





VOLUME 4

This Journal Belongs To....

'This book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it: for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success. Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for YHWH your God is with you wherever you go.' Joshua 1:8-9

Welcome

To your Thematic Journey Through The Bible In One Year
Journal!

I'm so excited to be bringing this Eat Breathe & Pray Journal to
you!

You are about to embark on an exciting journey into a much
greater understanding of, and familiarity with the Word of God,
and a deeper awareness of His presence, both with you and in
you.

I've designed this journal to help you prioritise the time You
spend in God's Word and in His presence, as you read through
God's Word in one year; and to help you keep a record of the
focus of your prayer life from day to day, and throughout the
year, so you can see how that focus changes as you spend
more time in His word and in His presence; and begin to co-
labour with Abba Father in prayer.

I love and appreciate you so much!
Be blessed, and be a blessing!

Jenner

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Undated Planner

This planner has been left undated so that you can start your Thematic Journey Through The Bible In One Year at any time. You can pick up wherever we're at with the live broadcasts, or start from the beginning, and listen along with the recordings.

The year is broken up into 4 quarters of 3 Journals: 31 days, 30 days and 30 days; Journal 12 will have 30 days +1 to make up 365 calendar days.

When starting at the beginning, the date that you start your journey on becomes Day 1 in your journal.

There are five **The Week Of** pages at the end of each journal; these give you the week-in-view on one side and an I Get To do list on the other, and can be placed at the beginning of each calendar week throughout the journal.

Day 1 – Genesis 1–3

Daily Planner *Satur day: July 19*

You will need to fill in the **Year**-in View and **Month**-in-View based on the Year and month that you start.

Month *July* Year *2026*

Many of the journals will need to incorporate dates from two months, either starting with a few days from the previous month, or ending with days from the next month.

Start your thematic journey through the Bible whenever you are ready!

How To Use

24-Hour Planner

The 24-Hour Day Planner is to help you prioritize your day around spending time in God's Word and in His presence; and to provide a place for you to record the times God calls you to pray with Him, no matter what the time, day or night.

Use your planner to schedule the journal elements you want to include in your day.

Start slowly with as many as you're comfortable with, and build from there.

The more time you spend in God's word and in His presence, the more elements you will want to incorporate into your day.

Prayer Focus

A Prayer Focus is the conversation that is going on throughout the day between your spirit and the Spirit of God. This conversation occurs in the background as we go about our day, but by intentionally bringing that conversation to the forefront of our attention, we start to actively co-labor with Yahweh to pray what is on His heart for that day.

There are two pages at the end of each day to record the focus of your prayers, so that over the year, as you spend more time in God's word and His presence, you can see how the focus of your prayers change from being needs/requests focused to praying from the heart of the Father God.

Bible Reading

This is a daily thematic journey through the Bible in one year. These readings are divided up into seven themed groups; the books of the Law, The books of History, the Psalms, The Books of Poetry, The books of Prophecy, the Gospels, and The Epistles. Read the daily passages from Scripture in your own time or join us online on the Eat Breathe & Pray Journal YouTube Channel, Facebook page, or Podcast.

Memory Verse

There is a memory verse provided for each day; You choose how many you want to memorize. One per week equals 52 verses by the end of the year; one per day will be 364 verses. You choose what works for you.

Bible Study

These Bible studies are not designed to spoon-feed you what we want you to know about the Word of God, but rather to stimulate a hunger for the Word, and encourage you to delve into the study of the Word for yourself. Each Bible study gives you the opportunity to delve deeper into the readings for that day. Please give yourself time to make notes of what Yahweh highlights to you, and to read the verses that are mentioned in each study, as well as researching and answering the questions for each day.

Daily Devotion

Make time for the Devotional when you can still yourself in God's presence and meditate on His word. There are scripture references in each devotion that you will need to look up and read for yourself; these are key verses for gaining understanding in each devotion.

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A Glance

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Day 92 - Exodus 1-4

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*Seek the LORD and
His strength seek His presence
continually.
1 Chronicles 16:11*

Notes:

Memory Verse

"And YHWH saw that he turned aside to look, so God called to him from the midst of the bush and said, 'Moses, Moses.' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then He said, 'Do not come near here. Remove your sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'" Exodus 3:4-5

Daily Devotion

"But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt had spoken to them, but let the boys live. " Exodus 1:17

Sometimes it is incumbent upon us to be disobedient to the laws of the land, when those laws go against the laws of God.

In Exodus 1 & 2, we see two such occasions, as well as the reward for those who disobeyed Pharaoh because of their trust in God.

The first example is in Exodus 1:15-21. I love that they not only didn't do what the king ordered, but make up an excuse that is not just sassy, but a swipe at the frailty of the Egyptian women. But God shows them favour and the reason is believed. And God rewards them for their compassion and trust in Him by making them the matriarchs of enduring families in Israel.

The second is seen in Exodus 1:22-2:10. Pharaoh is again trying to destroy the male Hebrew babies but this mother (Jochebed) could not abide his commandment so she placed her son in the Nile river, in a waterproof basket among the reeds, where he would be safe and then his sister Miriam watched over him. In so doing, not only does Jochebed save his life, but God rewards her compassion by making her the child's nurse. So she was able to raise her own son, who became the deliverer for the people of Israel.

Prayer: Abba Father, when I am in a position to have to choose between obeying You and Your word or the ruling authority in the land, help me to show the courage, wisdom and compassion of Puah, Shiphrah and Jochebed. Amen.

Bible Study

"And God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you. '" And God furthermore said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, "YHWH, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, the God of Jacob, has sent me to you. '" This is My name forever, and this is My memorial-name from generation to generation. " Exodus 3:14-15

There is so much I could say about these verses and the passage they come from, but we'll be focusing today on what God reveals to the Israelites in comparison to what He is going to show the Egyptians.

In this passage, we see God revealing Himself as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob, the God of their fathers (Exodus 3:6, 15-16) - that He knows their affliction, has heard their cry for help, and He will deliver them and lead them out to a land He has prepared for them (Exodus 3:7-10, 17); that He will bless and prosper them (Exodus 3:21-22); but most importantly, revealing to Moses His name, the name that he is to declare to the people of Israel, that is His memorial name to all generations (Exodus 3:14-15, 16, 18). They will worship YHWH their God at this mountain (Exodus 3:12, 18). By contrast, we see that God will strike the Egyptians with ALL His miracles (Exodus 3:19-20). They will experience suffering and grief by the hand of God as He moves in miraculous power against them; they will experience humiliation when they are plundered by the hand of the Israelites, who they have oppressed (Exodus 3:21-22).

God is revealing His history with and care for the people of Israel - His name, His heart, and His intentions for them; and calling them to separate themselves from their slavery and come worship Him. He is declaring His continuing relationship with them, and calling them into relationship with Him. He is inviting them to know Him fully.

Whereas to the Egyptians, He will cause them to experience His power - His power over them as a people and a nation, and His power over their gods that they worship. They will experience the power of God but their hearts will be hardened so that they cannot know Him.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why is relationship better than experience?

Answer:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 93 – 1 Samuel 16–20

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And on the seventh day God completed the work which He had done, and He rested on the seventh day from all His work which He had done. Genesis 2:2

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'But YHWH said to Samuel, 'Do not look at his appearance or at the height of his stature, because I have rejected him: for God sees not as man sees, for man looks at the outward appearance, but YHWH looks at the heart.'

1 Samuel 16:7

Daily Devotion

"Then Saul clothed David with his robes and put a bronze helmet on his head, and he clothed him with armour. And David girded his sword over his armour and tried to walk, for he had not tested them. So David said to Saul, 'I cannot go with these, for I have not tested them.' And David took them off. " 1 Samuel 17:38-39

When we first start to walk in the anointing or call of YHWH on our lives, there may be times when others will try to "equip" us by clothing us in their garments, the mantle of their anointing. And we may be tempted to "gird" ourselves with what they give us and try to walk in it. But unless we realise, as David did, that these garments are not our own and will be a hindrance to us, then they will cause us to stumble and fall. David recognised that YHWH had equipped him with all he needed to defeat Goliath, so instead of going against him as one soldier against another, which was the accepted and expected form of combat, David went out against Goliath as a shepherd going against a predator of the sheep - equipped not with Saul's armour and weapons of warfare, but with a staff, stones, and sling, and with the name of YHWH, his God (1 Samuel 17:40-47).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to remember that when you call me to serve You, You have already equipped me with ALL that I need to do the job ahead of me. It may not be the accepted or expected tools for that particular task, but it is exactly what will get the job done, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then David said to the Philistine, 'You come to me with a sword, a spear, and a javelin, but I come to you in the name of YHWH of hosts, the God of the battle lines of Israel, whom you have reproached. This day YHWH will deliver you up into my hands, and I will strike you down and remove your head from you. And I will give the dead bodies of the camp of the Philistines this day to the birds of the sky and the beasts of the earth, that all the earth may know that there is a God in Israel, and that all this assembly may know that YHWH does not save by sword or spear; for the battle is YHWH's and He will give you into our hands.' " 1 Samuel 17:45-47

Goliath was an experienced warrior, and an imposing man who could instill fear in his enemies simply by entering the field of battle. He brought with him many years of combat experience and his ability to intimidate his enemy to this battle against the Israelite army; and up to this point, it was working as expected. He had the army of Israel cowed, and they were unwilling to move against him (1 Samuel 17:4-11, 16, 22-24).

David came to this battle as a youth, too young to enter into military service (1 Samuel 17:12-15, 33); small in stature and weaponless (1 Samuel 17:38-40). There was nothing physically imposing about him and his presence produced mirth and mockery in Goliath, rather than fear or intimidation (1 Samuel 17:42-44). But he walked and spoke with confidence and authority because he knew Who it was that walked with him, and before Whom he stood (1 Samuel 17:45-47).

This is truly a case of, "It's not what you know, but Who you know."
Any battle that we may be facing, we can walk into with confidence and authority, knowing that the One who walks with us is able. The battle is YHWH's and He will give it into our hands.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the Goliath that you are facing?
2. What is your declaration of faith?
3. What is it about David that Saul allows him to take on Goliath, as the champion for Israel?

