

EAT · BREATHE · & PRAY



JOURNAL

Prioritise your day around God's word and His presence



VOLUME 2

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 Yahweh 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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Day 335 – Acts 19–20

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'God dwells in His creation and is everywhere invisibly present in all His works. He is transcendent above all Hisworks even while He is immanent within them.'
A.W. Tozer

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Be on guard for yourselves and for all the flock, among which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God which He purchased with His own blood.' Acts 20:28

Daily Devotion

"And he said, 'Into what then were you baptised?' And they said, 'Into John's baptism. '" Acts 19:3

John's baptism was one of repentance, of sorrow and regret at choices made but also accompanied by a genuine change of heart toward God. However, God never intended for us to stop there – John's baptism of repentance is merely a necessary step toward believing in Jesus (Matthew 3:3, 11). On the other hand, the baptism of Jesus is the gospel of the kingdom, and involves an actual spiritual transfer from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light (Colossians 1:12-14, 22-23). Repentance is good and healthy, but the blood of Christ alone can satisfy the penalty for sin (Hebrews 9:22, 27-28, 10:10-12). Once Paul realizes from their response to his question that their hearts are ready, he preaches the gospel to them and they are baptized into Christ and Holy Spirit in quick succession (Acts 19:1-7). There is actually a fair bit of discernment by Paul here – it's not enough to hang in the right circles and know all the right "lingo", and Paul loves them too much to assume that their salvation is secure, so he asks just the right question.

Prayer:

Abba Father, give me eyes to see the spiritual needs around me, even within Your house, so that I can be about Your business at all times. Amen.

Bible Study

"And after he entered the synagogue, he continued speaking out boldly for three months, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. But when some were becoming hardened and were not believing, speaking evil of the Way before the multitude, he left them and took away the disciples, reasoning daily in the school of Tyrannus. This took place for two years, so that all who lived in Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks. "

Acts 19:8-10

There are two things in this passage that stand out to me - the first is that the original church was called the Way, and they were considered a sect of the Jewish faith. Individual disciples of Jesus were first called Christians in Antioch (Turkey), meaning 'Christ ones', which comes from the Greek word 'Christianos,' meaning followers of Christ. But the church as a movement were still called the Way (Acts 9:1-2, 19:9). And secondly, that the early church was made up of both Jews and Gentiles meeting and worshipping together (Acts 19:17; Ephesians 2:11-22). It wasn't until the number of Gentiles in the church dramatically increased that the distinguishing characteristic of the church became that they were followers of Christ and not necessarily Jewish, that the term Christian became the term for the church as a movement, and they began to move away from the 'Way' and the Jewishness of their faith. Is it time for the prodigal church to return to Abraham, the father of their faith, and the Jewish roots of our faith (Luke 15:11-32)?

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does the term Christian mean today?
2. How can we get back to the Way, and the Jewishness of our faith, without falling into legalism?

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Day 336 – 1 John 1-2

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I'd rather be able to pray than to be a great preacher. Jesus Christ never taught his disciples how to preach, but only how to pray. D. L. Moody

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"And this is the message we have heard from Him and declare to you, that God is Light, and in Him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with Him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not do the truth; but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin." 1 John 1:5-7

Daily Devotion

"And by this we know that we have come to know Him, if we keep His commandments. The one who says, 'I have come to know Him,' and does not keep His commandments, is a liar, and the truth is not in him; but whoever keeps His word, truly in him the love of God has been perfected. By this we know that we are in Him." 1 John 2:3-5

Obedience can sometimes be thought of as a perfunctory or mechanical response to directions or commands, but that's not what John is describing here. Obedience to God and His word is actually relational, a loving response rooted in trust and submission, and when done in faith it possesses an energy and passion that puts "lip service" to shame (Matthew 6:19-21, 31-33, 7:13-14, 21-23; 1 John 2:15-17). Not only do we prove our love by our obedience, we also receive more of His love and blessing through our obedience (1 John 2:5).

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Bible Study

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Questions:

1. How often do we think of God's calling on our lives as a gift, a treasure, a prize?
2. Are you ready to walk in the abundance of eternal life, right now?

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Day 337 – Deuteronomy 18–21

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'We must allow the Word of God to confront us, to disturb our security, to undermine our complacency and overthrow our patterns of thought and behavior.'

