

# Weekly Devotions 27<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May



A key way that we are going to be transformed as individuals and as a community is through consistent, meaningful engagement with God's Word. Daily Bible reading and meditating on Scripture is an ordinary means of grace through which God is delighted to work out His purposes in our lives.

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*Each day is divided nicely into the following sections:*

- Prepare** Just a simple moment of quiet and then a simple prayer as you set aside time to engage in God's Word.
- Read** The day's reading. Some weeks it will be different bits of a passage, some weeks it will be the same passage repeated picking out different elements.
- Write** A good way to familiarise ourselves with Scripture is to write it out as we are forced then to really Concentrate.
- Learn** Hiding God's word in our hearts is a great goal so each day you'll be invited to learn just one verse to mull over during the day.
- Focus** This will be a question to help understand the passage. Try and be as thorough in answering as possible, chasing down all the possible angles.
- Reflect** This will be an extension question aimed at helping you reflect and relate to what you have read.
- Pray** There will be one thing to pray for at the end of each day, hopefully useful as a springboard to launch you in to praying through other things.

*Hopefully all this will take no more than 15 minutes in total. There is not a better way we could spend this time.*

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## **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Prepare:** 'Lord, thank you for your abundant provision in my life.'

**Read:** Exodus 15:22-16:20

**Write:** 16:11

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**Learn:** 16:11

**Focus:** How many days have elapsed since the Exodus before they start grumbling? Why are they so quick to complain?

**Reflect:** How quick are we to forget what God has done for us in the past which makes us slow to trust him in the present?

**Pray:** 'Father God, help me remember your goodness and trust your provision today.'

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## **Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Prepare:** 'Father God, thank you for the example of Joseph.'

**Read:** Genesis 39:21

**Write:** 39:21

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**Learn:** 39:21

**Focus:** Why did Joseph succeed in everything that he did?

**Reflect:** What areas of your life could you ask God to help you in?

**Pray:** 'Father God, grant me favour in the eyes of people today that I might make much of your Son.'

### **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Prepare:** 'Father God, thank you that you give rest.'

**Read:** Exodus 16:21-36

**Write:** 16:26

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**Learn:** 16:26

**Focus:** In what ways does the Sabbath serve Israel in showing their faith in God?

**Reflect:** What ways in your life can you show your faith in God?

**Pray:** 'Father God, may I trust that you are the God who provides, who gives us everything we need.'

### **Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> April:**

**Prepare:** 'Father God, may I serve you even in the darkest times.'

**Read:**

**Write:** 40:8

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**Learn:** 40:8

**Focus:** Map out God's providence in this chapter, how is he working out his purposes?

**Reflect:** How would you have felt if you were Joseph, betrayed by brothers, wrongly imprisoned & then forgotten about?

**Pray:** 'Father God, guide me in the way I should go.'

### **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May:**

**Prepare:** 'Father God, help me to trust and not to tremble.'

**Read:** Exodus 17:7

**Write:** 17:6

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**Learn:** 17:6

**Focus:** What does their grumbling in 17:2 & 16:3 reveal about Israel?

**Reflect:** How does 1 Corinthians 10:1-5 change the way we read this passage?

**Pray:** 'Father God, help me drink deeply from the spiritual fountain of your Son.'

### **Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> May:**

**Prepare:** 'Increase my faith through exposure to this word.'

**Read:** Hebrews 11:8-22

**Write:** 11:22

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**Learn:** 11:22

**Focus:** Think of some of the flaws of the heroes of faith mentioned in this chapter.

**Reflect:** Of all that these people did what is the defining feature written over their lives.

**Pray:** 'Father God, may the one thing that defines me today be faith in your Son.'

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May:**

**Read** Exodus 15:22-17:7 before the morning service

**Read** Genesis 39-40 after the evening service