Answers:

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Day 94 – Psalms 39–41

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Get lost in the depths of the goodness and gentleness of God: float there for a moment and allow His love to wash over you.
Jenner

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"I hoped earnestly for YHWH, and He inclined to me and heard my cry for help. He brought me up out of the pit of destruction, out of the miry clay, and He set my feet upon a high rock - He established my steps." Psalm 40:1-2

Daily Devotion

"He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many will see and fear and will trust in YHWH." Psalms 40:3

If God has put a new song in your mouth, a song of praise to our God, I want to encourage you not to remain silent – sing it out, write it down, share it with whomever God puts on your heart. In whatever way God tells you, get that song out into the world so that many will see and fear, and will trust in YHWH. Whatever your song is, whatever He has put in your heart and in your mouth. It may be a word to speak, a book He wants you to write, a piece of artwork that will move hearts, or an invention that will meet a need, a computer program or app that you are to create, a play or movie script, a business idea or charity He wants you to establish, the list goes on and on. If God has given you something, it is not for you to keep to yourself, for your own edification; He has given it to you so that others may see and fear and trust in Him (Ephesians 4:7-16, Genesis 12:1-3, Matthew 5:16).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to realise that what You have given me is so that I can share it with others. I have been blessed so that I can be a blessing and You will hold me accountable for how I steward what You have given me. Let me not be that servant who says to you, "I hid Your talent in the ground. Here, You have what you gave me". Amen.

Bible Study

"Many, O YHWH my God , are the wondrous deeds You have done, and Your thoughts toward us; there is none to compare with You. I would declare and speak of them, but they are too numerous to recount. " Psalms 40:5

Every single person who has ever lived, or will ever live, has experienced the love, goodness and wonder of YHWH. Has delighted in His creation, has breathed in His breath, seen the glory of His handiwork. Has seen and experienced the work of His hands (Genesis 1:30 (ESV), 2:7, Psalms 8:1, 19:1-2, 50:1-6, Romans 1:18-20). But only a small few recognise the hand that has worked these wonders, respond to that revelation, and have the privilege of getting to know Him (Matthew 22:14, Revelation 17:14, John 6:39-40,44, 60-65, Jeremiah 31:3, Matthew 11:27).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why isn't it enough to see and experience the wonders of the living God?
2. What is it about those few, that they get to know the living God?

Answers:

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Day 95 – Job 27–28

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*while the LORD desires that we enjoy
His gifts and the people to whom we are joined.
He wants us to know that we were created first
for His pleasure.
Francis Frangipani*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'So He said to man, 'Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is wisdom and to turn away from evil is understanding.' Job 28:28

Daily Devotion

"But where can wisdom be found? And where is the place of understanding? Job 28:12

In the middle of all that Job is going through, he enters into a discourse on the treasures of the earth compared to the treasure of the living God; that is wisdom. Job 27-28 are worth reading and rereading over again. Job goes into detail about the treasures of the earth and the lengths to which man will go to find them; that the treasure of God, wisdom, far exceeds any of these treasures and is not difficult to find. Wisdom is found in God and imparted by Him.

"Behold, the fear of the Lord, that is is wisdom; and to turn away from evil is understanding" (Job 28:28, Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 15:33, Psalm 111:10, Isaiah 33:6, James 1:5-6, 17, 3:17, Matthew 7:7, 1 Kings 3:8-9).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that Your wisdom is far greater than all the treasures of the earth, and that You give it freely and without measure to all who ask, believing. Remove from my heart and mind any doubt that would keep me from receiving what You freely give. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then job continued to lift up his discourse and said, 'As God lives, who has removed my justice, and the Almighty, who has embittered my soul, for as long as breath is in me, and the spirit from God is in my nostrils, my lips certainly will not speak unrighteousness, nor will my tongue utter deceit. Far be it from me that I should declare you right; Till I breathe my last i will not remove my integrity from me. I hold fast my righteousness and will not let go. My heart does not reproach any of my days. '" Job 27:1-6

Once again in Job, we see an example that seems to run contrary to our expectations of how things should be. In Job 27:1-6, Job is declaring that although his current experience at the hand of God has embittered his soul, and may continue while he still has breath; it will not and cannot impact his relationship with God, or cause him to speak deceitfully. Job knows who he is in God, and knows who God is to him, and that knowledge overrides what he is experiencing (Genesis 15:6; Romans 4:1-5).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How often in our walk with the Lord is our relationship with Him impacted by what we are experiencing in the moment?
2. If your righteousness is a gift from God, is it a sin to deny it?

Answers:

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Day 96 – Jeremiah 7-11

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Awake, O north wind and come, wind of the south: make my garden breathe out fragrance, let its spices flow forth. May my beloved come into his garden and eat its choice fruits!
Song of Songs 4:16

Notes:

Memory Verse

'But this is what I commanded them, saying, 'Listen to My voice, and I will be your God, and you will be My people' and you will walk in the entire way which I command you, that it may be well with you.' Yet they did not listen or incline their ear, but walked in their own counsels and in the stubbornness of their evil heart, and went backward and not forward.'

Jeremiah 7:23-24

Daily Devotion

"There is none like You, O YHWH; You are great, and great is Your name in might. Who would not fear You, O King of the nations? Indeed it is Your due! For among all the wise men of the nations and in all their kingdoms, there is none like You. " Jeremiah 10:6-7

The "wise men" and rulers of the nations have been coming together to decide what to do about Israel. They are making their plans and pushing their own agendas, deciding how they will portion up the land of Israel and distribute it among the nations. But God says of them, "...they are altogether senseless and foolish; they are in a discipline of vanities..." (Jeremiah 10:8b, Psalm 2:1-6). It is God's plans and purposes that will come to pass on the earth, and we, as believers, need to be aware of the plans that He has set forth in His word, so that we can be effective standing with Him and calling His will to pass and His kingdom to come on the earth as it is in heaven (Matthew 6:10).

Prayer: Abba Father, as I search out Your word, open my eyes to Your plans for Israel and the nations, and give me wisdom to know how to stand with You and Your word, and with Your people Israel. Amen.

Bible Study

"Thus says YHWH, 'Let not a wise man boast in his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast in his might; let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast in this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am YHWH who shows lovingkindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things,' declares YHWH. " Jeremiah 9:23-24

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does God delight in?
2. Are wisdom, might and riches bad things?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

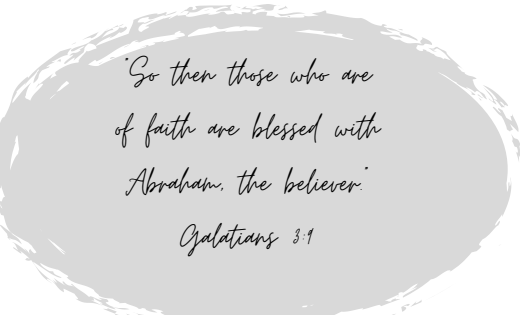
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Day 97 – Mark 7-8

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Memory Verse:

And He summoned the crowd with His disciples, and said to them, 'If anyone wishes to come after Me, he must deny himself, and take up his cross and follow Me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it.' Mark 8:34-35

Daily Devotion

"For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." Mark 8:38

When world opinion is loudly and proudly in opposition to God and His word, it can be challenging to speak up for the truth, in love. Because to do so is to open ourselves up to vitriol and false accusations of hatred and phobia, and to be publicly shamed by men.

But that is better than the alternative.

Jesus says in Mark 8:38, "For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will also be ashamed of him when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels." Will we stand up for Jesus and His word, or will we allow the thought of public shaming to cause us to become ashamed of Him and His words? The result of the latter is clear (Mark 8:36-37), as is the former (Psalm 25:1-3).

Prayer: Abba Father, I pray with the Psalmist, "To You, O YHWH, I lift up my soul. O my God, in You I trust, do not let me be ashamed..." Do not let the fear of man have any place in my life because I know that this is idolatry. It is Your approval alone that I seek, and I know that though I wait until the day of Your return, I will not be ashamed. Amen.

Bible Study

"And He said to them, 'Rightly did Isaiah prophesy of you hypocrites, as it is written: "This people honors Me with their lips but their heart is far away from Me. But in vain do they worship Me, teaching as doctrines the commands of men. " Leaving the commandment of God, you hold to the tradition of men. "' Mark 7:6-8

This people honors Me with their lips I want you to note that the words they are speaking appear to be honoring to God but their heart is far away from Me,

In vain do they worship Me, They engage in worship, singing the songs and playing the instruments, saying the prayers. But... teaching as doctrine the precepts of men.

Leaving the commandment of God, The Word of God and the teaching of Jesus is secondary to church doctrine and tradition, or what is socially acceptable.
you hold to the tradition of men.

Jesus said, "If you love Me, you will keep my commandments." (John 14:15, 21, 1 John 5:3, 2 John 1:6). In this, he is echoing the Scriptures (1 Samuel 15:22, Hosea 6:6 and Micah 6:6-8). In fact, He directly quotes Hoseah in Matthew 9:13 and 12:7.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What church movement was started by one person publicly stating that the church was teaching as doctrine the precepts of men?
2. What traditions of men have you accepted as doctrine because that is what you were taught?
3. How are we required to genuinely express our love for God?

Answers:

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Day 98 – 1 Corinthians 11-12

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*'True progress quietly and persistently
moves along without notice.'
Francis of Assisi*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit. And there are varieties of ministries, and the same Lord. And there are varieties of workings, but the same God who works everything in everyone. But to each one is given the manifestation of the Spirit for what is profitable.

1 Corinthians 12:4-7

Daily Devotion

"For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ." 1 Corinthians 12:12

In our society, we tend to think of ourselves as individuals and in terms of our rights as individuals. This has grown to an extreme from its beginning in the late seventies with the surge in popularity of self-help books such as "Looking Out for #1" to today's selfie-obsessed social media phenomenon. But as believers, we are referred to in Scripture as a part of a whole, as a part of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:12-26), a part of the bride of Christ (2 Corinthians 11:2, Ephesians 5:25-27, Revelation 19:7-9), as living stones being built into a spiritual house (1 Peter 2:4-6), as branches of one Vine (John 15:5-8), a holy city, the new Jerusalem (Revelation 21:2), as one new man, a holy temple, a dwelling of God in the Spirit (Ephesians 2:12-22).

You are not your own, for you have been bought with a price (1 Corinthians 6:19-20).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to remember that I am a part of Your body, the global body of Jesus the Messiah; that what I do, even in my own home, impacts the whole body. Help me to remember that I have been bought with a price, and therefore glorify You in my body. Amen.

Bible Study

"You know that when you were pagans, you were being led astray to the mute idols, however you were led. Therefore I make known to you that no one speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus is accursed', and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit. " 1 Corinthians 12:2-3

When reading this verse, most people associate it with deliverance ministry and that would be because that is where this verse is taught on the most. It is used when teaching people how to know if someone is demon-possessed.

Unfortunately, this verse has nothing to do with deliverance or demon possession but is actually in a passage of Scripture dealing with the gifts of the Spirit.