John Stott

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"The Levitical priests, the whole tribe of Levi, shall have no portion or inheritance with Israel; they shall eat of the offerings to YHWH by fire and of His inheritance. And they shall have no inheritance among their brothers; YHWH is their inheritance, as He promised them." Deuteronomy 18:1-2

Daily Devotion

"Thus your eye shall not show pity; life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot." Deuteronomy 19:21

Sounds pretty harsh, huh? We like to focus on "God is love" but it is critically important to remember that YHWH is also a God of justice and hates all sin. He gave this command in order to help preserve Israel as a holy people in His sight (Deuteronomy 19:19). It is also important to remember that Jesus' words during the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5:38-45) do not nullify but fulfill the command of YHWH given in Deuteronomy (Matthew 5:17-18). We are living in a time of great and increasing evil and it can be easy to lose heart or to think that YHWH is and will be infinitely patient with sinners, but His Word tells a very different story (Matthew 5:45; Ecclesiastes 8:11; Romans 2:4; 2 Peter 2:4-9). We are to extend the grace of our Lord to others, yes, but let's make sure that we are doing so with a sense of urgency, and with no illusions or qualms about the terrible judgment that awaits those who reject Him.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for giving us Your Holy Spirit, who leads us and guides us into ALL truth. Continue to show me, and mold in me, the totality of Your character, and in perfect balance. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now this is the case of the manslayer who may flee there and live: when he strikes down his friend without premeditation, not hating him previously—as when a man goes into the forest with his friend to cut wood, and his hand swings the axe to cut down the tree, and the iron head slips off the handle and strikes his friend so that he dies—he may flee to one of these cities and live; lest the avenger of blood pursue the manslayer when his heart is angry, and overtake him, because the way is long, and strike down his life, though he was not deserving of death, since he had not hated him previously. " Deuteronomy 19:4-6

In this passage in Deuteronomy, Moses has been talking about the cities of refuge; the places set aside where anyone who has accidentally killed another person can flee to and be safe from the avenger of blood. It is in these Scriptures about the cities of refuge that we first see the concept of intent introduced (Exodus 21:12-13; Numbers 35:11; Deuteronomy 4:42). The idea that it is the thought of and planning to kill that makes the act murder, and the person guilty.

This concept of premeditation is still a part of our judicial system today.

But Jesus took this concept even further. He stated that even being angry with someone makes a person guilty of murder. I believe He is talking about becoming angry enough to contemplate harm toward another, even if you have no intention of following through; the premeditation determines the guilt, with or without the act itself (Matthew 5:20-22, 27

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can our righteousness be greater than that of the scribes and the Pharisees?
2. How can the intentions of our heart be transformed?

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Day 338 – Nehemiah 5-9

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*'Arise, shine, for your light has
come, and the glory of YHWH has risen upon
you. For behold, darkness will cover the earth
and dense gloom the peoples; but YHWH will
rise upon you, and His glory will appear
upon you.' Isaiah 60:1-2*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Then Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites, who provided the people with understanding, said to all the people, 'This day is holy to YHWH your God: do not mourn or weep.' For all the people were weeping when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go, eat of the fat, drink of the sweet, and send portions to him who has nothing prepared: for this day is holy to our Lord. Do not be grieved, for the joy of YHWH is your strength.'" Nehemiah 8:9-10

Daily Devotion

*"So I sent messengers to them, saying, 'I am doing a great work and I cannot come down. Why should the work stop while I leave it and come down to you?'"
Nehemiah 6:3*

Nehemiah's heart and actions in this account are a master class in courage and refusing to yield to fear. Despite multiple attempts at distraction by Sanballat and Geshem, Nehemiah remains focused on the task at hand, namely rebuilding the wall and hanging the gates around Jerusalem (Nehemiah 6:1-4). Sanballat then sends a letter to Nehemiah accusing them of being rebellious toward the king and insinuates that this rumor might reach the king's ears. Nehemiah stands firm against this intimidation tactic also and prays to YHWH for strength to continue (v. 5-9). Finally, Nehemiah receives a prophetic word from a supposed friend urging him to take refuge in the temple of YHWH. As a non-priest, Nehemiah knows immediately that this "word" from God is yet another attempt by Sanballat and Tobiah to cause him to react in fear, this time by entering the temple unlawfully (v. 10-13). Nehemiah continues to lean into YHWH in prayer and finally accomplishes his divine mission (v. 14-16).

Let us do likewise – knowing the call of God on our lives, recognizing the schemes of the enemy and defeating them with courageous faith, discernment, knowledge of His word, and fortitude.

Prayer: Abba Father, forge in me a strength of character that stands strong and immovable in the face of all opposition, by Your word and by Your Spirit. Amen.

Bible Study

“And I said, ‘The thing which you are doing is not good; should you not walk in the fear of our God because of the reproach of the nations, our enemies?’” Nehemiah 5:9

In other studies, we have looked at “the fear of YHWH is the beginning of wisdom”, and the sense we get of the use of the word “fear” is that of awe and wonder (Psalm 111:10; Proverbs 1:7, 9:10, 15:33; Isaiah 33:6), but in this passage we see the fear of YHWH as a sign of respect, and as a guide to our actions (Nehemiah 5:14–15).

This is not talking about fear as in fear of punishment, or fear of being found out. It is the fear that is a deep, abiding respect that comes from a knowledge of YHWH, His word and His character. A knowledge that spurs us to seek to please Him, not as a means of earning favour, but because of our great love for Him. This is the same knowledge and respect that causes us to desire to walk in His ways, so that those who reproach YHWH and His people will be put shame by our actions.

