

# Weekly Devotions 4<sup>th</sup> May – 10<sup>th</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 4<sup>th</sup> May

Prepare: 'Encourage my heart through this reading today.'

Read: Exodus 17:8-16

Write: Exodus 17:9

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Learn: Exodus 17:9

Focus: What is significant about Moses staff?

Reflect: Why is it significant that Joshua is chosen to lead the fighting?

Pray: 'Father show me the lives of the people that I can invest in.'

## Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> May

Prepare: 'Speak to me not in dreams but by your Spirit through your Word.'

Read: Genesis 41:1-13

Write: 41:12

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Learn: 41:12

Focus: How would you have felt if you were Joseph remaining in prison for 2 extra years?

Reflect: Have there ever been times in your life when you think God has forgotten you?

Pray: 'Father give me patience as your work unfolds in my life.'

## Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May

Prepare: 'Help me know that people are praying for me today.'

Read: Exodus 17:8-16

Write: 17:11

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Learn: 17:11

Focus: What roles did each character play in the battle?

Reflect: Who are the people like Aaron and Hur in your life who can support you as you struggle for Jesus?

Pray: 'Lord help me be one whose hands are constantly lifted in prayer to you.'

## Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

Prepare: 'Father, may I be ready to give a reason for the hope that I have to everyone who asks.'

Read: Genesis 41:14-36

Write: 41:16

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Learn: 41:16

Focus: Why is 41:32 significant for the beginning of the Joseph story?

Reflect: How would you describe God in this passage?

Pray: 'Father, help me know and follow your perfect plan for my life.'

## Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May

Prepare: 'Sanctify me by your truth, your word is truth.'

Read: Exodus 17:8-16

Write Exodus 17:14

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Learn: Exodus 17:14

Focus: Think about all the ways that building an altar called The Lord is my Banner was appropriate.

Reflect: What difference will it make to you today if the Lord is your banner?

Pray: 'Lord, thank you that you are winning victories in my life.'

## Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> May

Prepare: 'Help me diligently study your Word today.'

Read: Genesis 41:37-57

Write: 41:55

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Learn: 41:55

Focus: What is the significance of the names Joseph gives his sons?

Reflect: How might you apply these names to your unfolding story with God.

Pray: 'Father, let gracious forgiveness shape every area of my life and experience.'

## Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May

Morning: Read Exodus 17:8-16

Evening: Read Genesis 41