When this verse is taken out of context, it is taken to mean that demons, and therefore someone possessed by a demon, cannot say that "Jesus is Lord". Therefore, a good test to see if someone is demon possessed is to get them to say, "Jesus is Lord". But when we look at the encounters of Jesus with the demon possessed in the Gospels, they tell a very different story. Not only do they recognise Jesus, they bow before Him and show Him respect and declare Him to be Jesus, the Son of the living God (Mark 5:1-7). So much so that Jesus is commanding them to be quiet because they keep revealing who He is (Mark 1:23-25, Luke 4:33-35, 41). So yes, demons can say, "Jesus is Lord", and do so frequently. So let's put that idea to bed so we can see what this verse is really all about.

This is not a test for determining if someone is possessed by a demon; rather, it is a way of discerning if someone who is exercising a gifting is doing so by the Spirit of God. It is saying that no one can come to the revelation that Jesus is Lord, except if the Spirit of God reveals it to them (Matthew 16:16-17, John 6:44) and that the Spirit of God will not lead anyone to curse or vehemently denounce Jesus. Paul makes this statement at the beginning of 1 Corinthians 12, the chapter that focuses on the gifts of the Spirit, which are given for the building up of the body of Christ (1 Corinthians 12:1-11).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why will the Spirit of God not lead anyone to curse Jesus?
2. Why is it important to know if a gift is from the Spirit of God?

Answers:

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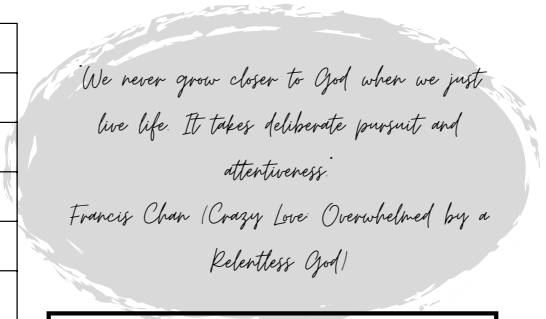
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Day 99 – Exodus 5–8

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Memory Verse:

"But on that day I will make a distinction for the land of Goshen, where My people are living, so that no swarms of flies will be there, that you may know that I, YHWH, am in the midst of the land. And I will put a division between My people and your people. Tomorrow the sign will happen."

Exodus 8:22-23

Daily Devotion

"Then Moses returned to YHWH and said, 'O Lord, why have You brought harm to this people? Why did You ever send me? Ever since I came to Pharaoh to speak in Your name, he has done harm to this people, and You have not delivered Your people at all. " Exodus 5:22

Have you ever stepped out in faith and obedience to what God is telling you to do, whether it is prayer and intercession on behalf of someone, or speaking to them the words God has given you to speak and things have just gotten worse? And the more you pray and fast and speak, the worse they become? You're not alone. The reason may be that God is about to show His power (Exodus 6:1, 9:16). The question is, are you willing to persevere, to continue to be obedient to what God is speaking to you despite the circumstances, believing that He will bring His word to pass (Exodus 7:2-6)?

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to continue to be obedient to Your word and Your voice even when doing so seems to make things worse. Help me to trust You fully and completely despite the circumstances, knowing that You are faithful to watch over Your word to perform it. Amen.

Bible Study

"God spoke further to Moses and said to him, I am YHWH; and I appeared to Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, as God Almighty, but by My name, YHWH, I was not known to them." Exodus 6:2-3

I find it hard to get my head around the enormity of this statement. Moses is the first person that God has revealed His name to! Even Abraham, Isaac and Jacob didn't know God by His name, YHWH. God is, for the first time, showing Himself to His people by His name; for the first time giving them His name as an assurance that He will do what He has promised. Declaring who He is to His people. Starting and finishing what He is saying to Moses with, "I am YHWH." (Exodus 6:2-8)

Later in Numbers, when Moses is establishing the Law and the ordinances for the priesthood, God commands Aaron and the priests to INVOKE His name over the people of Israel, and THEN He will bless them (Numbers 6:27). This is the purpose of the Aaronic blessing (Numbers 6:22-26). Unfortunately, Rabbinic tradition has stopped the use of the name of God, either speaking it or writing it, in the hope of avoiding taking His name in vain (Exodus 20:7). The thought being, if His name is neither spoken or written in full, it cannot be taken in vain – but in so doing, they have done what they were trying to avoid. The Aaronic blessing is spoken in vain because the name of YHWH is not invoked and therefore the blessing is forfeit.

The restoration of the name of YHWH to His people Israel will be one of the signs of the return of the Messiah (Matthew 23:39).

NOTE: As a general rule, wherever you see LORD, spelled with all capitals, or GOD (all capitals) in Scripture, this is where YHWH should be spoken.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Jesus highlighted several other areas where rabbinic traditions had deviated from the Law and the heart of God – can you think of any and discuss?

Answer:

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*'With all prayer and petition pray at all times
in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on
the alert with all perseverance and petition for
the saints.'
Ephesians 6:18*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then everyone who was in distress, and everyone who was in debt, and everyone who bitter of soul, gathered to him; and he became a commander over them. Now there were about four hundred men with him." 1 Samuel 22:2

Daily Devotion

"But one son of Ahimelech the son of Ahitub, named Abiathar, escaped and fled after David. And Abiathar told David that Saul had killed the priests of YHWH." 1 Samuel 22:20-21

At this point in Saul's life, he's gone about as far off base as possible. He was disobedient to YHWH and unrepentant; the kingdom was removed from him; he lost Samuel; the Spirit of YHWH was removed from him. He has alienated the one who could soothe him and cause the evil spirit to depart from him for a time by making him his enemy, and now he has killed the priests of YHWH and the one remaining priest has fled to David. He has effectively cut himself off from all means of communication with YHWH – his conscience, his right as the king to search out the things of YHWH, the prophetic voice, the Spirit of God, the healing voice, and now the priestly voice. Up until this point, he had a means of repentance, redemption and restoration, not to the role of king, but to right relationship with God and men. Now, the kingdom has been removed as far from him as it can be while he still sits on the throne. Even his son Jonathan has made a covenant with the one who will replace him. He is king in name only, his kingdom already given to David, the transfer of power has occurred and David is waiting for the appointed time to take the throne. The enemy's tactic when we fall into sin is to try to cut us off from communication with God, to isolate us and keep us from repentance and restoration.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to recognise when the enemy is trying to isolate me, to keep me from communication with You and fellowship with others. To recognise that if there is something that is keeping me from Your presence, it has become sin to me. Amen.

Bible Study

"Please do not let my lord pay attention to this vile man, Nabal, for as his name is, so is he. Nabal is his name and wicked foolishness is with him; but I your maidservant did not see the young men of my lord whom you sent. "
1 Samuel 25:25

Names are important in the kingdom of God – the name we are given is given from the Lord and for a purpose, and we either get to live up to our name, or overcome it.

In this account, we see Nabal a descendant of Caleb, who is a wealthy land owner and sheep herder (1 Samuel 25:2-3). At the time of the sheep shearing, David has sent some of his men to ask Nabal for a gift in exchange for the protection he and his men have given Nabal's herds and herdsmen while they've been in pasturing the sheep near where David has been staying (1 Samuel 25:4-9). Nabal lives up to his name – he is churlish and coarse in his response, without any thought to the consequences or the moral rightness of David's claim (1 Samuel 25:10-11), and nearly goads David to act foolishly in response (1 Samuel 25:13, 21-22). If it wasn't for the intervention of Nabal's wife Abigail, he may have (1 Samuel 25:23-34). Nabal's name means "fool". Not fool as in silly, ridiculous, a joke; fool as in Psalm 14:1 – "The fool has said in his heart there is no God." Therefore, he thinks there is no moral authority and no consequences for his actions. It is the same Hebrew word that is used in both 1 Samuel 15:15 and Psalm 14:1. Nabal learned the hard way the folly of his thinking (1 Samuel 25:36-38).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. If Nabal had feared YHWH and sought to overcome his own name, what could he have become known for?
2. Is your name one you want to live up to or overcome?

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Day 101 – Psalms 42-44

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“But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self control; against such things there is no law.”
Galatians 5:22-23

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'For I not trust in my bow, and my sword will not save me. But You have saved us from our adversaries, and You have put to shame those who hate us. In God we have boasted all day long, and we will give thanks to Your name forever. Selah.' Psalm 44:6-8

Daily Devotion

"For by their own sword they did not possess the land, and their own arm did not save them, but Your right hand and Your arm and the light of Your presence, for You favored them. " Psalm 44:3

God gives to each one of us gifts and abilities and strengths and we, on our part, can work to build on those, becoming skilled and knowledgeable craftsmen in our fields; and this is good, it is good stewardship of what God has given you to do (Exodus 28:2-3, 35:30-35, Psalm 44:3, Proverbs 22:29, 2 Timothy 2:15). But none of this is of any value if we do not have the favor of YHWH – Him moving on our behalf by His strong right hand and outstretched arm, if we do not have the light of His presence illuminating our face and the way before us (Psalm 127:1). The Psalmist is reminding himself and God of all His past deeds to his forefathers. Declaring his faith and trust in God and that God will once again move on Israel's behalf (Psalm 44:4-8). Not out of presumption, but because of the cry that is going up from His people to God, the unchanging nature of God's character, and for the sake of His lovingkindness (Psalm 44:23-26) .

Prayer: Abba Father, help me as I work to become skilled, a master craftsman in whatever gifting You have given me, not to become proud or arrogant, and not to start to rely on my own skills or strengths, or to labour in vain. Help me rather to always co-labour with You, attentive to Your plans, working according to Your will, Your design. I want whatever I do to have eternal value and benefit. Amen.

Bible Study

"O send out Your light and Your truth, let them lead me; let them bring me to Your holy mountain and to Your dwelling places. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy; and upon the lyre I shall praise You, O God, my God. " Psalm 43:3-4

Many of the Psalms have prophetic aspects and are particularly known for their prophetic foreshadowing of the Messiah and Psalm 43 is no different.

In Psalm 43:3-4, we see the cry for God to send His light and truth, to lead the Psalmist to God's dwelling place. These Messianic Psalms were well known in Jesus' time, and so when Jesus declares Himself to be the Truth (John 14:6) and the Light (John 8:12), they knew exactly what He was talking about. He was saying, "I am the One you've been waiting for, the Messiah sent by God to be Light and Truth to you and to lead you into the presence of God and to His dwelling place". The names given to Jesus and the ones He gave himself are not random, but point back to the Messianic Scriptures that those who studied the Scriptures would have been familiar with.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does Messianic mean?
2. What are some of the other names of Jesus that are referred to in Scripture?

