



**WEEK 24**  
SEPTEMBER 28 - OCTOBER 4



## *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*

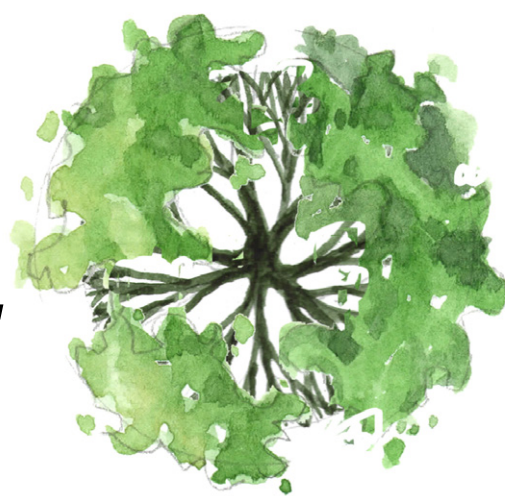
The focus shifts from submission to the civil authorities over us, to submission within the family unit. God's desire is for every family to thrive. Imagine what the church would look like if every family was not just surviving, but thriving! Through the passages this week, may you be challenged to play your part as outlined in God's blueprint for the family! Family is big on God's heart.

September 28

# MONDAY

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"...submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ."  
– **Ephesians 5:21 (ESV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Ephesians 5:22-33 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

In today's context, what does submission look like for a Christian wife?

Likewise, how does “loving your wife” look like for a Christian husband?

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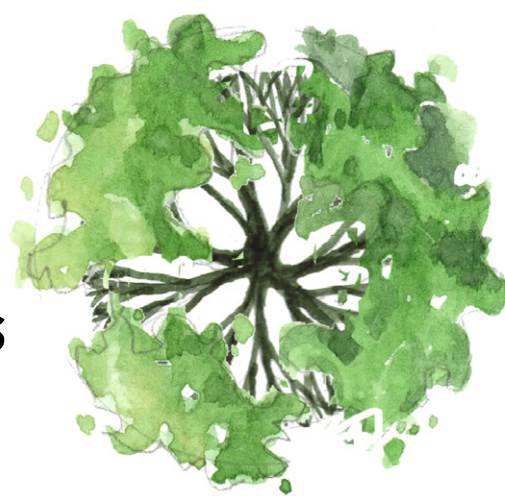
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September 29

# TUESDAY

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"Children, obey your parents in the Lord..." – **Ephesians 6:1 (ESV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Ephesians 6:1-9 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

How can you as an adult honor your parent(s)? What then is expected of a parent in return (v 4)?



Likewise, what is Paul's instructions to a servant / employee (in today's context)? What then is expected of the employer (v 9)?

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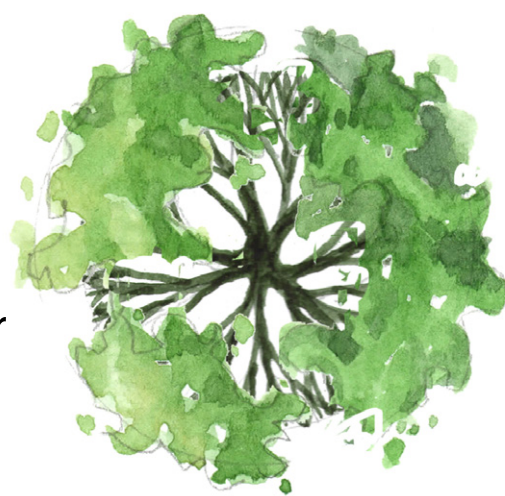
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September 30

# WEDNESDAY

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"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men..." – **Colossians 3:23 (ESV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Colossians 3:18-4:2 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

Based on the advice for the various roles listed in this passage, what is an area(s) you can improve on for your role in your household?

What is the biggest hurdle in your household that might hinder each member from playing their role as described in this passage. Take it to the Lord in prayer.

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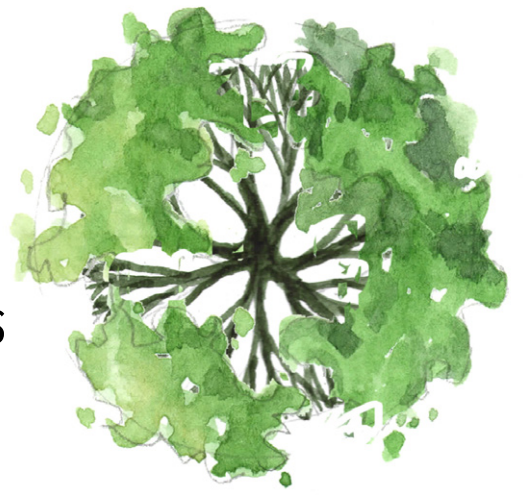


October 1

# THURSDAY

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"Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of His might." - **Ephesians 6:10 (ESV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Ephesians 6:10-20 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

The purpose of the armour of God is "to stand against the schemes of the devil" (v 11). In the context of your family, what are some things you feel the devil seems to target to "kill, steal and destroy"? (John 10:10)

Choose 3 pieces of the armour and consider what it means to practically put on each of the 3 pieces of the armour over your family?

