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INTRODUCTION

This booklet has been designed for use in personal devotion time or as a guide for family worship. It contains a combination of the following elements: Meditation, Scripture Reading, Questions to Ponder, and Confess and Commit . In the Scripture reading for this booklet, we are continuing the first and second quarters' readings which will, by the time we finish, will fulfill a Bible-in-one-year plan.

The overall goal of this booklet is to encourage Christian spiritual formation; this is accomplished, with the help of the Holy Spirit, through reading Scripture, reading and praying the prayers and hymns of Christian fathers and other heroes of the faith, and actively responding to what has been read with the aid of written prompts. Blank space is provided for journaling, observations on the text, prayer requests, answered prayers, and noting "God-winks," or themes and ideas God seems to be drawing your attention to. It is our prayer that hearts are transformed into the likeness of Christ as we read, pray, study, and respond to His Word.

Please note: The title of this booklet, "The Word by which We Live," is taken from a verse in the old hymn "God's Faithful Promises are Sure." This hymn is the hymn associated with this quarter's booklet. Though it is not an assigned element in any of the days, the hope is that, when you have time, you will sing this hymn as part of your devotional time with the Lord. The hymnal page is included in the back of this booklet.

“The man who does not know the nature of the Law, cannot know the nature of sin.”
— John Bunyan

"Bible study is the metal that makes a Christian. This is the strong meat on which holy men are nourished. This is that which makes the bone and sinew of men who keep God's way in defiance of every adversary."
— Charles Spurgeon

Day One | July 1

Meditation

How blessed are those whose way is blameless,
Who walk in the law of the LORD.
How blessed are those who observe His testimonies,
Who seek Him with all their heart.
They also do no unrighteousness;
They walk in His ways.
You have ordained Your precepts,
That we should keep them diligently.
Oh that my ways may be established
To keep Your statutes!
Then I shall not be ashamed
When I look upon all Your commandments.
I shall give thanks to You with uprightness of heart,
When I learn Your righteous judgments.
I shall keep Your statutes;
Do not forsake me utterly!

Psalms 119:1-8

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 5-7

Psalms 121

1 Timothy 4

Questions to Ponder

What things in your life compete with you seeking the Lord with all your heart?

What patterns of unrighteousness have you allowed to continue in your life?

It can be hard to give thanks to God for His righteous judgments when they involve our own conviction of sin. Yet how does His righteous judgment of our sin point us to His mercy and goodness?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Two | July 2

Meditation

How can a young man keep his way pure?
By keeping it according to Your word.
With all my heart I have sought You;
Do not let me wander from Your commandments.
Your word I have treasured in my heart,
That I may not sin against You.
Blessed are You, O LORD;
Teach me Your statutes.
With my lips I have told of
All the ordinances of Your mouth.
I have rejoiced in the way of Your testimonies,
As much as in all riches.
I will meditate on Your precepts
And regard Your ways.
I shall delight in Your statutes;
I shall not forget Your word.

Psalms 119:9-16

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 9
2 Chronicles 8
1 Timothy 5

Questions to Ponder

Is it a regular prayer of yours for the Lord to keep you from wandering from his commandments? Are there particular areas of sin which you tend to continually step into?

Do you make a practice of treasuring His Word in your heart through Scripture meditation and memorization?

Consider someone who you can tell delights in God's Word. What practices and/or patterns in their lives probably foster that delight?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Three | July 3

Meditation

Deal bountifully with Your servant,
That I may live and keep Your word.
Open my eyes, that I may behold
Wonderful things from Your law.
I am a stranger in the earth;
Do not hide Your commandments from me.
My soul is crushed with longing
After Your ordinances at all times.
You rebuke the arrogant, the cursed,
Who wander from Your commandments.
Take away reproach and contempt from me,
For I observe Your testimonies.
Even though princes sit and talk against me,
Your servant meditates on Your statutes.
Your testimonies also are my delight;
They are my counselors.

Psalms 119:17-24

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 10-11
2 Chronicles 9
1 Timothy 6

Questions to Ponder

Do you long for the Word? Is it a desire of yours to have that kind of longing?

How have you felt the reproach and rebuke of the Lord for your own sin? ...But God! Thank God for his merciful forgiveness of your sin.

Are the words of the Lord your delight and your counselors? Do you seek His answers to your questions and the decisions of your life?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Four | July 4

Meditation

My soul cleaves to the dust;
Revive me according to Your word.
I have told of my ways, and You have answered me;
Teach me Your statutes.
Make me understand the way of Your precepts,
So I will meditate on Your wonders.
My soul weeps because of grief;
Strengthen me according to Your word.
Remove the false way from me,
And graciously grant me Your law.
I have chosen the faithful way;
I have placed Your ordinances before me.
I cling to Your testimonies;
O LORD, do not put me to shame!
I shall run the way of Your commandments,
For You will enlarge my heart.