What Nehemiah found is that the people who had returned to the land did not fear YHWH, because they did not know His law or His character, because they had not kept those feasts and festivals set down in Scripture that call for remembering what YHWH has done for them in the past. So to celebrate the walls being rebuilt, he calls a gathering of all the people and has Ezra read the book of the Law in the hearing of all the people (Nehemiah 8:5–10), and then the people celebrated the Feast of Booths (Nehemiah 8:14–18).

Dsicuss:

Questions:

1. Is the fear of YHWH, that deep abiding respect for Him, evident in the church today?
2. How can we remedy a lack of that kind of fear of YHWH?

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Day 339 – Psalms 140–142

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'You worship what you do not know: we worship what we know. FOR SALVATION IS FROM THE JEWS. But an hour is coming, and now is, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and in truth for such people the Father seeks to be His worshipers.' John 4:22-23

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"O YHWH, I call upon You: hasten to me! Give ear to my voice when I call to You! May my prayer be established as incense before You: the lifting of my hands as the evening offering. Set a guard, O YHWH, over my mouth: keep watch over the door of my lips. Do not incline my heart to any evil thing, to practice deeds in wickedness with men who are workers of iniquity: and do not let me eat of their delicacies." Psalm 141:1-4

Daily Devotion

"With my voice to YHWH, I cry aloud; with my voice to YHWH, I make supplication. I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my distress before Him." Psalm 142:1-2

Sometimes its okay to not be OK. The Psalms, especially of David, are chock full of tears and supplication, distress and desperation. David knew very well that nothing is hidden from YHWH (Psalm 139:15) and he wasn't afraid to be "real" before Him, warts and all. David also knew the importance of not getting stuck in the place of despair, of making YHWH His refuge and using his troubles as a springboard for worship (Psalm 142:5-7).

Prayer: Abba Father, cause me to walk transparently and honestly before You, as I grow more and more in the love and knowledge of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bible Study

"I know that YHWH will maintain the cause for the afflicted and judgement for the needy. Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name; the upright will abide in Your presence." Psalm 140:12-13

This is a knowledge that we need to hold close to our heart, and allow it to still our mind in times of darkness and confusion.

The Psalmist is crying out to YHWH for protection from violent men who continually stir up wars and set traps for the righteous (Psalm 140:1-5). He's calling upon YHWH to hear his petition, to show him favour, and to both hinder and punish those who seek to do evil, that their evil plans will come upon their own heads (Psalm 140:6-11).

But in the midst of all he's going through, he ends the Psalm with this declaration, "I know that YHWH will maintain the cause for the afflicted and judgement for the needy. Surely the righteous will give thanks to Your name; the upright will abide in Your presence." Psalm 140:12-13

When we are seeing what is happening in the world today and seeking to know how to pray, we can go to the Psalms like this one and either pray them or use them as a guide for our prayers. They give us language to express the things that are on our heart and mind, and they almost always end with a declaration of who God is and what He has promised for those who love Him.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Is it okay to express our fears, frustrations and even anger to YHWH in prayer?
2. What is a basic formula for prayer that you could learn from this Psalm?

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Day 340 – Song of Songs 1-2

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*All I can do is point you to the Way -
I can lead you to the Great Physician
and I can pray; but the rest is left with
you and God.*

Kathryn Kuhlman

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Like an apple tree among the trees of the forest, so is my beloved among the sons. In his shade I had great desire and sat down, and his fruit was sweet to my taste. He has brought me to his house of banqueting, and his banner over me is love. Sustain me with raisin cakes, refresh me with apples, because I am lovesick. Let his left hand be under my head and his right hand embrace me." Song of Songs 2:3-6

Daily Devotion

"O my dove, in the clefts of the rock, in the secret place of the steep pathway, let me see your appearance, let me hear your voice; for your voice is sweet, and your appearance is lovely." Song of Songs 2:14

There is a place in every human heart, no matter how deep or hidden, or even suppressed as it may be, that longs simply to be KNOWN. As much as we may desire to be alone at times or even for long stretches of time, we can't help ourselves; we were created with an innate need for relationship (Genesis 1:26-27, 2:18, 20-24). The Song of Songs uses emotional and physical language to describe just how much YHWH desires to know us, each one, intimately. And how much He wants us to desire to know Him (Song of Songs 1:2-4). Everything that we hope for as believers is found in knowing YHWH (John 17:3; 2 Peter 1:2-4; Hosea 6:3)

Prayer: Abba Father, as the words of the old hymn go, "I want to know You more!". "So now, I pray You, if I have found favour in Your sight, let me know Your ways, that I may know You, so that I may find favour in Your sight". Amen.

Bible Study

"Behold you are handsome, my beloved, indeed, so pleasant! Indeed, our couch is luxuriant! The beams of our houses are cedars, our rafters, cypresses. I am the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valleys." Song of Songs 1:16-2:1

In these two verses, we see things that the bride has intimate, secure knowledge of:

1. She knows her Beloved; she knows who her Beloved is and why she delights in Him. "Behold you are handsome, my beloved, indeed, so pleasant!"
2. She knows what she has together with Him; she doesn't talk about 'his' or 'yours', she talks about 'our'. "Indeed our couch is luxuriant! The beams of our houses are cedars, our rafters, cypresses."
3. She knows who she is in and to Him; she does not engage in false humility or downplay her role as the one loved by the king. "I am the rose of Sharon, the lily of the valleys."