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Day 102 – Job 29–30

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God: God gave the seventh day as a day of rest
for man, a sabbath (seventh) day to YHWH and
the seventh year as a year of rest for the land, a
Sabbath (seventh) year to YHWH
the number of rest*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

*O that I were as in months gone by, as in the days when God kept me,
when His lamp shone over my head, and by His light I walked through
darkness, as I was in the prime of my days, when the intimate counsel with
God was over my tent. Job 29:2-4*

Daily Devotion

*"I clothed myself with righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like
a robe and a turban. " Job 29:14*

What is it about this verse that strikes you? For me, it is that Job is aware that his righteousness is not something that comes from himself; it is not integral to him, but comes from an external source. He puts it on like a garment, a set of clothes. When Job is holding fast to his righteousness, it is not an act of pride or arrogance as his friends believe, but rather a humility that comes from knowing that it is God who has clothed him in righteousness. So, to allow his friends to impugn his righteousness is to impugn the God who clothed him, and that is something that Job cannot allow and will not do.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to keep it ever before my eyes that I am clothed in the righteousness of Christ, that my righteousness is not something I can brag about but only humbly receive from Your hand. As I come to know that I am clothed in Christ's righteousness, embolden me to walk in it, to the glory of Your name. Amen.

Bible Study

*"When I went out to the gate of the city, when I took my seat in the square,
the young men saw me and hid, and the old men arose and stood." Job
29:7-8*

In Job's discourse he now turns to his name, his reputation. In the days when God looked on Job with favour (Job 29:1-7), he had a reputation for wisdom and insight; when he opened his mouth to speak, others would become silent (Job 29:8-10,21-22).

But now his name has become a taunt, a byword among those he would not have even considered employing for the most menial job (Job 30:1, 9-15).

Job's wisdom and righteousness have not changed and his integrity remains, but because the package it comes in has been afflicted and is no longer clothed in health and wealth, all that God has placed within him has been rejected by those who once listened attentively to his words, and he has become despised, to the point that the most despised of society consider him as less than themselves (Ecclesiastes 9:16).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What worldly expression encapsulates this truth?
2. Have you ever judged the content of someone's words by their appearance?

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Day 103 – Jeremiah 12-16

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*This I will return to my heart therefore
I will wait in hope. The lovingkindnesses of
YHWH indeed never cease, for His
compassions never fail.
Lamentations 3:21-22*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Your words were found, and I ate them, and Your words became for me joy and gladness in my heart, for I have been called by Your name, O YHWH God of hosts." Jeremiah 15:16

Daily Devotion

"But if you will not listen to it, my soul will cry in secret for such pride; and my eyes will bitterly weep and flow down with tears, because the flock of YHWH has been taken captive." Jeremiah 13:17

Jeremiah has become known as the weeping prophet. From the time of his call as a prophet, God has made it clear to Jeremiah that the people will not listen to him but will fight against him (Jeremiah 1:17-19); and yet, he is to continue to bring to them the word of YHWH. Over and over again, Jeremiah has brought the warnings and admonitions of God to the people and they have refused to listen. Jeremiah's response is to weep for his people, for the blessings and goodness of God that they are missing out on, and the affliction they are going to endure because of their stubbornness of heart. Jeremiah weeps and groans for his people before YHWH, knowing that the outcome will remain the same. His intercession is effectual, even if it doesn't achieve the result he would like (James 5:16b, Genesis 18:22-32, John 9:31).

Prayer: Abba Father, cause me to stand firm as I cry out to You for those You have given into my care, even if it seems that my prayers are having no effect, or the reverse effect. Set my face like flint, make me like a fortified city, a pillar of iron, so that doubt and dismay will not overcome me. Amen.

Bible Study

*"Then YHWH said to me, 'The prophets are prophesying lies in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a vision of lies, divination, futility and the deception of their own hearts.' "*Jeremiah 14:14

There is a trend among the modern prophetic movement to not speak anything that might offend, or is not seen as "encouraging". This is not a new thing – it's just being presented in a different way. The practice of prophesying in the name of YHWH what the people want to hear goes back to the time of the kings in Israel, when the people started adopting the practices of the nations around them. The prophets of YHWH were often lone voices declaring that God would deal harshly with His people if they did not repent and doing so amid a sea of voices saying, "Peace! Peace!" (Jeremiah 12:13, 6:14, 8:11)

It is a dangerous thing to declare in the name of YHWH what YHWH has not spoken, or to water down and sugarcoat a word that He has spoken to make it more palatable (Jeremiah 23:25-32, 29:9). By doing so, we can diminish the urgency of the Word, give people a false sense of security, and hinder them from repenting and therefore miss the blessing that God has for them, as well as bringing upon themselves the judgement that God has declared through those who are speaking His word. In this case, the judgement on those who are prophesying falsely is to receive the judgement that they have said will not come on the people (Jeremiah 14:15).

In this day, where offense and opinion are considered more important than truth or facts, it can be hard to stand up for and speak the truth, and prophetic words of warning can be brushed aside as being too harsh or confrontational.

Discuss:

Question:

1. How do you know if a prophet is speaking the word of YHWH or not?

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Day 104 – Mark 9-10

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*'If you are serious about becoming like Christ. He is going to put you in circumstances where your only true choice is to become like Him.'
Francis Frangipane*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"But from the beginning of creation, God made them male and female. For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother, and the two shall become one flesh; so they are no longer two, but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let no man separate." Mark 10:6-9

Daily Devotion

"And Jesus said to him, 'If You can? All things are possible to him who believes.' Immediately the boy's father cried out and was saying, 'I do believe; help my unbelief.' " Mark 9:23-24

The disciples had been brought a boy made deaf and mute by a evil spirit and they could not cast it out. So the boy's father brings him to Jesus. Jesus' reply in Mark 9:23 is in response to the father's request. He has watched the disciples try without success to cast the demon out, so he says to Jesus, "But if You can do anything, take pity on us and help us!" When the disciples ask why they couldn't cast it out, Jesus' response is, "This kind cannot come out by anything but prayer." (Mark 9:29). But surely the disciples were praying as they attempted to cast it out, weren't they? And we don't see Jesus saying any prayers before He casts out the demon; so what does He mean? The answer may be found in Mark 10:27 – the prayer Jesus is talking about is not making requests of God to meet our needs, but a co-laboring with God, to Whom all things are possible, in prayer.

Prayer: Abba Father, I want my lifestyle to be one of co-labouring with You, so that when I am presented with the impossible, my immediate response is to enter Your presence, to co-labour with You as You bring the impossible to pass. Amen.

Bible Study

"And taking a child, He set him before them. And taking him in His arms, He said to them, 'Whoever receives one child like this in My name receives Me; and whoever receives Me does not receive Me, but Him who sent me.'"
Mark 9:37

Today we are looking at the reward of being, and doing, in the name of Jesus. But first let's look at what that means, to be in the name of Jesus. This is not about rubber stamping whatever we say or do with, "In the name of Jesus."

To be in His name means that we are living and acting as His ambassador. When we speak, we speak with His authority backing us up. When we do something, we are representing the kingdom of heaven on earth and Jesus our King; we are doing it in the name of the King. And therefore when we receive even a child in Jesus name, we receive Him, and He who sent Him. If someone else receives us in Jesus' name they receive Him, or even gives you a cup of water, because you represent Jesus and His kingdom, they will be rewarded (Mark 9:38-41, Matthew 10:41-42). It also means that there is an accountability for all that we speak and do in His name (Mark 9:42). Many of the things that you do in Jesus' name, you will not even be aware of, they will be things that you do just because they need to be done, because you could not imagine not doing them (Matthew 25:34-40).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What does it mean to do something “in Jesus’ name”?

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Day 105 – 1 Corinthians 13–14

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*And let us not lose
heart in doing good, for in due time
we will reap if we do not grow weary.
Galatians 6:9*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Love is patient, love is kind, is not jealous, does not brag, is not puffed up; it does not act unbecomingly, does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered; it does not rejoice in unrighteousness, but rejoices with the truth; it bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things. Love never fails.' 1 Corinthians 13:4-8a

Daily Devotion

"But now abide faith, hope, love – these three; but the greatest of these is love." 1 Corinthians 13:13

This is another of my favourite verses, and it is one I've always wondered about. Why, once the Lord has come, will we need faith and hope? I get love, I understand why love remains; but the other two was a mystery to me. Faith is the assurance of things hoped for; but what more will we have to hope for once Jesus has returned? Then I realised that my idea of hope was wrong. My understanding of hope was coming from a place of lack. The focus of my hope was on what I didn't have and hoped God would provide. This didn't align with the hope found in Scripture, the hope that does not disappoint (Romans 5:5 NASB). That hope is a hope focused on the fullness and riches of God and who He is, that delights in Him and desires more of Him. This hope, and the faith that assures us it will not be disappointed, are eternal.

Prayer: Abba Father, I thank You and praise You for faith, hope, and love. That these three abide, and I look forward to an eternity of delighting in You and hoping in faith for more of You, an eternity of discovering more of the richness and fullness of who You are. Amen.

Bible Study

"What is the outcome then, brothers? When you assemble, each one has a psalm, has a teaching, has a revelation, has a tongue, has a translation. Let all things be done for edification. " 1 Corinthians 14:26

In this we see a pattern for how we are to assemble together as believers, a pattern for the body. Each one bringing what God has given them, to the edification of the whole (1 Corinthians 12:8-11). We are to come together to build each other up in our faith, and grow together in our knowledge of Jesus our Messiah (Ephesians 4:15-16; 1 Peter 2:4-6).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the gifting, or gifting, that God has given you?
2. How are you using your gifting for the edification of the body of Messiah?

Answers:

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Day 106 – Exodus 9-12

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*...In repentance and rest you will be saved.
in quietness and trust is your might...*
Isaiah 30:15b

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"For if by now I had sent forth My hand and struck you and your people with pestilence, you would then have been wiped out from the earth. But, indeed, for this reason I have caused you to stand, in order to show you My power and in order to recount my name through all the earth." Exodus 1:15-16

Daily Devotion

"And YHWH gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians. Moreover, the man Moses himself was very great in the land of Egypt, both in the sight of Pharaoh's servants and in the sight of the people." Exodus 11:3

When God gives you favor, it can be unexpected and extravagant favour.

In Exodus 11, we see that despite Moses calling down all the plagues on the people of Egypt, he was highly esteemed by everyone in Egypt except Pharaoh. And not just Moses, but all the people of Israel found favour in the sight of the Egyptians; to the extent that when they asked their Egyptian neighbors for articles of clothing, and of silver and gold, they gave them to them freely (Exodus 11:2, 3:22, 12:35-36).

When God pours out His favor on us, it is not just for us, but always, we are abundantly blessed so that we can give abundantly and bless others. In the case of the people of Israel, they were later to give of those gifts that they received from the Egyptians for the work of the tabernacle (Exodus 35:4-6, 36:4-7).

