



WEEK 19
AUGUST 24 - 30



Using The Bible Reading Plan

The mark of a growing disciple is the discipline to self-feed. During this unprecedented time, the Lord is redirecting His people to pause and rediscover Him and His ways afresh. This is the heart behind our Bible Reading Plan - that we, as a church will delight the Father when we are growing in our love for Him and allowing His Spirit to move us in obeying His Word in our lives.

The Bible Reading Plan comprises a daily passage with reflection questions to guide you in meditation. You can also journal what God's Spirit is prompting you to do in applying the Word. We pray that as you carve out unhurried time to encounter God, you will revitalise your spiritual life and encourage others to experience likewise!



In order to fully utilise the features within this Reading Plan, open this document using Adobe Acrobat Reader.

(<https://acrobat.adobe.com/sea/en/mobile/acrobat-reader.html>)



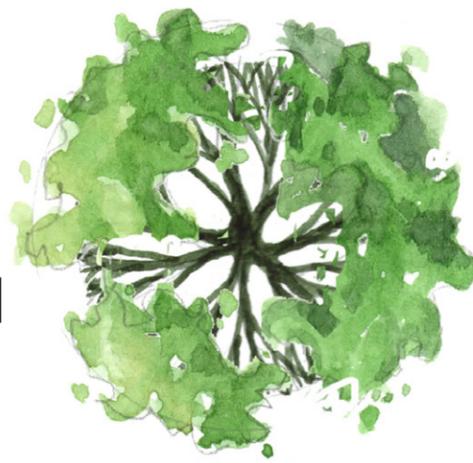
This Week's Focus

We continue our exploration of the Psalms of Ascent before embarking on a study of 1 Peter, in line with our pulpit series. As you read through the Psalms this week, may you observe the various postures that we should have as we approach God in worship. Our worship of God must be an outflow of a life that fears Him and walks in His ways.

August 24

MONDAY

"The LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy." - **Psalm 126:3 (NIV)**



Today's Meditation

Psalms 126 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Many scholars believe that this Psalm describes the Israelites when they were set free from Babylonian captivity and allowed to return to Jerusalem. From the first 3 verses, what are some of the phrases/words used to describe how they felt?

Psalm 126 comes from a people who are living between a good time remembered and another good time hope for. What is one area you are hoping for God to intervene in? Write out your prayer asking for God's intervention in that area.

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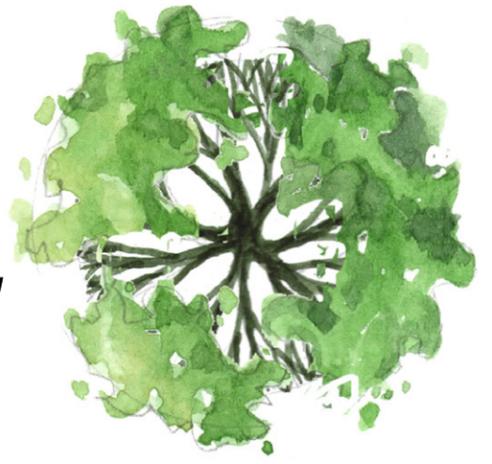
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August 25

TUESDAY

"Blessed are all who fear the LORD, who walk in His ways!"
- Psalm 128:1 (ESV)



Today's Meditation

Psalms 128 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

According to this Psalm, how does the Lord bless those who fear Him and walk in His ways? What similarities do you see between these blessings and God's first command to Adam and Eve in [Genesis 1:27-28](#)?

A believer's journey with the Lord is not without suffering and difficult circumstances, even though he/she fears the Lord and walks in His ways. How then should we define "blessed"? (Consider [Psalm 34:8](#), [91:9-11](#), [Matthew 5:3-12](#))

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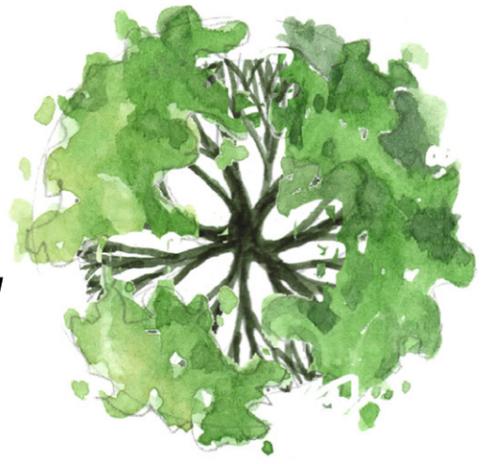
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August 26

WEDNESDAY

"The LORD is righteous; he has cut the cords of the wicked."
- Psalm 129:4 (ESV)



Today's Meditation

Psalms 129 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

This Psalm is known as an imprecatory psalm, or one that invites or invokes judgment, evil or even some kind of curse on someone or something. List out the specific imprecations found in this Psalm.