These are three things that we, in the modern church, tend to struggle with but they all stem from the first. It is our intimate, passionate, knowledge of YHWH that informs our understanding of what is 'ours' together with Him, and who we are both in Him and to Him.

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How can we grow our knowledge of YHWH?
2. How can we cause that knowledge to become intimate and passionate?

Answers:

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Day 341 – Revelation 1–6

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*To God your every want in instant prayer
display, pray always: Pray, and never
faint: Pray, without ceasing, pray.
Charles Wesley*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels around the throne and the living creatures and the elders; and the number of them was myriads of myriads, and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice, 'Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power and riches and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and blessing.' And every created thing which is heaven and on the earth and under the earth and on the sea, and all things in them, I heard saying, 'To Him who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb, be the blessing and the honor and the glory and the might forever and ever.' And the four living creatures kept saying, 'Amen.' And the elders fell down and worshipped.' Revelation 5:11-14

Daily Devotion

"As for the mystery of the seven stars which you saw in My right hand, and the seven golden lampstands: the seven stars are the angels of the seven churches, and the seven lampstands are the seven churches." Revelation 1:20

I find it fascinating that he is not instructed to write to the churches (golden lampstands), but to the angels of the churches (the stars in His right hand). What are these angels? Angel comes from the Greek word *aggelos* - meaning "messenger", from the root word *aggell*, meaning "to announce" or "to bring tidings". So is John being instructed to write to spiritual beings who watch over the churches? Or the leaders of the churches who would bring tidings and announcements from the Apostles? In the church we tend to think of angels, when they are mentioned in Scripture, as being those spiritual beings who watch over, protect, and fight on behalf of God's people; the messengers of God like Michael and Gabriel, but rarely in terms of leaders, the messengers of YHWH who announce the word of God, and bring tidings of spiritual things that YHWH has revealed to them. But this word is used for both divine and human messengers (Daniel 10:10-12; Luke 1:26-28, 2:8-14; Isaiah 52:7; Revelation 1:1, 19:9-10, 22:8-9). If the angels are the earthly leaders of the churches, it says a lot about the care Jesus takes of them, in that they are held in His right hand (Isaiah 41:10; John 10:27-30).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You hold us all in Your hand and no one can snatch us out of the Father's hand; but I especially thank You that You hold those You have called as leaders in the palm of Your right hand, the leaders of the churches, and Israel who is called as the leader of the nations. Amen.

Bible Study

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave Him to show to His slaves the things which must soon happen; and He indicated this by sending it through His angel to His slave John, who bore witness to the word of God and to the witness of Jesus Christ, even to all that he saw. " Revelation 1:1-2

When I first realised what was really being said in this first verse of Revelation, it blew my mind. I had always thought of Revelation as the revelation of John that Jesus gave to him. But if you reread the first part of verse one, you'll see that that is not the case. And it changes everything.

"The Revelation of Jesus Christ, which God gave to Him" (Revelation 1:1a)
Why? So that He could "show to His slaves the things which must soon happen". The picture we have is of the Father giving to Jesus this revelation of Himself, and He then passes it to His angel to entrust it to John, who bears witness of all that He sees, and writes it down so that it can be read to the churches (Revelation 1:3).

God is revealing to Jesus things about Himself that are to come, so that He can prepare those whom the Father gave Him (John 6:37-40).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How often do we think of the vision or ministry that God has shown us as our own?
2. If God gives Jesus all that He needs to do what He has commanded Him, will He do the same for you?

Answer:

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*'So then, while we have opportunity, let us
do good to all people, and especially to those
who are of the household of faith.'*

Galatians 6:10

Notes:

Memory Verse

"And he said, 'The God of our fathers has appointed you to know His will and to see the Righteous One and to hear a voice from His mouth. For you will be a witness for Him to all men of what you have seen and heard. Now why do you delay? Rise up and be baptized, and wash away your sins, calling on His name.'" Acts 22:14-16

Daily Devotion

"And after looking up the disciples, we stayed there seven days; and they kept telling Paul through the Spirit not to set foot in Jerusalem. "
Acts 21:4

Paul has set off to go to Jerusalem, and everywhere He goes there are people prophesying the same thing, "Don't go to Jerusalem because you will be bound and delivered to the Gentiles" (Acts 20:22-23, 21:10-14). But Paul's response is to tell them that he is ready to not only be bound but even to die for the name of Jesus (Acts 21:13-14). So, either Paul is acting presumptuously by ignoring all those prophetic words of warning, or the prophets have put their own warning onto the vision that YHWH showed them (2 Peter 1:19-21). Both are viable possibilities, and both are errors that we all can easily fall into. But if You have heard a word from the Lord and find yourself faced with opposition from caring, loving, individuals from within the body who foresee difficulties ahead and don't want you to suffer, I encourage you to look to the example of Paul on His journey to Jerusalem (Acts 20:22-25).