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to always be aware that what You have given me is granted so that I can have enough to meet the needs of others and to build Your house; that all the abundant blessings You have provided are for the purpose of establishing Your kingdom. I ask that riches and wealth will only touch me lightly as they pass through me to meet the needs of Your kingdom. Amen.

Bible Study

"Speak now in the hearing of the people so that each man ask from his neighbour and each woman from her neighbour for articles of silver and articles of gold. And YHWH gave the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians..." Exodus 11:2-3a

When God first spoke to Moses and told him that he was to go tell Pharaoh to let His people go, He also told Moses that although He would harden Pharaoh's heart, He would also give the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians (Exodus 3:19-22). This may be the reason Moses was so upset when the work of the people was increased and things got worse for them instead of better (Exodus 5:22). But now after all the plagues, bar the final one, have come upon the people of Egypt, the word of YHWH is coming to pass and the people of Israel have found favour in the sight of their Egyptian neighbours, and Moses speaks to the people the word God gave him – that each one should ask of their neighbour articles of silver and articles of gold, and articles of clothing, each man his neighbour and each woman her neighbour. Each one, in so doing, would plunder their neighbour and leave the land with the wealth of Egypt being worn by their sons and daughters. The wealth of Egypt that they walked out with eventually went into the building and furnishing of the tabernacle when each one gave generously from a willing heart (Exodus 35:4-5, 36:4-7).

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why was it important for each one to ask of their neighbour?

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Day 107 – 1 Samuel 26–31

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'the greatest human attainment in all the world is for a life to be so surrendered to Him that the name of God Almighty will be glorified through that life.'

Kathryn Kuhlman

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'So David delivered all that the Amalekites had taken, and delivered his two wives. Indeed nothing of theirs was missing, whether small or great, sons and daughters, spoil or anything that they had taken for themselves. David brought it all back.' 1 Samuel 30:18-19

Daily Devotion

"But David strengthened himself in YHWH his God." 1 Samuel 30:6b

This verse reminds me a lot of John 11:35 or Exodus 5:22. It speaks directly to the character of the person. In the midst of their circumstances, they are overwhelmed with emotion and do what comes most naturally in the moment. For David, this is his response when things have gone so badly that his men are talking about stoning him (1 Samuel 30:6). They have returned from battle to find their homes destroyed and their families and possessions stolen (1 Samuel 30:1-5). And in his distress, David's response is to 'strengthen himself in YHWH his God', and then he enquires of YHWH what he should do (1 Samuel 30:7).

In times of distress, our true character shows through – whether we come to God and simply weep, come with our questions and concerns, or come to Him for strength and guidance, the important thing is that we come authentically and allow Him to meet our needs in the moment. What is your response in times of deep distress?

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to have such a strong relationship with You that my immediate response in stressful situations is to turn to You, in whatever state I'm in, to seek out Your presence and find what I need in You.
Amen.

Bible Study

"Now YHWH will repay each man for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for YHWH gave you into my hand today, but I was not willing to send forth my hand against the anointed of YHWH. Now behold, as your life was highly valued in my sight this day, so may my life be highly valued in the sight of YHWH, and may He deliver me from all distress." 1 Samuel 26:23-24

God will repay each one for their righteousness and their faithfulness. David's statement here is fascinating – when David first held Saul's life in his hands, he called on God to judge between he and Saul and to take vengeance on Saul because he would not lift his own hand against YHWH's anointed (1 Samuel 24:11-13, Deuteronomy 32:34-35). This time, he is declaring that YHWH will repay each man for his righteousness and faithfulness. He asks God to behave toward himself as he behaved towards Saul (1 Samuel 26:24). In so doing, although it is not explicitly stated, the request is implicit that God act toward Saul as Saul has acted toward David; that in the way Saul has sought to take David's life, God would take his. Saul desired to take David's life with his own hand; and in the end, he took his own life (1 Samuel 31:3-4). God will repay each one for their righteousness and their faithfulness.

Discuss:

Question:

1. What New Testament Scripture captures this truth?

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Day 108 – Psalms 45–47

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There are two ways of spreading light... to be the candle or the mirror that reflects it.
Francis Bacon

Notes:

Memory Verse:

“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change and though the mountains shake into the heart of the sea; though the waters roar and foam, though the mountains quake at its lofty pride. There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy dwelling place of the Most High.” Psalms 46:1-4

Daily Devotion

“My heart overflows with a good theme; I address my verses to the King; my tongue is the pen of a skillful scribe.” Psalm 45:1

This first verse of Psalm 45 indicates that it is a spontaneous Psalm sung from the overflow of the Psalmist’s heart. A spontaneous outpouring of worship, a celebration of love. How often do we spontaneously pour out our worship to God, our tongues the pen of a skillful scribe?

Psalm 96:1-6 tells us to, “Sing to YHWH a new song”, and gives us some examples of what we can sing about and why. Or we can simply sing one word of worship and praise. “Hallelujah” has been turned into many different songs. “Holy, Holy, Holy” is another simple example of a single word that has become many songs of praise and worship. The next time your heart is overflowing, allow it to overflow your lips as a song to your King. Don’t worry what it sounds like or if the words make sense, just let it pour out spontaneously to Abba Father, and trust that the Spirit of God will intercede on your behalf and transform it into a sweet offering to YHWH.

Prayer: Abba Father, give me the courage to sing a new song to You, proclaiming the good tidings of Your salvation from day to day. Cause it to become second nature for me to sing of all that You have done. Amen.

Bible Study

"God reigns over the nations, God sits on His holy throne. The nobles of the peoples have assembled themselves with the people of the God of Abraham, for the shields of the earth belong to God; He is highly exalted. "
Psalm 47:8-9

Each one of the rulers of the earth will stand before the God of Abraham. They will assemble themselves for judgement, as His people. No matter if the rulers of the earth rage against God, they will assemble at His call (Psalm 2:1-6).

We are fond of saying that God will not violate our freewill, and this is true, but there will come a time when every knee will bow before Him, and every tongue will confess that He is YHWH (Isaiah 45:23, Romans 14:11, Philippians 2:10-11). When every ruler of the earth will recognise that they are His people and He is their God, and will bow before Him (Psalm 72:11, 86:9).

The nations will have two options – to learn the ways of God's people and to declare, "As YHWH lives," or to be removed and destroyed (Jeremiah 12:14-17). And all the nations that remain will come and worship YHWH in Jerusalem (Zechariah 14:16-17).

Discuss:

Question:

1. Where is the church in all of this?

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Day 109 – Job 31-32

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And let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary. Galatians 6:9

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"If I have been glad at the upheaval of the one who hated me or exulted when evil found him - But I have not given over my mouth to sin by asking for his life in a curse." Job 31:21-30.

Daily Devotion

"For I am full of words; the spirit within my belly presses me. Behold, my belly is like unvented wine, not opened; like new wineskins it is about to burst." Job 32:18-19

After all this time and all that has been spoken, now Elihu opens his mouth.

He speaks in the anger that burns inside him toward Job and Job's three friends. While he has kept silent, he has been formulating his own arguments that have been bubbling inside him, and now he can't keep silent or he'll burst. There are three ways we can know that Elihu is not speaking words of life from YHWH:

1. Elihu is full of words, but there is no compassion (1 Corinthians 13:1).
2. Elihu is speaking out of anger, and justifying his anger as being on God's behalf (Job 32:1-5, James 1:19-20).

3. Unlike Jeremiah, who when he tried to constrain the words that God had given him, they became in his heart like fire in his bones (Jeremiah 20:9); for Elihu, his words have become gas in his belly. Note: The bones are where blood is produced in the body, and the heart pumps the blood around the body, and in Scripture "the life is in the blood" (Leviticus 17:11). Whereas, the belly is associated with idolatry and worldly appetites (Philippians 3:19 ESV).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to recognise when the words that want to escape my lips are from You and when they are from my own soul. Let the words of my mouth be words of compassion, that bring life and reveal Your heart. Amen.

Bible Study

"If I have rejected the justice of my male or female slaves when they filed a complaint against me, what then could I do when God arises? And when He calls me to account, with what will I respond to Him? Did not He who made me in the womb make him, and the same one fashion us in the womb?" Job 31:13-15

Job holds himself accountable to God for how he treats each one of his servants, both male and female. He doesn't see himself as better than them or of more importance (Galatians 3:28). He recognises that both he and they were formed in their respective mother's wombs by God Himself, and therefore are all God's creation, all God's children (Psalm 139:13-18, Isaiah 44:2, Jeremiah 1:5, Ephesians 2:19). So, to despise or dismiss any one of them would be to despise the creation of God (Matthew 25:40).

This is the attitude and understanding that motivates all Job's actions towards each one of his servants, that he is accountable to God and will answer to Him (Romans 14:12).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How can you model Job's attitude in your own life?

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Day 110 – Jeremiah 17–21

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*and because you are sons, God sent forth
the Spirit of His Son into our hearts,
crying, 'Abba! Father!'*
Galatians 4:6

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Blessed is the man who trusts in YHWH and whose trust is YHWH. And he will be like a tree planted by the water, that sends forth its roots by a stream and will not fear when the heat comes; but its leaves will be green, and it will not be anxious in a year of drought, nor refrain from yielding fruit." Jeremiah 17:7-8

Daily Devotion

"But if I say, 'I will not remember Him or speak anymore in His name,' then in my heart it becomes like a burning fire shut up in my bones; and I am weary of holding it in, and I cannot prevail." Jeremiah 20:9

Jeremiah is known as the weeping prophet because he is grieved by what God is showing him and the words that God is giving him to speak. Weeping for his people and all that they will suffer if they do not listen to the word of YHWH; grieved by their hardness of heart and very aware of their plots against him (Jeremiah 20:7-8, 10). But when he tries to turn his back on God and not speak the words God puts in his mouth, it becomes unbearable for him (Jeremiah 20:9). He has to speak the word of YHWH. He is compelled by the love of God to speak the word of God, even if he doesn't want to (Jeremiah 15:19-21). Speaking the word of God has become his very lifeblood - he can't NOT do it, even though it brings him grief.

Prayer: Abba Father, give me the courage to speak Your word, even if it brings derision and false accusations. Give me the strength to stand by You and Your word, and the assurance that evil will not prevail over me, that You will deliver and save me. Amen.

Bible Study

"The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; who can know it? I, YHWH, search the heart; I test the inmost being, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds. " Jeremiah 17:9-10

Implicit in this verse is that God knows and understands the heart of each one of us better even than we know our own heart. We can be very good at deceiving ourselves, particularly about the unseen motives of our heart. But God is not deceived – He searches the heart and tests the mind. And we don't have to wait until the final judgement to know what He finds there. We can, like the Psalmist, ask Him to search our heart now (Psalm 139:23-24).