Psalms 119:25-32

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 1-3

Psalms 45

2 Timothy 1

Questions to Ponder

In what aspects of your faith does your spirit need revival and/or strength?

How have you found God to be a God who hears and answers?

What wonders of God can you meditate on today? Consider both your own life as well as biblical examples and stories from the lives of others you know.

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Five | July 5

Meditation

Teach me, O LORD, the way of Your statutes,
And I shall observe it to the end.
Give me understanding, that I may observe Your law
And keep it with all my heart.
Make me walk in the path of Your commandments,
For I delight in it.
Incline my heart to Your testimonies
And not to dishonest gain.
Turn away my eyes from looking at vanity,
And revive me in Your ways.
Establish Your word to Your servant,
As that which produces reverence for You.
Turn away my reproach which I dread,
For Your ordinances are good.
Behold, I long for Your precepts;
Revive me through Your righteousness.

Psalms 119:33-40

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

Toward what is your heart inclined? What draws your eyes away from the Lord?

Do you have a true reverence of the Lord?

How can you testify to the experience of God's dreadful reproach turning into welcome revival and delight because of the Gospel of Jesus Christ?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Six | July 6

Meditation

May Your lovingkindnesses also come to me, O LORD,
Your salvation according to Your word;
So I will have an answer for him who reproaches me,
For I trust in Your word.
And do not take the word of truth utterly out of my mouth,
For I wait for Your ordinances.
So I will keep Your law continually,
Forever and ever.
And I will walk at liberty,
For I seek Your precepts.
I will also speak of Your testimonies before kings
And shall not be ashamed.
I shall delight in Your commandments,
Which I love.
And I shall lift up my hands to Your commandments,
Which I love;
And I will meditate on Your statutes.

Psalms 119:41-48

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

How closely do you cling to the Word of truth? Are you willing to wait on the Lord or do you tend to pursue your own way when He doesn't answer immediately or favorably?

What makes it most difficult for you to keep His law?

Do you struggle with the fear of man or being ashamed of the testimony of the Lord?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Seven | July 7

Meditation

Remember the word to Your servant,
In which You have made me hope.
This is my comfort in my affliction,
That Your word has revived me.
The arrogant utterly deride me,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your law.
I have remembered Your ordinances from of old, O LORD,
And comfort myself.
Burning indignation has seized me because of the wicked,
Who forsake Your law.
Your statutes are my songs
In the house of my pilgrimage.
O LORD, I remember Your name in the night,
And keep Your law.
This has become mine,
That I observe Your precepts.

Psalms 119:49-56

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 4-6

Psalms 125

2 Timothy 2

Questions to Ponder

How has the Lord comforted you in your affliction by the Word?

Have there been times in your life in which you have experienced the derision and scoffing of the world and have succumbed to the pressure to be ashamed and have failed to walk obediently?

What are some ways you can help yourself to remember His name and His promises in the midst of the dark night?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Eight | July 8

Meditation

The LORD is my portion;
I have promised to keep Your words.
I sought Your favor with all my heart;
Be gracious to me according to Your word.
I considered my ways
And turned my feet to Your testimonies.
I hastened and did not delay
To keep Your commandments.
The cords of the wicked have encircled me,
But I have not forgotten Your law.
At midnight I shall rise to give thanks to You
Because of Your righteous ordinances.
I am a companion of all those who fear You,
And of those who keep Your precepts.
The earth is full of Your lovingkindness, O LORD;
Teach me Your statutes.

Psalms 119:57-64

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 7-9

Psalms 46

2 Timothy 3

Questions to Ponder

Is the Lord your portion? In other words, are you satisfied with Him and only Him?

How have you sinned by delaying your obedience to His commands?

Are you a companion of all those who fear the Lord? Or do you surround yourself with those who do not? How can you balance being a friend to unbelievers without becoming a companion of fools (Proverbs 13:20)?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Nine | July 9

Meditation

You have dealt well with Your servant,
O LORD, according to Your word.
Teach me good discernment and knowledge,
For I believe in Your commandments.
Before I was afflicted I went astray,
But now I keep Your word.
You are good and do good;
Teach me Your statutes.
The arrogant have forged a lie against me;
With all my heart I will observe Your precepts.
Their heart is covered with fat,
But I delight in Your law.
It is good for me that I was afflicted,
That I may learn Your statutes.
The law of Your mouth is better to me
Than thousands of gold and silver pieces.