Prayer: Abba Father, give me the courage to do what You have called me to do, even if there are difficulties ahead of me on the path. Help me to trust in You, in Your strength, Your presence, and Your word as I go about Your business. Amen.

Bible Study

"And when they heard it they began glorifying God; and they said to him, 'You see, brother, how many thousands there are among the Jews of those who have believed, and they are all zealous for the Law.' " Acts 21:20

Rumours had gotten around that Paul was teaching people to forsake the Law of Moses and to not have their sons circumcised (Acts 21:21-22) and the Apostles in Jerusalem were trying to work out how to deal with the situation, because there were thousands of Jewish believers in Jerusalem and they were "zealous for the Law".

They decided to get Paul to sponsor four of their men who were under a vow, so that all could see that he was "walking orderly, keeping the Law" (Acts 21:21-24).

This false accusation, that Paul was opposed to the Law or teaching against it, is still prevalent in the church today, and is actually still being taught from pulpits.

Dicuss:

Questions:

1. How can we address this issue in our own lives and within our churches?
2. What do the Scriptures tell us about the Law?

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Day 343 – 1 John 3-4

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*'God is love, and that
love works through men - especially through
the whole community of Christians.'*

C. S. Lewis

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"See how great a love the Father has given to us, that we would be called children of God: and we are. For this reason the world does not know us, because it did not know Him. Beloved, now we are children of God, and it has not been manifested as yet what we will be. We know that when He is manifested, we will be like Him, because we will see Him just as He is." 1

John 3:1-3

Daily Devotion

"Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God, because many false prophets have gone out into the world."

1 John 4:1

Now more than ever we need to take this verse to heart. We live in a time of global deception, where evil is called good and good evil. Where teachings have gained acceptance in the church that are not Scriptural and are in fact contrary to Scripture. Where the church has become more interested in inclusion and acceptance than in being salt and light in the earth. Where entire congregations are seeking to have their ears tickled rather than seeking the truth.

So how do we know what the truth is, how do we recognise the false prophets when their message has already gained mainstream acceptance?

The simple answer is, by the Spirit of God who dwells in us, and by the Word of truth (1 John 4:2-6; Psalm 25:4-5, 119:97-105; John 16:13; 2 Timothy 3:14-17).

Prayer: Abba Father, I pray like the Psalmist, "Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me and know my anxious thoughts; and see if there be any hurtful way in me, and lead me in the everlasting way." Amen.

Bible Study

"For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another. " 1 John 3:11

Jesus gave us the command to love one another (John 13:34-35, 15:12-17), but how is this different to the command in the Law of Moses, that Jesus discusses with one of the scribes (Leviticus 19:18; Mark 12:28-34)?

This new commandment is different because instead of loving others as we love ourselves, we are to love others as Jesus has loved us and given Himself for us (1 John 3:16-24, 4:7-12, 4:18-21; John 15:13).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What does it mean, to love one another?
2. How do we love others as Jesus loved us, what does it look like in our daily lives?

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Day 344 – Deuteronomy 22–25

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Humility is the foundation of all the other virtues: hence, in the soul in which this virtue does not exist there cannot be any other virtue except in mere appearance.
Saint Augustine

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"When you make a vow to YHWH your God, you shall not delay to pay it, for YHWH your God will surely require it of you; and it will be a sin in you. However if you refrain from vowing, it will not be a sin in you. You shall be careful and do what goes out from your lips, just as you have voluntarily vowed to YHWH your God that which you spoke with your mouth." Deuteronomy 23:21-23

Daily Devotion

"Nevertheless, YHWH your God was not willing to listen to Balaam, but YHWH your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because YHWH your God loves you." Deuteronomy 23:5

I want you to read that again.

Let it sink in.

"...but YHWH your God turned the curse into a blessing for you because YHWH your God loves you."

If we can grasp this one concept, it will completely transform our lives and our walk with YHWH.

This is His heart for the people of Israel (Deuteronomy 7:7-8, 10:15; Isaiah 31:1-6)!

This is His heart for you (Ephesians 3:14-19; Romans 8:31-39)!

This is His heart for all mankind (2 Peter 3:9)!

This is His heart for all of creation (John 3:16-17)!

Prayer: Abba Father, Open my eyes to the fullness of Your great love for me, so that no matter what may come against me, I will not be shaken.
Amen.

Bible Study

"You shall not pervert the justice due a sojourner or an orphan, nor take a widow's garment in pledge. But you shall remember that you were a slave in Egypt and that YHWH your God redeemed you from there; therefore I am commanding you to do this thing." Deuteronomy 24:17-18

One of the key principles of walking according to God's ways is remembering where you have come from.

