

# Weekly Devotions 8<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> June



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 8<sup>th</sup> June

**Prepare:** 'Help me sit under your Word today.'

**Read:** Ephesians 5:15-21

**Write:** 5:17

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**Learn:** 5:17

**Focus:** What are the contrasting 'walks' that Paul describes?

**Reflect:** Are we being wise and glorifying God by the way we walk?

**Pray:** 'Help me have a grateful and thankful heart today.'

## Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> June

**Prepare:** "Thank you that you are a safe refuge for your people.'

**Read:** Genesis 47:1-12

**Write:** v.11

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**Learn:** v.11

**Focus:** What words does the author use to indicate that this was a good outcome for Jacob?

**Reflect:** What truth (from v.12) do we learn about God from this section?

**Pray:** "Thank you that you provide for your people.'

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June**

**Prepare:** 'I praise you for the amazing grace you have shown me.'

**Read:** Ephesians 5:22-33

**Write:** 5:25

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**Learn:** 5:25

**Focus:** What is the motivation for the way that wife and husband behave towards each other?

**Reflect:** What beautiful picture do we see here describing the relationship between Christ and his church?

**Pray:** 'Father, help me be more selfless today?'

### **Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June**

**Prepare:** 'Thank you that you never change.'

**Read:** Genesis 47:13-31

**Write:** v.27

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**Learn:** v.27

**Focus:** Think back to God's promise to Abraham in Gen. 12:2-3. How do you see this developing in this section of Genesis?

**Reflect:** What do we learn about God's promises?

**Pray:** 'Thank you that your purposes are unstoppable.'

### **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June**

**Prepare:** 'Lord, help me be obedient to you.'

**Read:** Ephesians 6:1-9

**Write:** 6:5

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**Learn:** 6:5

**Focus:** What four groups of people does Paul address? What does he desire to see?

**Reflect:** What will it mean for you to walk with a 'sincere heart' today?

**Pray:** 'Help me live out a sincere heart and a love for you today, Lord.'

### **Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June**

**Prepare:** 'Thank you that you protect me.'

**Read:** Genesis 48:1-22

**Write:** v.15

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**Learn:** v.15

**Focus:** How does Jacob see God at verse 15? What does he say in verse 21?

**Reflect:** What does this picture of God as 'shepherd' speak of?

**Pray:** 'Help me know your leading today, Lord.'

### **Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June**

Read Morning: Ephesians 5:15-6:9

Read Evening: Genesis 47-48