Psalms 119:65-72

Scripture Reading

Ecclesiastes 10-12

2 Timothy 4

Questions to Ponder

In what ways do you struggle to believe in God's commandments?

How have you seen that God is good and does good?

Can you say with the Psalmist that it is good that you have been afflicted in order to learn His statutes?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Ten | July 10

Meditation

Your hands made me and fashioned me;
Give me understanding, that I may learn Your commandments.
May those who fear You see me and be glad,
Because I wait for Your word.
I know, O LORD, that Your judgments are righteous,
And that in faithfulness You have afflicted me.
O may Your lovingkindness comfort me,
According to Your word to Your servant.
May Your compassion come to me that I may live,
For Your law is my delight.
May the arrogant be ashamed, for they subvert me with a lie;
But I shall meditate on Your precepts.
May those who fear You turn to me,
Even those who know Your testimonies.
May my heart be blameless in Your statutes,
So that I will not be ashamed.

Psalms 119:73-80

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 12
2 Chronicles 10-11
Titus 1

Questions to Ponder

How have you experienced waiting for His Word?

How have you experienced the comfort of the Lord's mercy and lovingkindness?

What is your practice of meditation and memorization of the Word?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Eleven | July 11

Meditation

My soul languishes for Your salvation;
I wait for Your word.
My eyes fail with longing for Your word,
While I say, "When will You comfort me?"
Though I have become like a wineskin in the smoke,
I do not forget Your statutes.
How many are the days of Your servant?
When will You execute judgment on those who persecute me?
The arrogant have dug pits for me,
Men who are not in accord with Your law.
All Your commandments are faithful;
They have persecuted me with a lie; help me!
They almost destroyed me on earth,
But as for me, I did not forsake Your precepts.
Revive me according to Your lovingkindness,
So that I may keep the testimony of Your mouth.

Psalms 119:81-88

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 13-14
2 Chronicles 12
Psalm 47
Titus 2

Questions to Ponder

Is there a circumstance in your life right now in which you are waiting for the Lord to act?

Have you ever felt like "a wineskin in the smoke?" What has caused you to feel that way? To what did you turn in that season?

Have you experienced a season where it felt the unrighteous and “arrogant” seem to be winning? How does the Word prove a steady comfort in that season?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twelve | July 12

Meditation

Forever, O LORD,
Your word is settled in heaven.
Your faithfulness continues throughout all generations;
You established the earth, and it stands.
They stand this day according to Your ordinances,
For all things are Your servants.
If Your law had not been my delight,
Then I would have perished in my affliction.
I will never forget Your precepts,
For by them You have revived me.
I am Yours, save me;
For I have sought Your precepts.
The wicked wait for me to destroy me;
I shall diligently consider Your testimonies.
I have seen a limit to all perfection;
Your commandment is exceedingly broad.

Psalms 119:89-97

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

How does it bring you encouragement to consider that God's Word is settled and unchanging?

Consider the Creator who established the earth and continues to uphold all things according to His will; how does considering this bring you encouragement as you serve Him and seek to be obedient to His will?

How has the Word revived you in difficult times?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirteen | July 13

Meditation

O how I love Your law!
It is my meditation all the day.
Your commandments make me wiser than my enemies,
For they are ever mine.
I have more insight than all my teachers,
For Your testimonies are my meditation.
I understand more than the aged,
Because I have observed Your precepts.
I have restrained my feet from every evil way,
That I may keep Your word.
I have not turned aside from Your ordinances,
For You Yourself have taught me.
How sweet are Your words to my taste!
Yes, sweeter than honey to my mouth!
From Your precepts I get understanding;
Therefore I hate every false way.

Psalms 119:97-104

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

Do you meditate on the law throughout your day?

In what ways have you found the Word to provide wisdom beyond those considered wise by the world's standard?

Do you hate every false way? Including your own sin?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Fourteen | July 14

Meditation

Your word is a lamp to my feet
And a light to my path.
I have sworn and I will confirm it,
That I will keep Your righteous ordinances.
I am exceedingly afflicted;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your word.
O accept the freewill offerings of my mouth, O LORD,
And teach me Your ordinances.
My life is continually in my hand,
Yet I do not forget Your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me,
Yet I have not gone astray from Your precepts.
I have inherited Your testimonies forever,
For they are the joy of my heart.
I have inclined my heart to perform Your statutes
Forever, even to the end.

