



# SEPTEMBER 24

GCC 2021 READING PLAN

II Samuel 20  
II Corinthians 13  
Ezekiel 27  
Family Discipleship 6Q

**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?**



## II SAMUEL 20

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### The Rebellion of Sheba

**20** Now there happened to be there a worthless man, whose name was Sheba, the son of Bichri, a Benjaminite. And he blew the trumpet and said,

“We have no portion in David,

and we have no inheritance in the son of Jesse;

every man to his tents, O Israel!”

<sup>2</sup> So all the men of Israel withdrew from David and followed Sheba the son of Bichri. But the men of Judah followed their king steadfastly from the Jordan to Jerusalem.

<sup>3</sup> And David came to his house at Jerusalem. And the king took the ten concubines whom he had left to care for the house and put them in a house under guard and provided for them, but did not go in to them. So they were shut up until the day of their death, living as if in widowhood.

<sup>4</sup> Then the king said to Amasa, “Call the men of Judah together to me within three days, and be here yourself.” <sup>5</sup> So Amasa went to summon Judah, but he delayed beyond the set time that had been appointed him. <sup>6</sup> And David said to Abishai, “Now Sheba the son of Bichri will do us more harm than Absalom. Take your lord’s servants and pursue him, lest he get himself to fortified cities and escape from us.” <sup>7</sup> And there went out after him Joab’s men and the Cherethites and the Pelethites, and all the mighty men. They went out from Jerusalem to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri. <sup>8</sup> When they were at the great stone that is in Gibeon, Amasa came to meet them. Now Joab was wearing a soldier’s garment, and over it was a belt with a sword in its sheath fastened on his thigh, and as he went forward it fell out. <sup>9</sup> And Joab said to Amasa, “Is it well with you, my brother?” And Joab took Amasa by the beard with his right hand to kiss him. <sup>10</sup> But Amasa did not observe the sword that was in Joab’s hand. So Joab struck him with it in the stomach and spilled his entrails to the ground without striking a second blow, and he died.

Then Joab and Abishai his brother pursued Sheba the son of Bichri. <sup>11</sup> And one of Joab’s young men took his stand by Amasa and said, “Whoever favors Joab, and whoever is for David, let him follow Joab.” <sup>12</sup> And Amasa lay wallowing in his blood in the highway. And anyone who came by, seeing him, stopped. And when the man saw that all the people stopped, he carried Amasa out of the highway into the field and threw a garment over him. <sup>13</sup> When he was taken out of the highway, all the people went on after Joab to pursue Sheba the son of Bichri.

<sup>14</sup> And Sheba passed through all the tribes of Israel to Abel of Beth-maacah, and all the Bichrites assembled and followed him in. <sup>15</sup> And all the men who were with Joab came and besieged him in Abel of Beth-maacah. They cast up a mound against the city, and it stood

against the rampart, and they were battering the wall to throw it down. <sup>16</sup> Then a wise woman called from the city, "Listen! Listen! Tell Joab, 'Come here, that I may speak to you.'" <sup>17</sup> And he came near her, and the woman said, "Are you Joab?" He answered, "I am." Then she said to him, "Listen to the words of your servant." And he answered, "I am listening." <sup>18</sup> Then she said, "They used to say in former times, 'Let them but ask counsel at Abel,' and so they settled a matter. <sup>19</sup> I am one of those who are peaceable and faithful in Israel. You seek to destroy a city that is a mother in Israel. Why will you swallow up the heritage of the LORD?" <sup>20</sup> Joab answered, "Far be it from me, far be it, that I should swallow up or destroy! <sup>21</sup> That is not true. But a man of the hill country of Ephraim, called Sheba the son of Bichri, has lifted up his hand against King David. Give up him alone, and I will withdraw from the city." And the woman said to Joab, "Behold, his head shall be thrown to you over the wall." <sup>22</sup> Then the woman went to all the people in her wisdom. And they cut off the head of Sheba the son of Bichri and threw it out to Joab. So he blew the trumpet, and they dispersed from the city, every man to his home. And Joab returned to Jerusalem to the king.

<sup>23</sup> Now Joab was in command of all the army of Israel; and Benaiah the son of Jehoiada was in command of the Cherethites and the Pelethites; <sup>24</sup> and Adoram was in charge of the forced labor; and Jehoshaphat the son of Ahilud was the recorder; <sup>25</sup> and Sheva was secretary; and Zadok and Abiathar were priests; <sup>26</sup> and Ira the Jairite was also David's priest.



## II CORINTHIANS 13

### Final Warnings

**13** This is the third time I am coming to you. Every charge must be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>2</sup> I warned those who sinned before and all the others, and I warn them now while absent, as I did when present on my second visit, that if I come again I will not spare them— <sup>3</sup> since you seek proof that Christ is speaking in me. He is not weak in dealing with you, but is powerful among you. <sup>4</sup> For he was crucified in weakness, but lives by the power of God. For we also are weak in him, but in dealing with you we will live with him by the power of God.

<sup>5</sup> Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves. Or do you not realize this about yourselves, that Jesus Christ is in you?—unless indeed you fail to meet the test! <sup>6</sup> I hope you will find out that we have not failed the test. <sup>7</sup> But we pray to God that you may not do wrong—not that we may appear to have met the test, but that you may do what is right, though we may seem to have failed. <sup>8</sup> For we cannot do anything against the truth, but only for the truth. <sup>9</sup> For we are glad when we are weak and you are strong. Your restoration is what we pray for. <sup>10</sup> For this reason I write these things while I am away from you, that when I

come I may not have to be severe in my use of the authority that the Lord has given me for building up and not for tearing down.