For those who don't know YHWH, this Scripture can seem very daunting; and if they are coming from a place of works, leave them with a feeling of uncertainty about whether they are going to "make it". For those who do know YHWH, this is a comfort and source of joy, knowing that this is a continually ongoing process of God leading us in the everlasting way.

Discuss:

Question:

1. If the heart is desperately wicked, why is it that Christ dwells in our hearts (Ephesians 3:14-21)?

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Day 111 – Mark 11-12

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But being full of the Holy Spirit, he gazed intently into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. Acts 7:55

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Truly I say to you, whoever says to this mountain, 'Be taken up and cast into the sea,' and does not doubt in his heart, but believes that what he says is going to happen, it will be granted him. For this reason I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.' Mark 11:23-24

Daily Devotion

"And those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: 'Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest!'" Mark 11:9-10, Psalm 118:25-26

To understand the significance of what the people are crying out as Jesus enters Jerusalem, we need to take a close look at Psalm 118 and its connection to Sukkoth (the Feast of Tabernacles or Booths, where they remember and celebrate God dwelling with them, as they dwelt in tents in the wilderness).

At Sukkoth, prayers from Psalm 118 conclude the Hallel or Praise Psalms, and connect the Messiah to the feast of Tabernacles. The word "hosanna" that we see in Mark 11:23 is the same word that is translated as "Save us, we pray, O YHWH!" in Psalm 118:25. This Psalm is sung as worshippers go in procession around the altar waving the lulav (palm branches), dancing and singing and calling on God to send His promised Messiah.

There was no ambiguity about what the people were doing as they went before Jesus and came behind Him. And this is why the people turned on Jesus so quickly – they wanted Him to be the Messiah who comes at Sukkoth, to dwell among them and deliver them from the hands of their enemies; but this is not the time of Sukkoth, it is the time of Passover and He has come to be their Passover Lamb.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to receive Yeshuah Hamashiach, Jesus my Messiah, as He comes in the moment and to not reject what You are doing because You have come in a way I'm not expecting. Soften my heart and break off any expectations of how You will show up or how You will act on behalf of Your people at this time. Amen.

Bible Study

"And Jesus said to them, 'Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's. ' And they were amazed at Him. "

Mark 12:17

Today, we are looking at the distinction between the things of the world and the things of God. We are to render to each one what is due to them; to render to the world what is of the world, and to God what is God's. To do this, we need to be aware of what is of God and what is of the world; to make a distinction between the holy and the profane (Ezekiel 44:23, Leviticus 10:8-11). Now more than ever, this is an imperative for those who are called by the name of YHWH. God has never stopped calling His people to walk in holiness, but in this day and age the lines between the holy and the profane are becoming more and more blurred. This is not a new thing, but it is no less damaging (Ezekiel 22:26, Leviticus 10:1-3). What does it mean to be holy? It means to be set apart to God, for the service of God. In the Scriptures, we are commanded to be holy even as the One who has called us is holy (Leviticus 11:44-45, 19:2, 20:26, Deuteronomy 23:14, 1 Peter 1:13-16). We are to be in the world but not of the world (John 17:14-19). Therefore, we are to give ourselves wholly to God, and treat Him as holy. "By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, and before all the people I will be glorified." (Leviticus 10:3b)

Discuss:

Question:

1. What are the common things of the world? The profane?

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Day 112 – 1 Corinthians 15-16

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*How may the Lord of peace Himself continually give you peace in every circumstance.
The Lord be with you all.
2 Thessalonians 3:16.*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'For I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received, that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.'

1 Corinthians 15:3-4

Daily Devotion

"If we have hoped in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied. But now Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep." 1 Corinthians 15:19-20

Our hope is in Christ Jesus, Yeshua Hamashiach. By His life, we have hope that we too can walk in righteousness. By His suffering and death, we have hope of the freedom from sin and death. By His resurrection, we have hope of the resurrection, newness of life in Him. And by the gift of His Spirit dwelling in us, we live in the hope of oneness with Him and the Father. And this is what it is to walk by faith (Hebrews 11:1, Romans 5:5).

Prayer: Abba Father, our hope is in You and in Your Son, Jesus Christ!
Thank You that this hope does not disappoint. Grow us in our faith in You, in Yeshua, and in Your Holy Spirit that dwells in us. Amen.

Bible Study

"Be watchful, stand firm in the faith, act like men, be strong. Let all that you do be done in love. " 1 Corinthians 16:13-14

This exhortation, that is almost a "throw away" at the end of this letter, contains so much instruction that we tend to brush over it lightly as we read the final instructions at the closing of the epistle. So let's take a closer look at each part of this instruction

Be watchful (Luke 21:34-36, Mark 13:28-33, Ephesians 6:18).

Stand firm in the faith (Colossians 1:23, 4:2, Ephesians 6:10-18, Hebrews 3:6).

Act like men (1 Corinthians 13:11, 14:20, Ephesians 4:14-15, Hebrews 5:12-14, 6:1-3).

Be strong (Deuteronomy 31:6, Joshua 1:1-9, Ephesians 6:10).

Let all that you do be done in love (Mark 12:30-31, John 13:34-35, 1 John 4:8, 5:3-5, 18, Romans 13:10, Ephesians 4:2, Colossians 3:14, 1 Peter 4:8).

These instructions are even more important now than when Paul first gave them.

Discuss:

Question:

1. Can you think of any other nuggets that we brush over, because of where they are placed in His Word?

Answer:

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"We should put life in our faith. We should give ourselves utterly to God in pure abandonment, in temporal and spiritual matters alike, and find contentment in the doing of His will, whether He takes us through sufferings or consolations."
Brother Lawrence

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'But Moses said to the people, 'Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of YHWH which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.' Exodus 14:13

Daily Devotion

"YHWH will fight for You, and you keep silent. " Exodus 14:14

What an astounding statement! YHWH has just brought the Israelites out of Egypt by demonstrating His awesome signs and wonders. He has worked miracles on behalf of His people Israel just to get them to this point, and as soon as they see the Egyptians coming up behind them, they start crying out and declaring with their mouths that they are going to die here in the wilderness (Exodus 14:9-12). Moses, on the other hand, starts to declare how great God is (Exodus 14:13). I love Moses' response: the people and Moses are looking at the exact same circumstance, but where the people see everything that could go wrong and forgetting all that YHWH has already done to redeem them, Moses sees the opportunity for YHWH to display His power. In other words, "Hush now, watch and see what YHWH will do for you".

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to keep silent and remember Your miracles that You have worked for me, especially when I start to look at my circumstances through eyes of fear rather than faith. Let the remembrance of all that You've done for me build my faith so I can start to see the possibilities for You to work on my behalf, and let the declaration of my mouth be of Your love and awesome power. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then the angel of God, who had been going before the camp of Israel, moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from before them and stood behind them. So it came between the camp of Egypt and the camp of Israel; and there was the cloud along with the darkness, yet it gave light at night. Thus the one did not come near the other all night. " Exodus 14:19-20

When the enemy comes against us we have this confidence: that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4).

When we are besieged, YHWH acts on our behalf in powerful and miraculous ways. When we know who we are in Christ and before Whom we stand, then we will speak and act in authority (1 Kings 17:1, 18:15-19, 2 Kings 3:14, Exodus 14:13-16, 21-22) and God will act on our behalf (Exodus 14:19-20, 23-25, 1 Kings 18:1, 25-46, 2 Kings 3:15-24).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why did God command the Israelites to teach their children about their deliverance from Egypt?
2. Can you think of a past example of God's faithfulness in your life that helps you face a current problem or obstacle?

Answers:

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Day 114 – 2 Samuel 1-4

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*'For it is in giving that
we receive, it is in pardoning that we are
pardoned, and it is in dying that we are born
to eternal life.'
Francis of Assisi*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Now Abner had consultation with the elders of Israel, saying, 'In times past you were seeking for David to be king over you. So now, do it! For Yahweh has spoken of David, saying, 'By the hand of My servant David I will save my people Israel from the hand of the philistines and from the hand of all their enemies.''' 2 Samuel 3:17-18

Daily Devotion

"Now the war between the house of Saul and the house of David was long; and David grew steadily stronger, but the house of Saul grew weaker continually." 2 Samuel 3:1

Sometimes when God brings His word to pass in our lives, He does it instantly and miraculously – like Joseph, we go from imprisonment to ruling the nation in a moment. But most of the time, He leads us into the fulfillment of His word a step at a time. Like David, we get a word from God and then things seem to go in the opposite direction for some time before we start to see the fulfillment of that word, and then He leads us step by step, piece by piece; God is leading us, and we're seeing progress, but we're not "THERE" yet.

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to persevere and to not grow weary in doing good, to keep my eyes on You, and let You guide me one step at a time. Help me to be like David, not grasping at Your promise but clinging to You alone. Amen.

Bible Study

"...when one told me, saying, 'Behold Saul is dead,' and thought he was bringing good news, I seized him and killed him in Ziklag, which was the reward I gave him for his news. How much more, when wicked men have killed a righteous man in his own house on his bed, shall I not require his blood from your hand and purge you from the earth?" 2 Samuel 4:10-11

Our reading today is bookended with these two incidents, where someone comes to claim to have killed either Saul or his heir. In the first instance, the messenger bringing the news of Saul's and Jonathan's death thought it would be pleasing to David and so claims to have been the one who struck Saul after he was injured. It is evident that he was a witness to Saul's death before stripping Saul's body of the crown and bracelet, as he knows the details but he really didn't know David. David has him killed for daring to strike down YHWH's anointed (2 Samuel 1:1-16). In the second incident, we see two brothers, commanders in Ish-bosheth's army, who take it upon themselves to kill Ish-bosheth and come to David bringing with them the head of their king, thinking that it will win favour with him (2 Samuel 4:1-8).

It must have been distressing to David to have people think that acting deceitfully or dishonourably would be pleasing to him, but he stands firm in his integrity and does not allow their actions to cause him to act in like manner. Even now, he doesn't grasp at the throne of Israel. He treats Ish-bosheth's remains with respect (2 Samuel 4:12).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How else in Scripture did David show honor and respect for Saul and his family?

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Day 115 – Psalms 48–50

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*Humanity, take a good look at your
self. Inside, you've got heaven and earth, and
all of creation. You're a world -
everything is hidden in you.
Hildegard of Bingen*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Great is YHWH, and greatly to be praised, in the city of our God, His holy mountain. Beautiful in elevation, the joy of the earth, is Mount Zion in the far north, the city of the great King.' Psalm 48:1-2

Daily Devotion

"Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving and pay your vows to the Most High; call upon Me in the day of distress; I shall rescue you, and you will glorify Me. " Psalm 50:14-15

To see the full meaning of these verses, we need to look at the passages surrounding them. In Psalm 50:1-13, God is declared in His power, beauty and abundance. And He lets His people know that, although their sacrifices are ever before Him, He does not need them. He is declaring Himself to those who love and honour Him, and declaring that what He wants is a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and that they would call upon Him (Psalm 50:14-15, 23, Joel 2:32).