Psalms 119:105-112

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 15
2 Chronicles 13-14
Titus 3

Questions to Ponder

In what ways do you need the Lord to revive you?

Do you have an attitude of bitterness or an attitude of praise right now?

What brings you joy?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Fifteen | July 15

Meditation

I hate those who are double-minded,
But I love Your law.
You are my hiding place and my shield;
I wait for Your word.
Depart from me, evildoers,
That I may observe the commandments of my God.
Sustain me according to Your word, that I may live;
And do not let me be ashamed of my hope.
Uphold me that I may be safe,
That I may have regard for Your statutes continually.
You have rejected all those who wander from Your statutes,
For their deceitfulness is useless.
You have removed all the wicked of the earth like dross;
Therefore I love Your testimonies.
My flesh trembles for fear of You,
And I am afraid of Your judgments.

Psalms 119:113-120

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 15-16

1 Kings 16

Philemon

Questions to Ponder

How have you found refuge in the Lord as your hiding place and shield?

Do you struggle with feeling ashamed of the things of the Lord depending on the environment you are in or the people you are around?

Do you have a healthy fear of the Lord? What competes most with that fear?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Sixteen | July 16

Meditation

I have done justice and righteousness;
Do not leave me to my oppressors.
Be surety for Your servant for good;
Do not let the arrogant oppress me.
My eyes fail with longing for Your salvation
And for Your righteous word.
Deal with Your servant according to Your lovingkindness
And teach me Your statutes.
I am Your servant; give me understanding,
That I may know Your testimonies.
It is time for the LORD to act,
For they have broken Your law.
Therefore I love Your commandments
Above gold, yes, above fine gold.
Therefore I esteem right all Your precepts concerning everything,
I hate every false way.

Psalms 119:121-128

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17-18

Psalms 119

Jude

Questions to Ponder

In what ways do you long for the salvation of the Lord?

How are you thankful that God deals with us not according to what we deserve but according to His lovingkindness?

Is there a situation where you are waiting for the Lord to act against those who have broken His law?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Seventeen | July 17

Meditation

Your testimonies are wonderful;
Therefore my soul observes them.
The unfolding of Your words gives light;
It gives understanding to the simple.
I opened my mouth wide and panted,
For I longed for Your commandments.
Turn to me and be gracious to me,
After Your manner with those who love Your name.
Establish my footsteps in Your word,
And do not let any iniquity have dominion over me.
Redeem me from the oppression of man,
That I may keep Your precepts.
Make Your face shine upon Your servant,
And teach me Your statutes.
My eyes shed streams of water,
Because they do not keep Your law.

Psalms 119:129-136

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 19-21
2 Chronicles 17
Psalm 129
Matthew 1

Questions to Ponder

How have you found the Word give understanding to the simple?

How has the Lord shown His gracious manner to you in your life?

What iniquity/sin is fighting for dominion over you right now?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Eighteen | July 18

Meditation

Righteous are You, O LORD,
And upright are Your judgments.
You have commanded Your testimonies in righteousness
And exceeding faithfulness.
My zeal has consumed me,
Because my adversaries have forgotten Your words.
Your word is very pure,
Therefore Your servant loves it.
I am small and despised,
Yet I do not forget Your precepts.
Your righteousness is an everlasting righteousness,
And Your law is truth.
Trouble and anguish have come upon me,
Yet Your commandments are my delight.
Your testimonies are righteous forever;
Give me understanding that I may live.

Psalms 119:137-144

Scripture Reading

1 Kings 22
2 Chronicles 18
Matthew 2

Questions to Ponder

Is there a situation in your life in which you feel adversity, small, and/or despised? How have you found God's Word to bring you hope in that?

Consider the "everlasting" righteousness of the Lord. How is thinking on that encouraging to you?

Do God's words bring you delight in the midst of trouble and anguish?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Nineteen | July 19

Meditation

I cried with all my heart; answer me, O LORD!
I will observe Your statutes.
I cried to You; save me
And I shall keep Your testimonies.
I rise before dawn and cry for help;
I wait for Your words.
My eyes anticipate the night watches,
That I may meditate on Your word.
Hear my voice according to Your lovingkindness;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your ordinances.
Those who follow after wickedness draw near;
They are far from Your law.
You are near, O LORD,
And all Your commandments are truth.
Of old I have known from Your testimonies
That You have founded them forever.

Psalms 119:145-152

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

For what in your life are you currently needing to cry out to God?

What makes it difficult for you to wait on the Lord?

