

## Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January:

- Read Exodus 3:1-4:31 before the morning service.
  - Read Romans 12:9-21 after the evening service.
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**Blank Page:** Use this for making notes of questions, thoughts, ideas & prayers that come up during your times of personal devotion.

## Personal Devotions at Bruntsfield Evangelical Church

One of the key ways that we are going to be transformed as individuals and as a community is through consistent meaningful engagement with God's Word individually.

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.

With this in mind we are seeking to provide a useful, informative and accessible set of notes to aid us in this endeavour. The passages in view are those that will be preached from on the Sunday following, so in this way we can hit the ground running having already familiarised ourselves with and thought about the passages.

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The notes contain 7 key elements:

**Prepare:** Just a simple moment of quiet and then a simple prayer as you set aside time to engage in God's Word.

**Read:** simply gives you the passage for the morning. 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 question to help in understanding 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.

**Week 3 : 19<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> January**

**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Give me eyes to see your greatness and your glory.'

**Read:** Exodus 3:1-22

**Write:** vs. 14 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** vs. 14

**Focus:** What is strange about how God answers Moses' Who am I question?

**Reflect:** In vs. 8-9 God says he's seen, hear and come down, how can this comfort you today?

**Pray:** Help me trust you today. Your presence, your power, your purpose

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Instruct me how to live in the way that honours you'

**Read:** Romans 12:9-21

**Write:** vs. 10 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** vs. 10

**Focus:** How many commands does Paul give in vs. 9-10?

**Reflect:** Which one do you struggle with most?

**Pray:** Help me be a diligent and devoted disciple.

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Do surgery on my life with your sharp double edged Word.'

**Read:** Exodus 4:1-17

**Write:** vs. 11 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** vs.11

**Focus:** What provokes the Lords anger against Moses?

**Reflect:** Have you ever made a similar excuse to the Lord?

**Pray:** 'Lord equip me to do your work today.'

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Help me cling to your word to me today.'

**Read:** Romans 12:9-21

**Write:** vs. 12 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** vs. 12

**Focus:** Try and summarise the instructions give in vs. 12-16.

**Reflect:** Why do we find it so hard to be persistent in prayer?

**Pray:** Help me be a persistent prayer.

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** Incline my ear to hear your voice.

**Read:** Exodus 4:18-31

**Write:** vs. 31 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** vs. 31

**Focus:** Why do you think God confronted Moses while the camped?

**Reflect:** How are we tempted to fail in preparing to serve God?

**Pray:** Lord teach me to be faithful in preparation not just service.

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January:**

**Prepare:** 'Lord make me saltier and brighter as a disciple.'

**Read:** Romans 12:9-21

**Write:** vs. 21 \_\_\_\_\_

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**Learn:** vs. 21

**Focus:** Why is blessing those who curse you like heaping burning fiery coals on their head?

**Reflect:** What one thing could you do today to put this into action?

**Pray:** Father help my attitude be more like Jesus.