### Final Greetings

<sup>11</sup> Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. <sup>12</sup> Greet one another with a holy kiss. <sup>13</sup> All the saints greet you.

<sup>14</sup> The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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## EZEKIEL 27

### A Lament for Tyre

**27** The word of the LORD came to me: <sup>2</sup> "Now you, son of man, raise a lamentation over Tyre, <sup>3</sup> and say to Tyre, who dwells at the entrances to the sea, merchant of the peoples to many coastlands, thus says the Lord GOD:

"O Tyre, you have said,

'I am perfect in beauty.'

<sup>4</sup> Your borders are in the heart of the seas;

your builders made perfect your beauty.

<sup>5</sup> They made all your planks

of fir trees from Senir;

they took a cedar from Lebanon

to make a mast for you.

<sup>6</sup> Of oaks of Bashan

they made your oars;

they made your deck of pines

from the coasts of Cyprus,

inlaid with ivory.

<sup>7</sup> Of fine embroidered linen from Egypt

was your sail,

serving as your banner;

blue and purple from the coasts of Elishah

was your awning.

<sup>8</sup> The inhabitants of Sidon and Arvad

were your rowers;

your skilled men, O Tyre, were in you;

they were your pilots.

<sup>9</sup> The elders of Gebal and her skilled men were in you,

caulking your seams;

all the ships of the sea with their mariners were in you

to barter for your wares.

<sup>10</sup> "Persia and Lud and Put were in your army as your men of war. They hung the shield and helmet in you; they gave you splendor. <sup>11</sup> Men of Arvad and Helech were on your walls all around, and men of Gamad were in your towers. They hung their shields on your walls all around; they made perfect your beauty.

<sup>12</sup> "Tarshish did business with you because of your great wealth of every kind; silver, iron, tin, and lead they exchanged for your wares. <sup>13</sup> Javan, Tubal, and Meshech traded with you; they exchanged human beings and vessels of bronze for your merchandise. <sup>14</sup> From Beth-togarmah they exchanged horses, war horses, and mules for your wares. <sup>15</sup> The men of Dedan traded with you. Many coastlands were your own special markets; they brought you in payment ivory tusks and ebony. <sup>16</sup> Syria did business with you because of your abundant goods; they exchanged for your wares emeralds, purple, embroidered work, fine linen, coral, and ruby. <sup>17</sup> Judah and the land of Israel traded with you; they exchanged for your merchandise wheat of Minnith, meal, honey, oil, and balm. <sup>18</sup> Damascus did business with you for your abundant goods, because of your great wealth of every kind; wine of Helbon and wool of Sahar <sup>19</sup> and casks of wine from Uzal they exchanged for your wares; wrought iron, cassia, and calamus were bartered for your merchandise. <sup>20</sup> Dedan traded with you in saddlecloths for riding. <sup>21</sup> Arabia and all the princes of Kedar were your favored dealers in lambs, rams, and goats; in these they did business with you. <sup>22</sup> The traders of Sheba and Raamah traded with you; they exchanged for your wares the best of all kinds of spices and all precious stones and gold. <sup>23</sup> Haran, Canneh, Eden, traders of Sheba, Asshur, and Chilmad traded with you. <sup>24</sup> In your

market these traded with you in choice garments, in clothes of blue and embroidered work, and in carpets of colored material, bound with cords and made secure.<sup>25</sup> The ships of Tarshish traveled for you with your merchandise. So you were filled and heavily laden in the heart of the seas.

<sup>26</sup> "Your rowers have brought you out

into the high seas.

The east wind has wrecked you

in the heart of the seas.

<sup>27</sup> Your riches, your wares, your merchandise,

your mariners and your pilots,

your caulkers, your dealers in merchandise,

and all your men of war who are in you,

with all your crew

that is in your midst,

sink into the heart of the seas

on the day of your fall.

<sup>28</sup> At the sound of the cry of your pilots

the countryside shakes,

<sup>29</sup> and down from their ships

come all who handle the oar.

The mariners and all the pilots of the sea

stand on the land

<sup>30</sup> and shout aloud over you

and cry out bitterly.

They cast dust on their heads

and wallow in ashes;

<sup>31</sup> they make themselves bald for you

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and put sackcloth on their waist,  
and they weep over you in bitterness of soul,  
with bitter mourning.

<sup>32</sup> In their wailing they raise a lamentation for you  
and lament over you:

'Who is like Tyre,  
like one destroyed in the midst of the sea?

<sup>33</sup> When your wares came from the seas,  
you satisfied many peoples;  
with your abundant wealth and merchandise  
you enriched the kings of the earth.

<sup>34</sup> Now you are wrecked by the seas,  
in the depths of the waters;  
your merchandise and all your crew in your midst  
have sunk with you.

<sup>35</sup> All the inhabitants of the coastlands  
are appalled at you,  
and the hair of their kings bristles with horror;  
their faces are convulsed.

<sup>36</sup> The merchants among the peoples hiss at you;  
you have come to a dreadful end  
and shall be no more forever.' "



## **FAMILY DISCIPLESHIP** BY MATT CHANDLER & ADAM GRIFFIN

Finish Chapter 6 of Family Discipleship. Work through the discussion questions at the end of the chapter.



**JOURNAL A PRAYER TO THE LORD FROM YOUR READING TODAY.**

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