Do you find yourself rising early to cry to the Lord for help? Up at night meditating on the Word?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty | July 20

Meditation

Look upon my affliction and rescue me,
For I do not forget Your law.
Plead my cause and redeem me;
Revive me according to Your word.
Salvation is far from the wicked,
For they do not seek Your statutes.
Great are Your mercies, O LORD;
Revive me according to Your ordinances.
Many are my persecutors and my adversaries,
Yet I do not turn aside from Your testimonies.
I behold the treacherous and loathe them,
Because they do not keep Your word.
Consider how I love Your precepts;
Revive me, O LORD, according to Your lovingkindness.
The sum of Your word is truth,
And every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.

Psalms 119:153-160

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

Have you ever felt God revive you by the Word?

What are some of the great mercies of the Lord that you are thankful for?

Do you hate the unrighteousness of the “treacherous?” How do you love the person made in the image of God but maintain hatred of unrighteous behavior?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-One| July 21

Meditation

Princes persecute me without cause,
But my heart stands in awe of Your words.
I rejoice at Your word,
As one who finds great spoil.
I hate and despise falsehood,
But I love Your law.
Seven times a day I praise You,
Because of Your righteous ordinances.
Those who love Your law have great peace,
And nothing causes them to stumble.
I hope for Your salvation, O LORD,
And do Your commandments.
My soul keeps Your testimonies,
And I love them exceedingly.
I keep Your precepts and Your testimonies,
For all my ways are before You.

Psalms 119:161-168

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 19-20

2 Kings 1

Psalms 20

Matthew 3

Questions to Ponder

Do you feel awe at the Word?

Do you make a practice of regularly praising God?

How is it both comforting and convicting that “all my ways” are before the Lord?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Two|July 22

Meditation

Let my cry come before You, O LORD;
Give me understanding according to Your word.
Let my supplication come before You;
Deliver me according to Your word.
Let my lips utter praise,
For You teach me Your statutes.
Let my tongue sing of Your word,
For all Your commandments are righteousness.
Let Your hand be ready to help me,
For I have chosen Your precepts.
I long for Your salvation, O LORD,
And Your law is my delight.
Let my soul live that it may praise You,
And let Your ordinances help me.
I have gone astray like a lost sheep; seek Your servant,
For I do not forget Your commandments.

Psalms 119:169-176

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 2-3

Psalms 48

Matthew 4

Questions to Ponder

What supplication do you bring before the Lord? What are you asking to supply in you?

In what ways are you dependent on the Lord for help? How do you struggle with feeling a sinful independence from the Lord?

In what ways have you seen the Lord seek you in your lostness? Has he used people to pursue you? His Word? Other ways?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Three|July 23

Meditation

The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul;
The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.
The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes.
The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
The judgments of the LORD are true; they are righteous altogether.
They are more desirable than gold, yes, than much fine gold;
Sweeter also than honey and the drippings of the honeycomb.
Moreover, by them Your servant is warned;
In keeping them there is great reward.
Who can discern his errors? Acquit me of hidden faults.
Also keep back Your servant from presumptuous sins;
Let them not rule over me;
Then I will be blameless,
And I shall be acquitted of great transgression.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart
Be acceptable in Your sight,
O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.

Psalms 19:7-14

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 4-6

Matthew 5

Questions to Ponder

What is one situation in which the Word restored your soul?

Have you asked the Lord to acquit you of hidden faults?

In what ways do you struggle not just with the words of your mouth but with the meditation of your heart? How can you fight to take your thoughts captive to Christ?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Four|July 24

Meditation

How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked,
Nor stand in the path of sinners,
Nor sit in the seat of scoffers!
But his delight is in the law of the LORD,
And in His law he meditates day and night.
He will be like a tree firmly planted by streams of water,
Which yields its fruit in its season
And its leaf does not wither;
And in whatever he does, he prospers.

Psalms 1:1-3

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 7-8

2 Chronicles 21

Matthew 6

Questions to Ponder

In what ways do or have you walked in the counsel of the wicked? Stood in the path of sinners?
Sat in the seat of scoffers?

Do you meditate on the word day and night? How can you prioritize meditation more regularly?

How have you seen the meditation on the Word to yield fruit in your own life?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Five | July 25

Meditation

As for God, His way is blameless;
The word of the LORD is tried;
He is a shield to all who take refuge in Him.
For who is God, but the LORD?
And who is a rock, except our God,
The God who girds me with strength
And makes my way blameless?
He makes my feet like hinds' feet,
And sets me upon my high places.
He trains my hands for battle,
So that my arms can bend a bow of bronze.
You have also given me the shield of Your salvation,
And Your right hand upholds me;
And Your gentleness makes me great.
You enlarge my steps under me,
And my feet have not slipped.