In Psalm 50:16-22, He is addressing the wicked, those who forget God. This paints a very different picture. Verse 16 in particular is a scathing rebuke where He revokes their right to even speak His statutes or covenant.

Verses 14-15 are written to those who love Him; they are a command and a promise, whereas verses 22-23 are written to those who have forgotten God as a reminder that they can still repent and find salvation.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that what You desire from me is a sacrifice of praise, and that I would pay my vows to You; that in the time of trouble I would call upon You, knowing that You shall rescue me and that I will honour You. Amen.

Bible Study

"Why should I fear in the days of evil, when the iniquity of my supplanters surrounds me, even those who trust in their wealth and boast in the abundance of their riches? Truly, no man can redeem his brother; he cannot give to God a ransom for him - for the redemption price for their soul is costly, and it ceases forever - that he should live on eternally, that he should not undergo corruption. " Psalm 49:5-9

We have this confidence - that though evil men may prosper, no amount of money can buy eternal life (Psalm 37:7-11, Jeremiah 12:1-4). The cost for the redemption of a soul is far beyond the wealth of the world (Exodus 6:6-7, 15:13, Deuteronomy 7:8-9, Micah 6:6-8, 1 Peter 1:18-19). And yet, this is what we have been given as a gift by God Himself, so that no matter what adversity may come our way, we have no need to fear, even death itself (Psalm 56:9-13), because it is due to YHWH's perfect love for us that He has redeemed us (1 John 4:16-19).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the cost of the redemption of our soul?
2. What is the indication that God's perfect love has not yet had its perfect way in us?

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Day 116 – Job 33–34

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*'A moment of insight from God is worth
more than a lifetime of experience.'*

John Paul Jackson

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Indeed God speaks once, or twice, yet no one perceives it. In a dream, a vision of the night, when deep sleep falls on men, while they slumber in their beds, then He opens the ears of men, and seals in their discipline.'

Job 33:14-16

Daily Devotion

Pay attention, O Job, listen to me; keep silent, and I will speak. Then if you have any speech, respond to me; speak, for I desire to prove you righteous. If not, listen to me; keep silent, and I will teach you wisdom. " Job 33:31-33

Have you ever met one of those people who will march right up to an acknowledged expert in their field and start to tell them their job, because they read an article once? That's sort of what we have going on here - Elihu would never have even considered speaking to Job prior to this, but now he's emboldened by Job's suffering and the accusations of Job's friends, and he has decided that he is going to resolve this one way or another because, "obviously no one else is getting it done".

We can learn a lot from Job's response to Elihu. He doesn't shut him down, he doesn't try to reason with him; he simply lets him vent all the words that have built up in his belly (Proverbs 17:27-28, 29:9-11).

Prayer: Abba Father, I ask for wisdom to know when to keep silent, when to engage, and when to let things go, and I thank You that in James 1:5, You have promised that You give wisdom generously and without reproach to those who ask it of You. Help me to guard my mouth and my tongue so that I keep myself out of trouble and preserve my life (Proverbs 21:23, 13:3). Amen.

Bible Study

"But if you have understanding, hear this; give ear to the sound of my speech. Shall one who hates justice rule? And will you condemn the righteous mighty One?" Job 34:16-17

Elihu continues his argument and is now taking up a defence for God against Job's words that he spoke earlier. He has called on Job's friends to join him in testing Job's words and to decide amongst themselves what is right and good (Job 34:1-4). He then reiterates the words of Job's friends, that God can do no wrong, and there is no wickedness in Him. Therefore, because Job is standing firm in his integrity, Elihu is using it as an accusation against him. For Job to say that God has acted unjustly toward him is just another sin he is piling on top of all the other sin and wickedness he must have committed for God to inflict him in this way (Job 34:5-9, 34-37).

Discuss:

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Day 117 – Jeremiah 22–26

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*May he kiss me with the kisses of His mouth.
For your love is better than wine.
Song of Songs 1:2*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Am I a God who is near," declares YHWH, "and not a God who is far off? Can a man hide himself in hiding places so I do not see him?", declares YHWH. "Do I not fill the heavens and the earth?", declares YHWH." Jeremiah 23:23-24

Daily Devotion

"Do you become a king because you are competing in cedar? Did not your father eat and drink and do justice and righteousness? Then it was well with him. He pled the cause of the afflicted and needy; then it was well. Is not that what it means to know Me?", declares YHWH. But your eyes and your heart are set on nothing except your own greedy gain.." Jeremiah 22:15-17a

There are many Scriptures that admonish us to know God, and Jeremiah is repeatedly calling the people and the rulers of Israel to know God (Jeremiah 9:23-24, 31:33-34, 1 John 3:6, John 17:3). But, what is it to know YHWH? Is it to do justice and love mercy and to walk humbly with your God (Jeremiah 29:11-13, Micah 6:8, 1 John 4:6-7, Romans 12:2, Psalm 119:105, Proverbs 8:17, John 14:15-31)?

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to know You more and more, each and every day. Give me a pliable heart that is instantly obedient to Your word, to the move of Your Spirit, to the sound of Your voice in every situation. Amen.

Bible Study

"Behold, the days are coming, ' declares YHWH, 'when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch; and He will reign as king and prosper and do justice and righteousness in the land. In His days Judah will be saved, and Israel will dwell securely; and this is His name by which He will be called, 'YHWH our righteousness' (YHWH Tsidqenu). " Jeremiah 23:5-6,

When we pray, "Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven" (Matthew 6:10), we are calling the kingdom of God to earth. We are declaring, "Jesus is King over the earth, for He is YHWH Tsidqenu, 'YHWH our Righteousness'". We are clothed in the righteousness of Christ (Job 29:14, Isaiah 61:10, Revelation 19:8, Psalm 132:9, 1 Corinthians 1:30, 2 Corinthians 5:21). We are His representatives on the earth, to prepare the earth for the coming of His kingdom so that Judah will be saved and Israel will dwell securely.

When you feel overwhelmed by what you are seeing in the world around you, don't lose heart. Stand firm and look up, for behold your salvation comes (Luke 21:25-31).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What does His righteousness mean to you?

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Day 118 – Mark 13–14

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*Now learn the parable of the fig tree: when its branch
has already become tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that
summer is near. Even
so, you too, when you see these things hap-
pening, recognise that He is near, right at the door.
Mark 13:21-29*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"But see to yourselves: for they will deliver you to the courts, and you will be beaten in the synagogues, and you will stand before governors and kings for My sake, as a witness to them. And the gospel must first be proclaimed to all the nations." Mark 13:9-10

Daily Devotion

"And when they lead you away, delivering you up, do not worry beforehand about what you are to say, but say whatever is given to you in that hour; for it is not you who speak, but it is the Holy Spirit." Mark 13:11

I love this verse – it's a great comfort, but also a challenge. If you're anything like me, your brain freezes up the moment someone asks you a question. You can be going along thinking about all the great things you did on the weekend, and as soon as someone asks, "How was your weekend?", your mind goes completely blank. So if I know I'm going to be answering questions, I like to be prepared ahead of time, hence the challenge. The comfort comes in that I know that when I am called upon to represent the kingdom of God, and Jesus His anointed King, His Spirit will speak through me if I am willing to listen to, and able to hear, His voice.

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to be continually in Your presence, listening for Your voice, so that when I am called before governors and kings, I will know the sound of Your voice so well that I can speak Your word without hesitation. Amen.

Bible Study

"For those days will be a time of tribulation such as has not occurred since the beginning of the creation which God created until now, and never will. And unless the Lord had shortened those days, no life would have been saved; but for the sake of the elect, whom He chose, He shortened the days. " Mark 13:19-20

There are two interesting things about these verses. One is that the tense changes from future to past. It goes from "those days will be," to "unless the Lord had shortened those days". I love those times when Jesus forgets that he's amongst us time-bound folks and slips into speaking from the 'eternal now'.

The second is this - that we are the reason that God will/has shortened the days. It is for our sake, God's elect, the ones He has chosen, that there is/will be life saved on earth.

So what is it about us that will/has swayed God to shorten the days and save lives? Is it so that we won't have to endure as much as the days get darker? Or is it because we, like Abraham, Daniel or Esther, will/have intercede/d on behalf of mankind, the nations, our nation, and Israel (Genesis 18:16-33, Daniel 9:1-19, Esther 4:9-16, 7:1-6, 8:1-6)?

If ever there was a time to stand firm, it's now. Stand firm, in the gap, for our nation, for the nations, for Israel, for our families, for our communities. It is now. You were born for such a time as this.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Do you know of any other times when Jesus switches tense while he's speaking?
2. What does, "For such a time as this" mean to you?

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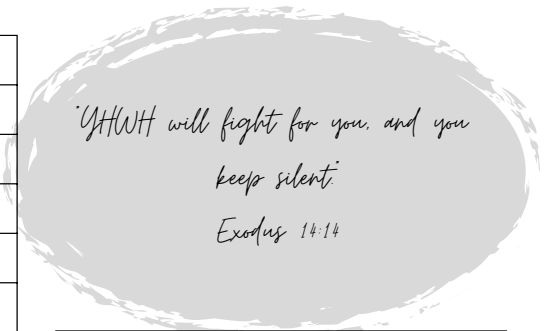
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Day 119 – 2 Corinthians 1–3

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Memory Verse:

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as from the Lord, the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Daily Devotion

"For as many as are the promises of God, in Him they are yes. Therefore also through Him is our Amen to the glory of God through us. "

2 Corinthians 1:20

To understand this verse, we need to know what "amen" means. It's not just a punctuation mark at the end of a prayer. It is frequently translated as, "So be it" or "May it be so", and those who know this recognise that it is a statement of consent or agreement with the prayer that has been spoken, and therefore are careful about what they say "amen" to. But amen is much more than that – it is an agreement to act upon what you have prayed. It comes from the same root word as "emunah", which means faith – faith that moves your body into action. It is not just an intellectual assent, it is a statement of faith that you agree to back up with action. It is a solemn contract.

When we add our amen to God's yes, we are agreeing to act upon His promise – in faith, and to His glory.

Prayer: Abba Father, set a guard upon my mouth so that I will not lightly give my amen. Cause me to be fully aware of what I'm agreeing to, and to act accordingly. Amen.

