



# JULY 4

## GCC 2021 READING PLAN

Joshua 6:6-27

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**PRAY:**

*Father show us who you are. Show us your person, your power, your purposes. Overwhelm us with a knowledge of you that penetrates our minds and imbeds itself in the deepest recesses of our hearts. Let this knowledge so change our hearts that it results in our lives being lived in light of who you are, what you have done and what you say is true about us in Jesus Christ.*

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**AS YOU READ THROUGH TODAY'S PASSAGES REFLECT ON THESE QUESTIONS:**

**What are some things revealed in these passages about the person and character of God? Who is he? What is he like?**

**What are some things that God has done to reveal who he is?**

**Who are you in light of God's work? What is it that God is saying about you?**

**How should knowing who God is, what he has done and what he says about you change how you live?**



## JOSHUA 6:6-27

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<sup>6</sup> So Joshua the son of Nun called the priests and said to them, "Take up the ark of the covenant and let seven priests bear seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD."

<sup>7</sup> And he said to the people, "Go forward. March around the city and let the armed men pass on before the ark of the LORD."

<sup>8</sup> And just as Joshua had commanded the people, the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the LORD went forward, blowing the trumpets, with the ark of the covenant of the LORD following them. <sup>9</sup> The armed men were walking before the priests who were blowing the trumpets, and the rear guard was walking after the ark, while the trumpets blew continually. <sup>10</sup> But Joshua commanded the people, "You shall not shout or make your voice heard, neither shall any word go out of your mouth, until the day I tell you to shout. Then you shall shout." <sup>11</sup> So he caused the ark of the LORD to circle the city, going about it once. And they came into the camp and spent the night in the camp.

<sup>12</sup> Then Joshua rose early in the morning, and the priests took up the ark of the LORD. <sup>13</sup> And the seven priests bearing the seven trumpets of rams' horns before the ark of the LORD walked on, and they blew the trumpets continually. And the armed men were walking before them, and the rear guard was walking after the ark of the LORD, while the trumpets blew continually. <sup>14</sup> And the second day they marched around the city once, and returned into the camp. So they did for six days.

<sup>15</sup> On the seventh day they rose early, at the dawn of day, and marched around the city in the same manner seven times. It was only on that day that they marched around the city seven times. <sup>16</sup> And at the seventh time, when the priests had blown the trumpets, Joshua said to the people, "Shout, for the LORD has given you the city. <sup>17</sup> And the city and all that is within it shall be devoted to the LORD for destruction. Only Rahab the prostitute and all who are with her in her house shall live, because she hid the messengers whom we sent. <sup>18</sup> But you, keep yourselves from the things devoted to destruction, lest when you have devoted them you take any of the devoted things and make the camp of Israel a thing for destruction and bring trouble upon it. <sup>19</sup> But all silver and gold, and every vessel of bronze and iron, are holy to the LORD; they shall go into the treasury of the LORD." <sup>20</sup> So the people shouted, and the trumpets were blown. As soon as the people heard the sound of the trumpet, the people shouted a great shout, and the wall fell down flat, so that the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they captured the city. <sup>21</sup> Then they devoted all in the city to destruction, both men and women, young and old, oxen, sheep, and donkeys, with the edge of the sword.

<sup>22</sup> But to the two men who had spied out the land, Joshua said, "Go into the prostitute's house and bring out from there the woman and all who belong to her, as you swore to her."

<sup>23</sup> So the young men who had been spies went in and brought out Rahab and her father and mother and brothers and all who belonged to her. And they brought all her relatives and put them outside the camp of Israel. <sup>24</sup> And they burned the city with fire, and everything in it. Only

the silver and gold, and the vessels of bronze and of iron, they put into the treasury of the house of the LORD. <sup>25</sup> But Rahab the prostitute and her father's household and all who belonged to her, Joshua saved alive. And she has lived in Israel to this day, because she hid the messengers whom Joshua sent to spy out Jericho.

<sup>26</sup> Joshua laid an oath on them at that time, saying, "Cursed before the LORD be the man who rises up and rebuilds this city, Jericho.

"At the cost of his firstborn shall he

lay its foundation,

and at the cost of his youngest son

shall he set up its gates."

<sup>27</sup> So the LORD was with Joshua, and his fame was in all the land.

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## PSALM 135-136

**Your Name, O LORD, Endures Forever**

**135** Praise the LORD!

Praise the name of the LORD,  
give praise, O servants of the LORD,

<sup>2</sup> who stand in the house of the LORD,  
in the courts of the house of our God!

<sup>3</sup> Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good;  
sing to his name, for it is pleasant!

<sup>4</sup> For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself,  
Israel as his own possession.