Psalms 18:30-36

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 9-10
Psalm 49
Matthew 7

Questions to Ponder

How has the Lord been a shield for you?

How have you seen God as a rock of strength?

How has the gentleness of the Lord in both his love and rebuke brought you to greater depths of faith?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Six | July 26

Meditation

Make me know Your ways, O LORD;
Teach me Your paths.
Lead me in Your truth and teach me,
For You are the God of my salvation;
For You I wait all the day.
Remember, O LORD, Your compassion and Your lovingkindnesses,
For they have been from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
According to Your lovingkindness remember me,
For Your goodness' sake, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD;
Therefore He instructs sinners in the way.
He leads the humble in justice,
And He teaches the humble His way.
All the paths of the LORD are lovingkindness and truth
To those who keep His covenant and His testimonies.
For Your name's sake, O LORD,
Pardon my iniquity, for it is great.

Who is the man who fears the LORD?
He will instruct him in the way he should choose.
His soul will abide in prosperity,
And his descendants will inherit the land.
The secret of the LORD is for those who fear Him,
And He will make them know His covenant.
My eyes are continually toward the LORD,
For He will pluck my feet out of the net.

Psalms 25:4-15

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

How have you witnessed the compassion and lovingkindness of the Lord in your own life?

In what ways has the Lord instructed, led, and taught you in the ways of truth?

What fights for your attention to take your eyes off of the Lord?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Seven | July 27

Meditation

By the word of the LORD the heavens were made,
And by the breath of His mouth all their host.
He gathers the waters of the sea together as a heap;
He lays up the deeps in storehouses.
Let all the earth fear the LORD;
Let all the inhabitants of the world stand in awe of Him.
For He spoke, and it was done;
He commanded, and it stood fast.
The LORD nullifies the counsel of the nations;
He frustrates the plans of the peoples.
The counsel of the LORD stands forever,
The plans of His heart from generation to generation.

Psalms 33:6-11

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

How does it bring your encouragement to remember that by the word of the Lord the heavens were made— that He spoke and it was done?

In what situation do you need to remember that God nullifies the counsel of the nations?

God's plans continue from generation to generation. How have you seen this legacy in your own life?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Eight|July 28

Meditation

Depart from evil and do good,
So you will abide forever.
For the LORD loves justice
And does not forsake His godly ones;
They are preserved forever,
But the descendants of the wicked will be cut off.
The righteous will inherit the land
And dwell in it forever.
The mouth of the righteous utters wisdom,
And his tongue speaks justice.
The law of his God is in his heart;
His steps do not slip.
The wicked spies upon the righteous
And seeks to kill him.
The LORD will not leave him in his hand
Or let him be condemned when he is judged.
Wait for the LORD and keep His way,
And He will exalt you to inherit the land;
When the wicked are cut off, you will see it.

Psalm 37:27-34

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 22-23
2 Kings 11
Psalm 131
Matthew 8

Questions to Ponder

How have you been flirting with evil? From what habits or patterns do you need to depart?

For what righteous person in your life who has offered timely wisdom can you praise God?
Have you told them that you are thankful to God for them?

In what situation are you currently waiting on the Lord to act?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Twenty-Nine| July 29

Meditation

Then I said, "Behold, I come;
In the scroll of the book it is written of me.
I delight to do Your will, O my God;
Your Law is within my heart."

I have proclaimed glad tidings of righteousness in the great congregation;
Behold, I will not restrain my lips,
O LORD, You know.
I have not hidden Your righteousness within my heart;
I have spoken of Your faithfulness and Your salvation;
I have not concealed Your lovingkindness and Your truth from the great congregation.

You, O LORD, will not withhold Your compassion from me;
Your lovingkindness and Your truth will continually preserve me.

Psalms 40:7-11

Scripture Reading

2 Chronicles 24
2 Kings 12
Psalm 50
Matthew 9

Questions to Ponder

Do you find delight in doing God's will?

For what can you proclaim glad tidings in the great congregation?

Do you speak openly and boldly about the things of the Lord?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty | July 30

Meditation

This I know, that God is for me.
In God, whose word I praise,
In the LORD, whose word I praise,
In God I have put my trust, I shall not be afraid.
What can man do to me?
Your vows are binding upon me, O God;
I will render thank offerings to You.
For You have delivered my soul from death,
Indeed my feet from stumbling,
So that I may walk before God
In the light of the living.

Psalm 56:9-13

Scripture Reading

Joel
Matthew 10

Questions to Ponder

Do you know in your heart that God is “for” you? How have you seen this in your life?

