with the Kingdom of God, and the Christians life is defined by displaying the gifts of the Spirit (righteousness, joy and peace), then we will be willing to sacrifice "good things" that might cause others to stumble. We are willing to do this because we love them.

Read Romans 14:13-23.

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Tuesday, February 16, 2021

Paul's prayer in Romans 15:13 is that the God of hope would fill us with joy and peace, through the Holy Spirit, so we would overflow with hope. The key to joy and peace overflowing in hope is the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit lives within Christians, securing their salvation in the present and in the future.

Read Romans 15:1-21.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The Holy Spirit appears both indirectly and directly in today's reading. In verse 14, He is the source of empowerment. In verse 16, He is the one who sanctifies. In verse 30, He is the source of love that is the foundation of their prayers for support.

Read Romans 15:22-33.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

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Thursday, February 18, 2021

Paul uses the word “greet” seventeen times in these sixteen verses. Certainly, we see the command of Romans 12:13 come to life in both personal and practical guidance from Paul to the church at Rome.

Read Romans 16:1-16.

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Friday, February 19, 2021

In the middle of guidance to watch out for false teachers and to avoid self-serving motives, Paul gives us hope for the future. Romans 16:20 looks back to Genesis 3:15 to give us assurance that Satan, our enemy, will soon be destroyed. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ is with you today and forevermore!

Read Romans 16:17-27.

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- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Monday, February 22, 2021

This Psalm lays out a path for the wise and blessed living that happens when we are in the place close to God. The psalm also shows us that, when we live distant from God, we will find ourselves living in a place of brokenness.

Read Psalm 1.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

Our perspective of life changes as we focus our attention on the majesty of God. When we see His greatness through the stars and the moon, we realize how small we are compared to how great He is. We are left in awe of the fact that a great God would be mindful us.

Read Psalm 8.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Wednesday, February 24, 2021

God has a message for you through His creation and His Word. He wants to revive your soul and make you wise through His Word. Will you listen? Do you desire His Word more than anything else? Will you make Psalm 19:14 your prayer?

Read Psalm 19.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Thursday, February 25, 2021

Today's reading reveals that our God cares for us. The "valley of the shadow of death" refers to the deep, dark places we experience in-between the green pastures and the still waters or between two mountain tops. We experience the care of our Great Shepherd as His mercy and goodness follow us to provide a table to meet with Him in these dark places.

Read Psalm 23.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Friday, February 26, 2021

What is the one thing you would ask for right now? Psalm 27 reveals the one thing David desires is to dwell with God, to abide with Him. What a joy it is that Jesus came to abide with us! When we abide with Jesus, He becomes our stronghold and our antidote for fear. Does your heart say “Your face, Lord, I seek” today?

Read Psalm 27.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Monday, March 1, 2021

Psalm 34 is an expression of thanksgiving for God's protection and care for those who trust in Him. Often when we live in fear, our fears become the focus. When this happens, it becomes difficult to seek God, much less praise Him. Accept God's invitation to taste His goodness, make Him your refuge, and seek Him in all circumstances!

Read Psalm 34.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

Psalm 42-43 are laments. Laments are prayers that express sorrow, mourning, or regret to God. Instead of keeping these things inside, we share them openly with our Father. In addition to sharing these things with God, let us also remember who God is and how knowing Him affects us in the midst of our sorrow or mourning.

Read Psalm 42-43.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

What is the formula for believing God is your refuge, strength, and help when you are troubled? How do we not give in to fear when it feels like the world is falling apart? Slowing down long enough to be still before God to see His works. When we do this, we will experience the Lord's presence because He is with us.

Read Psalm 46.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Thursday, March 4, 2021

God, your Heavenly Father, is waiting to welcome you with open arms. He doesn't stand before you with pointed fingers. Will you be vulnerable with Him, today, to confess and ask to be cleansed of your sins? Will you sit at the feet of your Father and ask Him to create within you a clean heart and renew a right spirit within you?

Read Psalm 51.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Friday, March 5, 2021

Your prayers do not fade into the abyss. They do not bounce off the ceiling. God hears your prayers. He desires to hear the cries of your heart. He wants to hear from you when your heart is faint and you need His Fatherly refuge. So, cry out to Him today.

Read Psalm 61.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Monday, March 8, 2021

Today's reading reveals that David waited to hear from God alone. He did this because the only hope worth having comes from God. David's trust was in God. Whose voice do you wait for in the silence? Do you wait to hear from God or the voice of the news, leaders of this world, or others?