To truly love others as we have been loved (Mark 12:28-33; John 13:34-35), to do justice to others (Isaiah 1:17, 61:8; Psalm 106:3; Proverbs 21:3), and to walk in humility (2 Chronicles 7:14; 1 Peter 5:6; James 4:10; Colossians 3:12), we must remember where we have come from, and all that God has done for us (Deuteronomy 6:12, 8:2, 24:19-22; Isaiah 46:9; Psalm 77:11; Revelation 2:5; Micah 6:6-8).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How does remembering where we have come from affect how we treat others?
2. How are remembering and humility connected?

Answers:

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Day 345 – Nehemiah 10–13

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*The most truly generous persons
are those who give silently with-
out hope of praise or reward.*

Carol Ryrie Brink

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Now at the dedication of the wall of Jerusalem they sought out the Levites from all their places, to bring them to Jerusalem so that they might celebrate the dedication with gladness, with hymns of thanksgiving and with songs to the accompaniment of cymbals, harps and lyres."

Nehemiah 12:27

Daily Devotion

"And the officials of the people lived in Jerusalem, but the rest of the people cast lots to bring one out of ten to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, while nine-tenths remained in the other cities. And the people blessed all the men who freely offered to live in Jerusalem." Nehemiah 11:1-2

In our society today we tend to think of the tithe as referring to money; a tenth of our income given to the church.

But in Scripture the tithe is so much more.

The tithe is the tenth part of all we produce; flocks and herds, fruits and vegetables, herbs and spices, are all mentioned in Scripture as things that are tithed.

But here we see a tithe of those living in the land of Israel.

Why are they tithing the people?

Because the tithe is always for the work of the house of God.

In Nehemiah's time, there were so few Jews living in the land of Israel that to continue the work of rebuilding the temple, they needed to tithe those living in the land, to come live in Jerusalem, for the work on the temple.

There are only three conditions for the tithe; It is the tenth part, it is so that the work of the house of God (or the kingdom of God) may continue, and it is to be given freely with a willing heart (Malachi 3:10; Proverbs 11:24; Mark 12:41-44; Luke 6:38).

Prayer: Abba Father, open my eyes to see all the ways I can bring the full tithe into Your house, for the work of Your kingdom. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now the rest of the people -- the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all those who had separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the law of God, their wives, their sons and their daughters -- all those who had knowledge and understanding, are joining with their relatives, their nobles, and are entering into a curse and an oath to walk in God's law, which was given by the hand of Moses, God's servant, and to keep and to do all the commandments of YHWH our Lord and His judgments and His statutes;" Nehemiah 10:28-29

Here we see the people of God binding themselves with an oath and a curse regarding God's law. This is not the first time that we see this in Scripture: Moses spoke in the same manner (Deuteronomy 11:26-28). And yet Jesus teaches, "Let your statement be, 'Yes, yes' or 'No, no'; anything beyond these is of the evil one" (Matthew 5:37). We, in the church, have taken this along with Scriptures that say we are no longer under the Law, to mean that we are no longer expected to fulfill the requirements of the Law (Romans 6:14b; Galatians 5:18). But nothing could be further from the truth. The verse in Matthew 5:37 is a part of Jesus' sermon on the Mount, specifically the part where He is teaching that unless our righteousness surpasses that of the scribes and the Pharisees, we will not enter the kingdom of heaven (Matthew 5:17-20). Even Paul backs this up in his letter to the Romans (Romans 3:31, 6:12-15). And those who practice lawlessness will not enter the kingdom of God (Matthew 7:21-23; Luke 13:22-27; 1 John 2:4, 3:4).

Discuss:

Question:

1. If we are not under the law, why are we held to a higher standard than the law?

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Day 346 – Psalms 143–145

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*"When I remember You
on my bed, I meditate on You in the
night watches, for You have been my
help, and in the shadow of Your
wings I sing for joy." Psalm 63:6-7*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

YHWH is gracious and compassionate; slow to anger and great in lovingkindness. YHWH is good to all, and His compassions are over all His works. All Your works, O YHWH, shall give thanks to You, and Your holy ones shall bless You. They shall speak of the glory of Your kingdom and talk of Your might to make known to the sons of men His mighty deeds and the glory of the majesty of His kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and Your dominion endures from generation to every generation.

Psalms 145:8-13

Daily Devotion

"I remember the days of old; I meditate on all You have done; I muse on the work of Your hands. I stretch out my hands to You; my soul reaches for You like a weary land." Psalm 143:5-6

Why is it so important to remember our past and make note of YHWH's faithfulness – doesn't that just take away from the here and now? Over and over and over and over again in Scripture, we are reminded to remember and meditate on, and recount to our children and grandchildren, the wondrous works that YHWH has performed on our behalf (Deuteronomy 6:1-2, 7-9, 20-25; Judges 6:7-10; 2 Kings 17:36). The reason for this is so we can learn to bring those experiences, and what YHWH has done to bring us THROUGH them, forward into the present day, the current storm, or even the present lack of a storm, to the eternal NOW. All He really wants us to do is to BELIEVE what He has said and respond in FAITH at His word (Psalm 143:8-10; Romans 4:3, 10:17; Hebrews 11:6) and to NOT be stubborn and faithless despite witnessing the faithfulness of God time after time, year after year, and perhaps even decade after decade. This is what caused an entire generation of the Israelites to die in the wilderness and to miss out on entering the Promised Land (Exodus 16:3; Numbers 14:2-4; Psalm 78:18-20). Instead, let's walk humbly with our God, in faith and trust (Micah 6:8).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You, that You have taken into account how quickly we forget, and so You have commanded us to remember, to recount and retell, and to pass one to the next generation and the generations to come, all that You have done for Your people, Israel. All that You have done for all Your children, and for each one of us individually. Remind me to remember, to speak aloud Your great works on behalf of Your people, so that my faith will grow stronger and also the faith of all who hear. Amen.