In what ways do you struggle with trusting the Lord?

Do you struggle with fear?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-One | July 31

Meditation

When my heart was embittered
And I was pierced within,
Then I was senseless and ignorant;
I was like a beast before You.
Nevertheless I am continually with You;
You have taken hold of my right hand.
With Your counsel You will guide me,
And afterward receive me to glory.

Whom have I in heaven but You?
And besides You, I desire nothing on earth.
My flesh and my heart may fail,
But God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.
For, behold, those who are far from You will perish;
You have destroyed all those who are unfaithful to You.
But as for me, the nearness of God is my good;
I have made the Lord GOD my refuge,
That I may tell of all Your works.

Psalms 73:21-28

Scripture Reading

Jonah
Matthew 11

Questions to Ponder

How has the Lord guided you with his counsel?

Are there things that you desire more than the Lord?

Can you say with the psalmist, the nearness of God is your good? Have you made him your refuge?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Two|August 1

Meditation

I shall remember the deeds of the LORD;
Surely I will remember Your wonders of old.
I will meditate on all Your work
And muse on Your deeds.
Your way, O God, is holy;
What god is great like our God?
You are the God who works wonders;
You have made known Your strength among the peoples.
You have by Your power redeemed Your people,
The sons of Jacob and Joseph.

Psalms 77:11-15

Scripture Reading

2 Kings 13-14
2 Chronicles 25
Psalm 53
Matthew 12

Questions to Ponder

What deeds of the Lord can you remember and meditate on?

In what ways is the Lord's holiness on display?

How has God made His strength known to you?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Three | August 2

Meditation

Listen, O my people, to my instruction;
Incline your ears to the words of my mouth.
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings of old,
Which we have heard and known,
And our fathers have told us.
We will not conceal them from their children,
But tell to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,
And His strength and His wondrous works that He has done.

For He established a testimony in Jacob
And appointed a law in Israel,
Which He commanded our fathers
That they should teach them to their children,
That the generation to come might know, even the children yet to be born,
That they may arise and tell them to their children,
That they should put their confidence in God
And not forget the works of God,
But keep His commandments,
And not be like their fathers,
A stubborn and rebellious generation,
A generation that did not prepare its heart
And whose spirit was not faithful to God.

Psalms 78:1-8

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

How are you telling the next generation the praises of the Lord?

Is your confidence in the Lord? How has the Lord encouraged you to put more and more confidence in Him?

In what ways do you fight being like that stubborn and rebellious generation who does not trust in the Lord?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Four|August 3

Meditation

Teach me Your way, O LORD;
I will walk in Your truth;
Unite my heart to fear Your name.
I will give thanks to You, O Lord my God, with all my heart,
And will glorify Your name forever.
For Your lovingkindness toward me is great,
And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.

Psalms 86:11-13

Scripture Reading

WEEKEND CATCH-UP DAY

Questions to Ponder

In what ways have you struggled to go from head knowledge or teaching to obedience or walking in the truth?

For what can you give thanks to God today?

How can you thank God for his lovingkindness toward you?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Five | August 4

Meditation

The LORD reigns, He is clothed with majesty;
The LORD has clothed and girded Himself with strength;
Indeed, the world is firmly established, it will not be moved.
Your throne is established from of old;
You are from everlasting.

The floods have lifted up, O LORD,
The floods have lifted up their voice,
The floods lift up their pounding waves.
More than the sounds of many waters,
Than the mighty breakers of the sea,
The LORD on high is mighty.
Your testimonies are fully confirmed;
Holiness befits Your house,
O LORD, forevermore.

Psalms 93:1-5

Scripture Reading

Amos 1-3
Matthew 13

Questions to Ponder

Consider the everlasting nature of the Lord. How does that bring you peace?

What in the Bible points you to the mighty nature of God? What in your own life?

How have you seen God keep and confirm his promises?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Six | August 5

Meditation

The LORD is compassionate and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness.
He will not always strive with us,
Nor will He keep His anger forever.
He has not dealt with us according to our sins,
Nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
So great is His lovingkindness toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the west,
So far has He removed our transgressions from us.
Just as a father has compassion on his children,
So the LORD has compassion on those who fear Him.
For He Himself knows our frame;
He is mindful that we are but dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;
As a flower of the field, so he flourishes.
When the wind has passed over it, it is no more,
And its place acknowledges it no longer.
But the lovingkindness of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him,
And His righteousness to children's children,
To those who keep His covenant
And remember His precepts to do them.