King David was the author of far more imprecatory Psalms than anyone else. But ironically, David exhibited just the opposite of a vindictive or revengeful spirit in his own life. Why is that so? (see also [Romans 12:17-21](#))

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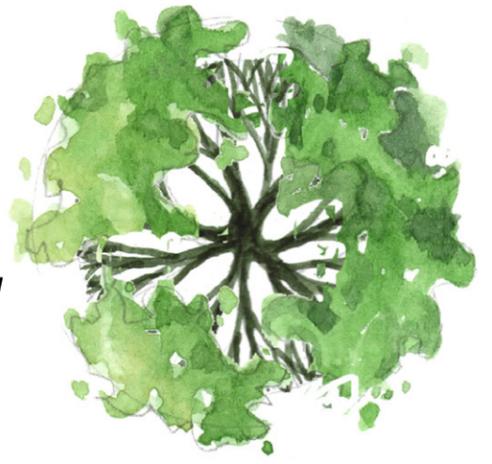
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August 27

THURSDAY

"If you, LORD, kept a record of sins, Lord, who could stand?"
- Psalm 130:3 (NIV)



Today's Meditation

Psalms 130 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

The Psalmist likely wrote this Psalm in a season of sin (either personally or as a nation) resulting in hopelessness. In your life, what are some things that have led you to a place of hopelessness?

In the midst of hopelessness, the Psalmist chooses to wait for the Lord. What does it mean to wait for the Lord? (see article *What Does It Mean to Wait on the Lord?* in [Additional Resources](#))

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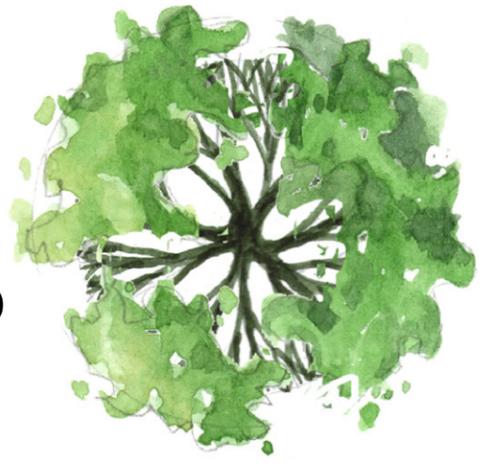
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August 28

FRIDAY

"I don't concern myself with matters too great or too awesome for me to grasp." - **Psalm 131:1 (NLT)**



Today's Meditation

Psalms 131 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

How do Christians commonly manifest the words "proud" and "haughty"? (see [1 Corinthians 8:1-2](#), [Psalm 20:7](#))

Verse 2 provides a solution to pride and haughtiness – dependence on God. What practice(s) can you incorporate into your life so that you stay dependent on God like “a weaned child”?

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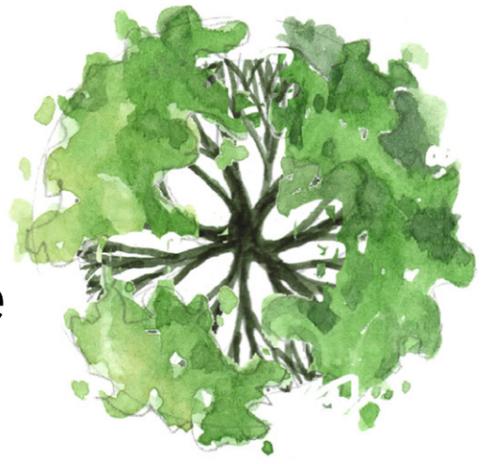
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August 29

SATURDAY

"Until I find a place for the LORD... a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob." - **Psalms 132:5 (NASB)**



Today's Meditation

Psalms 132 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

This Psalm reminds us of David's desire to have the Ark of the Covenant within the city of Jerusalem. Why was the ark so significant? (see [Exodus 25:21-22](#))

Examine verse 8. Is there a "resting place" for God to abide in your daily life? Write your prayer to earnestly invite God to come into this "resting place".

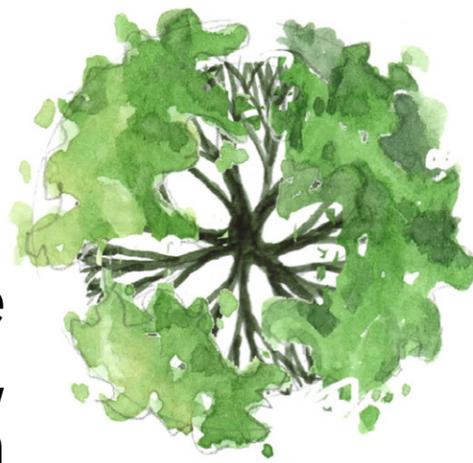
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August 30

SUNDAY



"...that the genuineness of your faith, being much more precious than gold that perishes, though it is tested by fire, may be found to praise, honor, and glory at the revelation of Jesus Christ..." - **1 Peter 1:7 (NKJV)**

Today's Meditation

1 Peter 1:1-12 ([Read](#))

Reflection Questions

Examine verses 3-5. Recall that moment in your life when you decided to follow Christ. Take a moment to ponder on what your salvation means to you and write your thoughts.

According to verse 7, what is the purpose of trials in a believer's life? In your journey of faith, what is one big area God has refined in your life through trials?

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Additional Resources

Article: What Does It Really Mean to be Blessed? by Vaneetha Rendall Risner, Desiring God
(<https://rlc.sg/31euCoq>)

Article: Should We Pray the Imprecatory Psalms? by William Ross
(<https://rlc.sg/34xAaMX>)

Article: What Does It Mean to Wait on The Lord? by Melissa Tumino
(<https://rlc.sg/3gjjHBy>)

Video: Jerusalem Temple at the Time of Jesus by Messengers of Christ
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QQQyNVw8Pf4>)

Song: As The Deer by Shane and Shane
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4rw4tCCoaP0>)

Song: Fire of Your Spirit (Hebrew) by Sarah Liberman
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6LyTE3Cibw>)

Song: How Great is Our God (Gadol Elohai) by Joshua Aaron
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sWSKtoURGAg>)



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