Bible Study

"O YHWH, bow your heavens, and come down; touch the mountains, that they may smoke. Flash forth lightning and scatter them; send out Your arrows and confuse them. Send forth Your hand from on high; set me free and deliver me out of many waters, out of the hand of foreigners whose mouth speaks worthlessness, and whose right hand is a right hand of lying. " Psalm 144:5-8

How often is this the cry of your heart when things are tough, or when you see the things that are going on in the world? You are in good company, this is frequently the theme of the Psalms and the cry of the people of Israel (Isaiah 64:1-4; Psalm 68:1-4, 28). Don't listen to the enemy when it says, "who are you that God would move on your behalf?" Because YHWH desires to act strongly on behalf of those whose hearts are set fully on Him (2 Chronicles 16:9a; Zephaniah 3:17).

In Micah 6:8 it says, "He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does YHWH require of you but to do justice and to love lovingkindness, and to walk humbly with your God." To do justice and to love lovingkindness we must pray boldly.

So let's walk humbly with our God, and pray boldly for justice and lovingkindness on the earth.

Walk humbly . . .

Pray boldly!

Discuss:

Question:

1. How does praying boldly for justice line up with Scriptures like 2 Kings 6:22; Proverbs 5:21-22; Matthew 5:43-45; Romans 12:14-21?

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Day 347 – Song of Songs 3-4

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*'I permitted Myself to be sought
by those who did not ask for Me. I permitted
Myself to be found by those who did not seek
Me. I said, 'Here am I, here am I, to a
nation which did not call on My name.'*

Isaiah 65:1

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"You have made my heart beat faster, my sister, my bride; you have made my heart beat faster with a single glance of your eyes, with a single strand of your necklace. How beautiful is your love, my sister, my bride! How much better is your love than wine, and the fragrance of your oils than all kinds of spices." Song of Songs 4:9-10

Daily Devotion

"On my bed night after night I sought him whom my soul loves;"; "When I found him whom my soul loves; I seized him and would not let him go." Song of Songs 3:1a, 4b

What is it that your soul searches for in the night?

Who is it that you remember and meditate on as you lie down to sleep?

When we are passing from wakefulness to sleep is the time when our heart's desires come to the fore, when we can recognise what we truly desire and long for, or the things that we have given our time and attention to throughout the day.

How often do you consciously chose what you give your time and attention to? Or do you allow your time and attention be dictated by work or school demands, and guided by algorithms?

When we consciously seek YHWH, He will be found by us (Jeremiah 29:12-14a), and when we meditate on Him in the night, we find joy and security for our soul (Psalm 63:6-8).

Prayer: Abba Father, You say that You will give me the desires of my heart when I delight myself in You and commit my way to You. Give me the strength of will to focus my time and attention on You, so that You become the delight and desire of my heart. Amen.

Bible Study

"Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense." Song of Songs 4:6

There are three places in Scripture where we see frankincense and myrrh being used for ceremonial purposes:

- * In the Tabernacle as a part of the incense blend and the anointing oil that is to be used in the holy place, and the Holy of Holies (Exodus 30:22-38).

- * As a part of wedding ceremonies (Esther 3:12; Psalm 45:6-11; Proverbs 7:17-18; Song of Songs 4:14).

- * And, in the herbs and spices that are used to prepare a body for burial (John 19:38-42).

All three of these ceremonial uses are associated with intimacy. The intimacy between God and man that is found in the most holy place; the intimacy between a husband and wife; and the intimacy of preparing a body for burial and a soul to return to the Father.

When Jesus was born He was given gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh, and although we recognise the prophetic symbolism of the frankincense and myrrh as preparing Him for His sacrificial death, we rarely associate them prophetically with the intimacy He had with His Father, or with Him as the Bridegroom spoken of in Scripture. And yet, all three of these gifts are what a Jewish groom would wear on his wedding day.

Song of Songs 4:6 is a call to us to intimacy, the intimacy of communion with the Father, the intimacy of death and burial in Christ Jesus, and the intimacy of resurrection to newness of life as the bride of Christ.

So while the night remains, and *"Until the day breathes and the shadows flee, I will go my way to the mountain of myrrh and to the hill of frankincense."*

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does intimacy mean to you?
2. How does that impact your relationship with God?

