

Weekly Devotions 15th June – 21st 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.

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.

Monday 15th June

Prepare: 'Thank you that you are the all-powerful creator God.'

Read: Ephesians 6:10-12

Write: 6:10

Learn: 6:10

Focus: Where is our strength to be as Christians?

Reflect: Who does Paul say the real battle in our Christian lives is against?

Pray: 'Help me stand firm, today, in the strength of who you are.'

Tuesday 16th June

Prepare: 'Thank you that your steadfast love endures forever.'

Read: Genesis 49:1-27

Write: v.10

Learn: v.10

Focus: What images come across as you read Jacob's words concerning Judah?

Reflect: What kind of leader are we anticipating will come from the line of Judah (in particular by the two animals mentioned)?

Pray: Pray the words from Philipians 2:3-11

Wednesday 17th June

Prepare: 'Help me arm myself, today, to live for your glory.'

Read: Ephesians 6:13-17

Write: 6:13

Learn: 6:13

Focus: What are the components of the Christian armour?

Reflect: Meditate on these components and ask that the Lord would help you be equipped today.

Pray: 'Father, help me know your truth in my life today'

Thursday 18th June

Prepare: 'Thank you that you are faithful.'

Read: Genesis 49:28-50:14

Write: 49:33

Learn: 49:33

Focus: What is Jacob anticipating by commanding his sons bury him in Canaan?

Reflect: Jacob believed God's promise concerning Canaan. Are you walking in light of what God has said in his Word?

Pray: 'Help me know your voice in my life today Lord.'

Friday 19th June

Prepare: 'Help me to pray.'

Read: Ephesians 6:18-23

Write: 6:18

Learn: 6:18

Focus: When, how, and for whom does Paul insist they pray?

Reflect: Do you see these concerns in your own prayer life?

Pray: 'Help me be constant in prayer.'

Saturday 20th June

Prepare: 'Father, thank you that you are in absolute control today.'

Read: Genesis 50:15-26

Write: 50:20

Learn: 50:20

Focus: How do the characters come across in this closing section? The brothers? Joseph?

Reflect: Given everything that has happened to him, how would you expect Joseph to react? How does he interpret the events?

Pray: 'Father, I praise you that you are working for my good and your glory.'

Sunday 21st June

Read Morning: Ephesians 6:10-24

Read Evening: Genesis 49-50