Bible Study

"But thanks be to God, who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ, and manifests through us the aroma of the knowledge of Him in every place. For we are a fragrance of Christ to God among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing; to the one an aroma from death to death, to the other an aroma from life to life..."

2 Corinthians 2:14-16a

There are many different things that we could focus on in this passage - that we are a fragrance of Christ to God; that that fragrance is an aroma from death to death to those perishing, and from life to life to those who are being saved (note the active and ongoing sense of the phrase); or, that it is God who manifests that aroma through us.

What I want to focus on is this - that "it is the sweet aroma of the knowledge of God". Have you ever wondered why Kathryn Kuhlman would manifest the presence and power of God wherever she went, to such an extent that she was banned from walking through several airline terminals because they had linked a series of extraordinary phenomena to her passing through the area (people going into fugue states and collapsing as she passed). And why that it doesn't happen when we pass by? Maybe it's because she knew God more than we do.

But how could she know God better than other people? The answer to this question lies in the fact that she came to a point in her life where she determined that she would go after God with every ounce of her being, holding nothing back. The Scriptures say that if we seek God with our whole heart, we will be found by Him (Jeremiah 29:13-14, Deuteronomy 4:29), and to press in to know the LORD (Hosea 6:3). Don't be deceived - this is not about a head knowledge of the facts about God, this is about knowing in the sense of an intimate relationship with Him. The strength of the aroma that God manifests through us is dependent on the depth of our knowledge of Him.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does it mean to “know God”?
2. Are you willing to commit to know God more? Don’t make any rash vows before God – search your heart, and see what you are both willing and able to do to grow your relationship with Him.

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Day 120 – Exodus 17–20

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Trust in YHWH and do good: dwell in the land and cultivate faithfulness. Delight yourself in YHWH and He will give you the desires of your heart. Rest in YHWH and wait patiently for Him... Psalm 37:3-4, 7a

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"You shall make an altar of earth for Me, and you shall sacrifice on it your burnt offerings and your peace offerings, your sheep and your oxen in every place where I cause My name to be remembered. I will come to you and I will bless you." Exodus 20:24

Daily Devotion

"And Moses built an altar and named it YHWH is My Banner [YHWH Nissi]." Exodus 17:15

When armies would fight, they would place a staff with the flag or banner of their people on it, on a high place where it could be seen clearly and it would serve as a rallying place for the army, and it would let their opponents know who they were. But when Israel fought the Amalekites, Moses was holding up his rod. To the Amalekites it was just a bare rod, no banner with identifying patterns or designs, nothing to say that this was a people. But to the Israelites, what they saw was the "rod of God", the rod that had brought about signs and wonders in Egypt; the rod that had brought about the plagues; the rod that had parted the waters of the Red Sea, the rod that had caused water to come from a rock. This was the rod that marked them as the people of the living God. So when the battle was won, Moses built an altar and named it "YHWH is my Banner".

Prayer: Abba Father, You are the One I look to for courage and guidance, You are the One I run to in time of need, You are the One in whom I find my identity. And it is by You that my battles are won. You are my Banner, and Your banner over me is love. Amen.

Bible Study

"But you shall select excellent men out of all the people, those who fear God, men of truth, those who hate greedy gain; and you shall place these men over them as leaders of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. And they will judge the people at all times. And it will be that every major matter they will bring to you, but every minor matter they themselves will judge. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you." Exodus 18:21-22

Moses' father-in-law Jethro has been watching all that Moses is doing and has seen that he's in danger of getting burnt out really quickly (Exodus 18:13-20). "He has a good nose for these things!" is a term we use for someone who has a good sense for people and what's going on in a certain situation, and that term certainly applies to Jethro. He has seen that although things haven't turned foul yet, they could do so very quickly.

And so, he gives Moses some good advice.

I want you to also notice what he doesn't say. He doesn't say to choose men who are at the top of their field and achieving great things. He doesn't say to choose men who are charismatic and natural leaders. He doesn't say to choose people who will be loyal to you, close friends and family. He doesn't say to choose those with the most seniority. He doesn't say to choose the ones with a reputation, that are good at self-promotion.

What he does say is to select:

Able men who fear God - Why? Because the fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom (Job 28:28, Psalm 111:10, Proverbs 9:10), it is the beginning of knowledge (Proverbs 1:7), it is the hatred of evil (Proverbs 8:13), it is the fountain of life (Proverbs 14:27, 19:23), it is pure (Psalm 19:9), and because the friendship of YHWH is for those who fear Him (Psalms 25:14)

Men of truth - because God is not man that He should lie (Numbers 23:19), God's Spirit is the Spirit of truth (John 16:13); and conversely, Satan is a liar and the father of all lies (John 8:44).

Those who hate dishonest gain - because God is a God of justice (Isaiah 30:18, 61:8, Micah 6:8). The love of money is the root of all evil (1 Timothy 6:9-10), and you cannot serve both God and money (Matthew 6:24).

People who exhibit these traits are able to do so because of their relationship with God. God is near to them, His Spirit is with them, and they love God above all else. These people exude the aroma of the knowledge of God (2 Corinthians 2:14).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Who are the people that God has placed in your life to help you grow in the Lord?
2. Have you told them "thank you" lately?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

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Day 121 – 2 Samuel 5–9

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YHWH is derived from the Hebrew word Haya, meaning 'to be'. It also suggests 'to become known'. This denotes a God who reveals Himself unceasingly.

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Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then all the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron and said, 'Behold, we are your bone and your flesh. Previously, when Saul was king over us, you were the one who led out and brought in Israel; and YHWH said to you, 'You will shepherd My people Israel, and you will be a ruler over Israel.' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David cut a covenant with them in Hebron before YHWH; then they anointed David king over Israel." 2 Samuel 5:1-3

Daily Devotion

"And David arose and went with all the people who were with him to Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God which is called by the Name, the very name of YHWH of hosts, who is enthroned above the cherubim." 2 Samuel 6:2 (emphasis added)

"Which is called by the Name, the very Name of YHWH Tzava'ot". The people of Israel would take the ark of God into battle with them because it is called by the name of YHWH Tsava'ot, YHWH of hosts, thus declaring YHWH as Lord over even the armies of their enemies. But the first time we see this name of God used in Scripture is in 1 Samuel 1:11. Hannah, in the bitterness of her soul, is crying out to God for a child, and gives Him this name, YHWH Tzava'ot, YHWH of hosts (1 Samuel 1:1-11). Hannah gave YHWH this name, but later in Scripture we see that this is the Name that YHWH chooses for Himself when He speaks of Himself as husband to Israel (Isaiah 54:4-8). Hannah's cry to God is echoed in YHWH's response to Israel. So the Israelites see the ark of God as a symbol of His power and authority over everything, including their enemies; but He sees it as the symbol of His covenant relationship with them.

Prayer: Abba Father, I want to see You and respond to You, first and always, as my Beloved, my Husband, my Kinsman Redeemer, and to remember that everything else that You are comes in that package. You are YHWH Tzava'ot, YHWH of everything, and You are mine, and I am Yours. Amen.

Bible Study

"Then Hiram king of Tyre sent messengers to David with cedar trees and craftsmen of wood and craftsmen of stone walls; and they built a house for David. Thus David knew that YHWH had established him as king over Israel, and that He had lifted up his kingdom for the sake of His people Israel. " 2 Samuel 5:11-12

Have you ever opened a cedar chest and breathed in the aroma of the wood? Or placed cedar balls in your drawers so that the scent permeates whatever it is stored with? Originally wooden coat hangers were made out of cedar wood, as the aroma acts to deter moths and insects. In aromatherapy, cedar is used for its cleansing and antibacterial properties – pain relief, the relief of anxiety and stress, and to improve sleep. It creates the sort of atmosphere you want in a home. The house that God had built for David was a house of cedar. When you opened the doors of that house, you would have been struck by a waft of cool, fragrant air. And it was the sweet-smelling aroma of his dwelling that caused David to realise that YHWH had truly established him as king over Israel.

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the aroma of the house that God is building for you?

Answer:

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Prayer Focus

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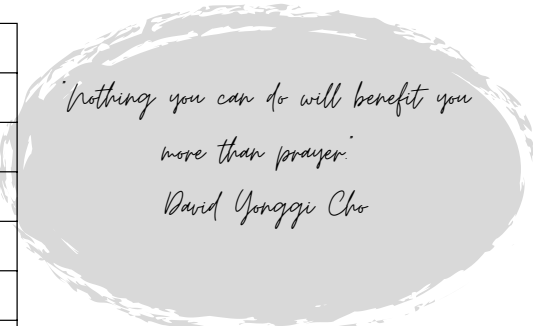
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Day 122 – Psalms 51–53

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Memory Verse:

"But as for me, I am like a green olive tree in the house of God: I trust in the lovingkindness of God forever and ever. I will give You thanks forever, because You have done it, and I will hope in Your name, for it is good, in the presence of Your holy ones." Psalm 52:8-9

Daily Devotion

"Oh, that the salvation of Israel would come out of Zion! When God restores His captive people, may Jacob rejoice, may Israel be glad." Psalm 53:6

This is a prayer for today. And every day. In every generation, someone rises up to try to destroy God's chosen people and God saves them. Among the Jewish community there is a saying: "Every Jewish feast has the same theme, 'They tried to kill us, God delivered us, let's eat!'" If you look at history, you will see that nations rise and fall based on their treatment of the people of Israel. The people of Israel are still waiting for, still seeking, the coming of the Messiah, the One who will bring salvation to Israel. And we know this, that Jesus will return to rule and reign on earth as King over Israel and the nations. And what a day that will be (Romans 11:1-11, 25-27, Isaiah 59:20-21, Jeremiah 31:31-34)!

Prayer: Abba Father, Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Amen.

Bible Study

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. "
Psalm 51:10 (ESV)

Psalm 51 is a prayer straight from the heart of David, when the prophet Nathan confronted him with his sin (2 Samuel 12:1-15). He had sinned against God and against Uriah and Bathsheba, and he comes to God in humility and repentance, seeking God's lovingkindness and compassion (Psalm 51:1-9). His prayer then shifts, asking God to create in him a clean heart; to restore and sustain him in God's ways; and to deliver him (Psalm 51:10-17). And then it shifts again; he prays for favour for Jerusalem and Zion (Psalm 51:18-19).

David's prayer rose to God as a sweet-smelling incense (Psalm 141:2, Revelation 5:8, 8:3). Because David came to Him in humility, acknowledged his sin and repented, and then sought His face. David didn't let his sin become a barrier between him and God, but recognised that he needed God to do the work in him to cleanse him and restore him to right relationship.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Is there any sin that is too great for God to forgive?
2. Is there anything we can do to restore our relationship with God if we sin?

Answers:

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