<sup>5</sup> For I know that the LORD is great,  
and that our Lord is above all gods.

<sup>6</sup> Whatever the LORD pleases, he does,  
in heaven and on earth,  
in the seas and all deeps.

<sup>7</sup> He it is who makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth,  
who makes lightnings for the rain  
and brings forth the wind from his storehouses.

<sup>8</sup> He it was who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,

- both of man and of beast;
- 9 who in your midst, O Egypt,  
sent signs and wonders  
against Pharaoh and all his servants;
- 10 who struck down many nations  
and killed mighty kings,
- 11 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
and Og, king of Bashan,  
and all the kingdoms of Canaan,
- 12 and gave their land as a heritage,  
a heritage to his people Israel.
- 13 Your name, O LORD, endures forever,  
your renown, O LORD, throughout all ages.
- 14 For the LORD will vindicate his people  
and have compassion on his servants.
- 15 The idols of the nations are silver and gold,  
the work of human hands.
- 16 They have mouths, but do not speak;  
they have eyes, but do not see;
- 17 they have ears, but do not hear,  
nor is there any breath in their mouths.
- 18 Those who make them become like them,  
so do all who trust in them.
- 19 O house of Israel, bless the LORD!  
O house of Aaron, bless the LORD!
- 20 O house of Levi, bless the LORD!  
You who fear the LORD, bless the LORD!
- 21 Blessed be the LORD from Zion,  
he who dwells in Jerusalem!  
Praise the LORD!

### **His Steadfast Love Endures Forever**

- 136** Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 2 Give thanks to the God of gods,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 3 Give thanks to the Lord of lords,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;

4 to him who alone does great wonders,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
5 to him who by understanding made the heavens,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
6 to him who spread out the earth above the waters,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
7 to him who made the great lights,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
8 the sun to rule over the day,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
9 the moon and stars to rule over the night,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
10 to him who struck down the firstborn of Egypt,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
11 and brought Israel out from among them,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
12 with a strong hand and an outstretched arm,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
13 to him who divided the Red Sea in two,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
14 and made Israel pass through the midst of it,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
15 but overthrew Pharaoh and his host in the Red Sea,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
16 to him who led his people through the wilderness,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
17 to him who struck down great kings,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
18 and killed mighty kings,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
19 Sihon, king of the Amorites,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
20 and Og, king of Bashan,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
21 and gave their land as a heritage,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
22 a heritage to Israel his servant,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.  
23 It is he who remembered us in our low estate,

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- for his steadfast love endures forever;  
24 and rescued us from our foes,  
for his steadfast love endures forever;  
25 he who gives food to all flesh,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.
- 26 Give thanks to the God of heaven,  
for his steadfast love endures forever.

## ISAIAH 66

### The Humble and Contrite in Spirit

66 Thus says the LORD:

“Heaven is my throne,

and the earth is my footstool;

what is the house that you would build for me,

and what is the place of my rest?

2 All these things my hand has made,

and so all these things came to be,

declares the LORD.

But this is the one to whom I will look:

he who is humble and contrite in spirit

and trembles at my word.

3 “He who slaughters an ox is like one who kills a man;

he who sacrifices a lamb, like one who breaks a dog’s neck;

he who presents a grain offering, like one who offers pig’s blood;

he who makes a memorial offering of frankincense, like one who blesses an idol.

These have chosen their own ways,

and their soul delights in their abominations;

4 I also will choose harsh treatment for them  
and bring their fears upon them,  
because when I called, no one answered,  
when I spoke, they did not listen;  
but they did what was evil in my eyes  
and chose that in which I did not delight.”

5 Hear the word of the LORD,  
you who tremble at his word:  
“Your brothers who hate you  
and cast you out for my name’s sake  
have said, ‘Let the LORD be glorified,  
that we may see your joy’;  
but it is they who shall be put to shame.

6 “The sound of an uproar from the city!  
A sound from the temple!  
The sound of the LORD,  
rendering recompense to his enemies!

### **Rejoice with Jerusalem**

7 “Before she was in labor  
she gave birth;  
before her pain came upon her  
she delivered a son.

8 Who has heard such a thing?  
Who has seen such things?  
Shall a land be born in one day?

Shall a nation be brought forth in one moment?

For as soon as Zion was in labor

she brought forth her children.

<sup>9</sup> Shall I bring to the point of birth and not cause to bring forth?"

says the LORD;

"shall I, who cause to bring forth, shut the womb?"

says your God.

<sup>10</sup> "Rejoice with Jerusalem, and be glad for her,

all you who love her;

rejoice with her in joy,

all you who mourn over her;

<sup>11</sup> that you may nurse and be satisfied

from her consoling breast;

that you may drink deeply with delight

from her glorious abundance."