Psalms 103:8-18

Scripture Reading

Amos 4-6

Psalms 55

Matthew 14

Questions to Ponder

How are you thankful for the Lord's slowness to anger?

What sin do you need to confess? How does it encourage you to remember that God removes our sins from us as far as from the east to the west?

How does remembering the everlasting nature of God side-by-side with the fleeting nature of us as humans bring you hope?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Seven | August 6

Meditation

The works of His hands are truth and justice;
All His precepts are sure.
They are upheld forever and ever;
They are performed in truth and uprightness.
He has sent redemption to His people;
He has ordained His covenant forever;
Holy and awesome is His name.
The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom;
A good understanding have all those who do His commandments;
His praise endures forever.

Psalms 111:7-10

Scripture Reading

Amos 7-9
Matthew 15

Questions to Ponder

In what ways have you seen God's works full of truth and justice?

From what has the Lord redeemed you?

Do you have an appropriate fear of the Lord?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Eight | August 7

Meditation

Out of the depths I have cried to You, O LORD.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let Your ears be attentive

To the voice of my supplications.

If You, LORD, should mark iniquities,

O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with You,

That You may be feared.

I wait for the LORD, my soul does wait,

And in His word do I hope.

My soul waits for the Lord

More than the watchmen for the morning;

Indeed, more than the watchmen for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the LORD;

For with the LORD there is lovingkindness,

And with Him is abundant redemption.

And He will redeem Israel

From all his iniquities.

Psalms 130

Scripture Reading

Hosea 1-3

Matthew 16

Questions to Ponder

How does it make you feel to remember that no one can stand before God's perfect righteousness?

Yet, God forgives *so that* we might fear him. Do you connect God's forgiveness of your sin with fear of him?

Do you have hope in the Word?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Thirty-Nine | August 8

Meditation

I will give You thanks with all my heart;
I will sing praises to You before the gods.
I will bow down toward Your holy temple
And give thanks to Your name for Your lovingkindness and Your truth;
For You have magnified Your word according to all Your name.
On the day I called, You answered me;
You made me bold with strength in my soul.

All the kings of the earth will give thanks to You, O LORD,
When they have heard the words of Your mouth.
And they will sing of the ways of the LORD,
For great is the glory of the LORD.
For though the LORD is exalted,
Yet He regards the lowly,
But the haughty He knows from afar.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, You will revive me;
You will stretch forth Your hand against the wrath of my enemies,
And Your right hand will save me.
The LORD will accomplish what concerns me;
Your lovingkindness, O LORD, is everlasting;
Do not forsake the works of Your hands.

Psalms 138:1-8

Scripture Reading

Hosea 4-6
Psalm 58
Matthew 17

Questions to Ponder

Are you able to say with the psalmist, I give thanks with my whole heart?

How has the Lord answered when you have called upon him?

Do you have confidence that the Lord will accomplish what concerns you?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

Day Forty | August 9

Meditation

I remember the days of old;
I meditate on all Your doings;
I muse on the work of Your hands.
I stretch out my hands to You;
My soul longs for You, as a parched land.
Selah.

Answer me quickly, O LORD, my spirit fails;
Do not hide Your face from me,
Or I will become like those who go down to the pit.
Let me hear Your lovingkindness in the morning;
For I trust in You;
Teach me the way in which I should walk;
For to You I lift up my soul.
Deliver me, O LORD, from my enemies;
I take refuge in You.

Teach me to do Your will,
For You are my God;
Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground.
For the sake of Your name, O LORD, revive me.
In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble.

Psalms 143:5-11

Scripture Reading

Hosea 7-10
Matthew 18

Questions to Ponder

Does your soul long for the Lord?

In what situation do you need God to teach you the way you should go?

In what do you find refuge? How does it encourage you to remember you can find refuge in the Lord?

Confess and Commit

What is the Lord calling you to confess and repent of today?

In light of your devotion time, what commitment(s) will you make today?

EPISTLE. — Rom. 15. 4-13.

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- 1 **G**OD'S faithful promises are sure,
Afford us life and vital pow'r;
Our aid, our comfort, trust, and hope
In all afflictions bear us up.
- 2 This is the word by which we live,
What consolations will it give!
True peace and joy the humble mind
In these bless'd promises shall find.
- 3 No greater blessings can be known,
No greater mercies can be shown,
Than understand that precious word,
And to rejoice in Christ the Lord.
- 4 O! let us then with patience wait,
God's promises are sure and great:
His gifts and graces from above,
Will fill our hearts with joy and love.
- 5 We bless and praise the Savior's name,
By whom this great salvation came;
With all the nations sing his praise,
And thank him for his saving grace. †

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