- a. Belt of truth (v 14)
- b. Breastplate of righteousness (v 14)
- c. Shoes for the gospel of peace (v 15)
- d. Shield of faith (v 16)
- e. Helmet of Salvation (v 17)
- f. Sword of the Spirit (v 17)

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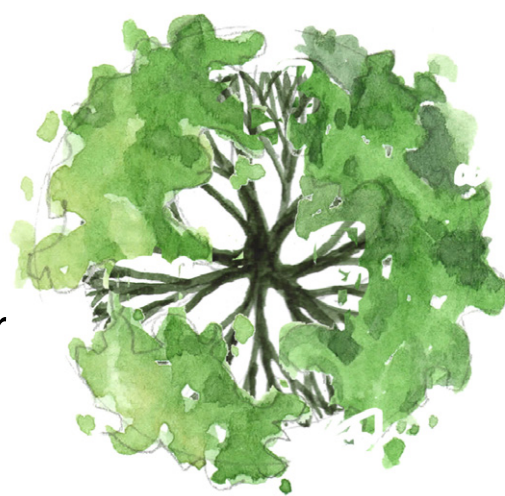
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October 2

# FRIDAY

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"Unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labor in vain." - **Psalms 127:1 (ESV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

Psalms 127 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

How does the author's statement in verse 1 shape the way you work and live?

In what ways are children “a reward from the Lord” (v 3)? Remember individuals you know who have been waiting for a child OR are struggling with a “prodigal” child. Take a few moments to pray for them.

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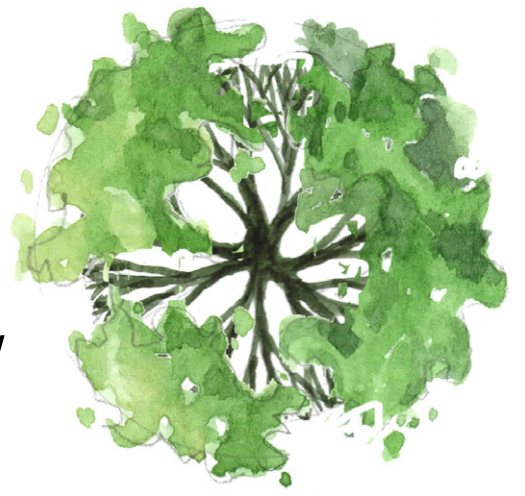
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October 3

# SATURDAY

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"Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things." - **1 Corinthians 13:7 (ESV)**



## Today's Meditation

1 Corinthians 13 ([Read](#))

## Reflection Questions

Examine the characteristics of love in verses 4-6. Which characteristic do you struggle with the most in your family relationships? How can you grow in that characteristic?

Ponder on a relationship within your family (with your spouse or children or parents). Write out what it means for you to live out verse 7 for this relationship.

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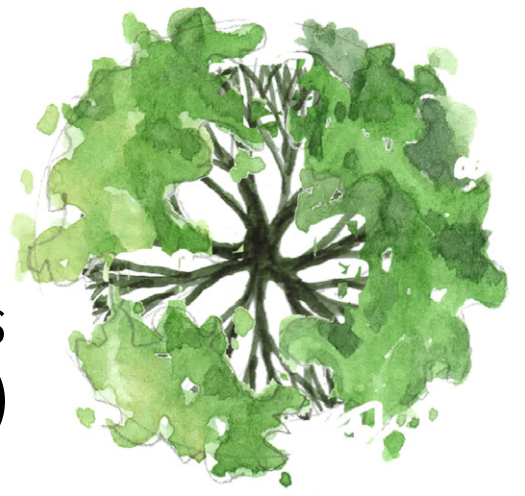


October 4

# SUNDAY

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"But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God." - **1 Peter 2:20 (ESV)**



## *Today's Meditation*

1 Peter 2:18-25 ([Read](#))

## *Reflection Questions*

In what ways have you observed a fellow believer suffer unjustly at work as a result of doing what is right in the eyes of God? How should we posture our heart in such a situation?

Jesus suffered unjustly at the hands of His oppressors. According to verses 24-25, what is the fruit of His suffering? What is the implication for your faith?

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## *Additional Resources*

Article: 5 Things Men Should Know About Submission

by Dave Willis, Marriage Today

(<https://rlc.sg/3i47RII>)

Article: Submission of Wives to Husbands

by Focus on the Family

(<https://rlc.sg/2HxXq3N>)

Article: Real Love vs. Fake Love: What Does Real Love Look Like?

by Janel Breitenstein

(<https://rlc.sg/2FQIpK1>)

Article: 25 Ways To Spiritually Lead Your Family (For Men)

by Dennis Rainey

(<https://rlc.sg/3cvO8AB>)

Article: Parenting Is Not About Raising Well-Behaved Kids

by Todd Friel

(<https://rlc.sg/3cxIQ80>)

Song: Find Your Wings

by Mark Harris

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hjtrl18cleo>)

Song: I Will Be Here

by Steven Curtis Chapman

([https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t\\_BMtmOL0rc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=t_BMtmOL0rc))



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