Read Psalm 62.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Tuesday, March 9, 2021

As David wrote Psalm 63 in the desert, he was hungry and thirsty; but his deepest desires were spiritual, not physical. Within his whole being—body and soul—he yearned for God’s satisfying presence. His wilderness experience was transformed into a time of worship.

Read Psalm 63.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Wednesday, March 10, 2021

What do you desire on earth? Where do you find your strength? Today's reading compares the things of the earth with God. We learn the things of this earth fall to their ruin, but God is continually with us. Will you say to the Lord, today, there is nothing you desire on earth besides Him?

Read Psalm 73.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Thursday, March 11, 2021

God's house is a welcoming place. The psalmist prefers to stand in the courts of God's house, and do the lowest job available, rather than to dwell in the seemingly safe tent of the wicked. The psalmist's love and trust in God supersede his own comforts and desires. Place your trust in the Lord and find your joy in Him, today, rather than in the seemingly safe things of this world.

Read Psalm 84.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Friday, March 12, 2021

Today's reading reveals the Israelites' declaration of God's salvation and victory. God's people responded to His victory and salvation with joyful noises, singing praises, and songs. Let us do the same as we read Psalm 98.

Read Psalm 98.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Monday, March 15, 2021

Psalm 107 acknowledges a pattern for life that recognizes the truth that God has greatly blessed us. Therefore, we are grateful to God. An attitude of gratitude produces a happiness centered on showing appreciation for what God has done for us. The spiritually needy know the Lord has lavished his love on them (Ephesians 1:8 and 1 John 3:1) and are quick to say thank you.

Read Psalm 107.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

Though they are worthless, we often give much worth to the idols of this world. On the other hand, God has much worth and glory. The idols of this world are not able to speak, but God does whatever He pleases. As you read Psalm 115, ask the Lord to reveal the worthless idols in your life.

Read Psalm 115.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Wednesday, March 17, 2021

What consumes your soul? Is it a desire for the Word of God? We ought to have a desire to consume the Word of God as much, as often, and in as many ways we can. As you read the Scripture, be sure to take note of things that will be true as a result of consuming God's Word.

Read Psalm 119:1-24.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

What kind of thoughts consume your mind? Do you desire to meditate on the wonderful works of God known through His Word? His Word gives us life, strength, hope, and comfort. Ask the Lord to turn your eyes away from worthless things and toward the glorious Word of God.

Read Psalm 119:25-56.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Friday, March 19, 2021

God has written everything in His Word. Inside His Word, we see His faithfulness and are invited to give Him thanks. When we give our attention to the voices of this world, they move us to obey them. Likewise, when we dwell on God's words, we are moved by His Spirit to keep them and obey them. Whose words will you give your attention to today?

Read Psalm 119:57-72.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Monday, March 22, 2021

Often leaders of this world change their words. They may go back on their word. They may be deceptive with their words. But not God. The Word of God is fixed in the heavens. It does not change with the times or with circumstances. Declare your love for His Word to Him today!

Read Psalm 119:73-104.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

God's Word lights our path because it does not change. We can hope in His Word and trust His Word. So, will you consider His Word and hate false ways? Will you ask God to give you life according to His Word?

Read Psalm 119:105-128.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The Word of God is worth keeping. Does your heart break when you think about how people do not keep God's Word? Does your heart break when you realize how often you do not keep His Word? Ask the Spirit to help you remember to keep His Word today.

Read Psalm 119:129-144.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Thursday, March 25, 2021

The sum of God's Word adds up to be true. Its sum is truth. It endures forever. Therefore, salvation is found in God's Word alone. Ask the Lord to help you stay true to His Word today.

Read Psalm 119:145-160.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.

Friday, March 26, 2021

What captures your attention? What are you in awe of? In these last verses of Psalm 119, the psalmist declares his awe is in the Word of God. Because God's Word captures the psalmist's attention, his tongue sings of His Word, and he delights in His Word.

Read Psalm 119:161-176.

What are the truths that stand out to you from these verses?

What are the ways that God is leading you to apply these truths to your life?

Spend a few minutes in prayer to:

- Confess sin.
- Give thanks to God for the truths in the Scripture you read today.
- Ask for help to apply these truths to your life.
- Pray for the needs in your life and the lives of others.