<sup>12</sup> For thus says the LORD:

"Behold, I will extend peace to her like a river,

and the glory of the nations like an overflowing stream;

and you shall nurse, you shall be carried upon her hip,

and bounced upon her knees.

<sup>13</sup> As one whom his mother comforts,

so I will comfort you;

you shall be comforted in Jerusalem.

<sup>14</sup> You shall see, and your heart shall rejoice;

your bones shall flourish like the grass;

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and the hand of the LORD shall be known to his servants,

and he shall show his indignation against his enemies.

### **Final Judgment and Glory of the LORD**

<sup>15</sup> “For behold, the LORD will come in fire,

and his chariots like the whirlwind,

to render his anger in fury,

and his rebuke with flames of fire.

<sup>16</sup> For by fire will the LORD enter into judgment,

and by his sword, with all flesh;

and those slain by the LORD shall be many.

<sup>17</sup> “Those who sanctify and purify themselves to go into the gardens, following one in the midst, eating pig’s flesh and the abomination and mice, shall come to an end together, declares the LORD.

<sup>18</sup> “For I know their works and their thoughts, and the time is coming to gather all nations and tongues. And they shall come and shall see my glory, <sup>19</sup> and I will set a sign among them. And from them I will send survivors to the nations, to Tarshish, Pul, and Lud, who draw the bow, to Tubal and Javan, to the coastlands far away, that have not heard my fame or seen my glory. And they shall declare my glory among the nations. <sup>20</sup> And they shall bring all your brothers from all the nations as an offering to the LORD, on horses and in chariots and in litters and on mules and on dromedaries, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, says the LORD, just as the Israelites bring their grain offering in a clean vessel to the house of the LORD. <sup>21</sup> And some of them also I will take for priests and for Levites, says the LORD.

<sup>22</sup> “For as the new heavens and the new earth

that I make

shall remain before me, says the LORD,

so shall your offspring and your name remain.

<sup>23</sup> From new moon to new moon,

and from Sabbath to Sabbath,

all flesh shall come to worship before me,

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declares the LORD.

<sup>24</sup> "And they shall go out and look on the dead bodies of the men who have rebelled against me. For their worm shall not die, their fire shall not be quenched, and they shall be an abhorrence to all flesh."

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## MATTHEW 14

### The Death of John the Baptist

**14** At that time Herod the tetrarch heard about the fame of Jesus, <sup>2</sup> and he said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist. He has been raised from the dead; that is why these miraculous powers are at work in him." <sup>3</sup> For Herod had seized John and bound him and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, <sup>4</sup> because John had been saying to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her." <sup>5</sup> And though he wanted to put him to death, he feared the people, because they held him to be a prophet. <sup>6</sup> But when Herod's birthday came, the daughter of Herodias danced before the company and pleased Herod, <sup>7</sup> so that he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask. <sup>8</sup> Prompted by her mother, she said, "Give me the head of John the Baptist here on a platter." <sup>9</sup> And the king was sorry, but because of his oaths and his guests he commanded it to be given. <sup>10</sup> He sent and had John beheaded in the prison, <sup>11</sup> and his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother. <sup>12</sup> And his disciples came and took the body and buried it, and they went and told Jesus.

### Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

<sup>13</sup> Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup> When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. <sup>15</sup> Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup> But Jesus said, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup> They said to him, "We have only five loaves here and two fish." <sup>18</sup> And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup> Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup> And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. <sup>21</sup> And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

## Jesus Walks on the Water

<sup>22</sup> Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go before him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup> And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up on the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup> but the boat by this time was a long way from the land, beaten by the waves, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup> And in the fourth watch of the night he came to them, walking on the sea. <sup>26</sup> But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, and said, "It is a ghost!" and they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup> But immediately Jesus spoke to them, saying, "Take heart; it is I. Do not be afraid."

<sup>28</sup> And Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup> He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat and walked on the water and came to Jesus. <sup>30</sup> But when he saw the wind, he was afraid, and beginning to sink he cried out, "Lord, save me." <sup>31</sup> Jesus immediately reached out his hand and took hold of him, saying to him, "O you of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup> And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup> And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## Jesus Heals the Sick in Gennesaret

<sup>34</sup> And when they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. <sup>35</sup> And when the men of that place recognized him, they sent around to all that region and brought to him all who were sick <sup>36</sup> and implored him that they might only touch the fringe of his garment. And as many as touched it were made well.

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## THE UNSAVED CHRISTIAN BY DEAN INSERRA

Finish Chapter 2 of The Unsaved Christian. Work through the discussion questions at the end of the chapter.



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