Answers:

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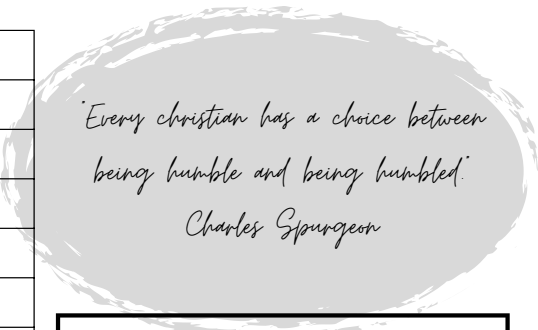
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Memory Verse

Then the voice which I heard from heaven, I heard again speaking with me, and saying, 'Go, take the scroll which is open in the hand of the angel who stands on the sea and on the earth.' So I went to the angel, telling him to give me the little scroll. And he said to me, 'Take it and eat it; it will make your stomach bitter, but in your mouth it will be sweet as honey.' And I took the little scroll out of the angel's hand and I ate it, and in my mouth it was sweet as honey; and when I had eaten it, my stomach was made bitter. And they said to me, 'You must prophesy again about many peoples and nations and tongues and kings.'" Revelation 10:8-11

Daily Devotion

"We give You thanks, O Lord God, the Almighty, who is and who was, because You have taken Your great power and have begun to reign. And the nations were enraged, and Your rage came, and the time came for the dead to be judged, and to give reward to Your slaves – the prophets and the saints and those who fear Your name, the small and the great – and to destroy those who destroy the earth. " Revelation 11:17-18

This is it! The appointed time, when the Father releases the Son to assume His rightful throne, and to reign; the hope of all the generations of saints throughout human history, and the terror of the nations. He is coming, and His reward is with Him (Isaiah 40:10). Let us run with the endurance that comes from Him, knowing that He is the author and the finisher of our faith (Philippians 3:7-8, 12-14; Hebrews 12:2).

Prayer: Abba Father, open my eyes to see You in all things, but especially when I don't understand or perceive what it is that You are trying to teach me. Amen.

Bible Study

"Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees until we have sealed the slaves of our God on their foreheads. ' And I heard the number of those having been sealed, 144,000 sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel. "
Revelation 7:3-4

Who are the slaves of YHWH?

In Revelation 7, we see two groups referred to as the slaves of God: This first group are the 144,000; a select group made up of 12,000 from each of the tribes of Israel, who will stand with the Lamb on Mt. Zion. There are five things that distinguish this group: First, that they are all from the tribes of Israel; second, they are virgins; third, they follow the Lamb wherever He goes; fourth, they have never lied; and fifth, they have a song to sing that no one else can sing (Revelation 7:5-8, 14:1-5).

The next group are made up of every nation and people and tribe and tongue. These are the ones who have come out of the Great Tribulation.

They are before the throne of God and serve Him day and night in the sanctuary, having washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. And it is He who will cover them and provide for them (Revelation 7:9-10, 13-17). This group would likely include those who have been martyred (Revelation 6:9-11)

The next time we see the slaves of God mentioned, they are those who will receive their reward at the judgement. They are made up of the prophets, the saints, and those who fear the name of YHWH (Revelation 11:15-18).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Who do the second group remind you of from the Old Testament?
2. When did/will the Great Tribulation begin?

Answers:

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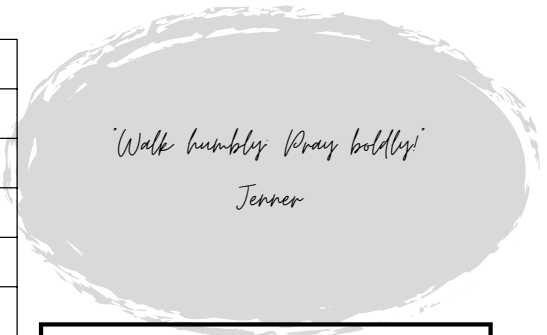
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Day 349 – Acts 23–24

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Memory Verse:

'Now Paul, looking intently at the Sanhedrin, said, 'Brothers, I have lived my life in all good conscience before God up to this day.' And the high priest Ananias commanded those standing beside him to strike him on the mouth. Then Paul said to him, 'God is going to strike you, you whiter-washed wall! Do you sit to try me according to the Law, and in violation of the Law order me to be struck?' But those standing nearby said, 'Do you revile the high priest of God?' And Paul said, 'I was not aware, brothers, that he was high priest for it is written, 'You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.''" Acts 23:1-5

Daily Devotion

"But on that very night, the Lord stood at his side and said, 'Take courage; for as you have solemnly borne witness to My cause at Jerusalem, so you must bear witness at Rome also.'" Acts 23:11

I could be wrong but the way this verse is written paints a very interesting picture. Jesus is telling Paul to take courage but it appears that He is standing at Paul's side, shoulder to shoulder and facing in the same direction as Paul, and not standing in front of Him, face to face. Jesus says that He will never leave us nor forsake us (Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5) but this verse in Acts further clarifies the nature of His companionship with us. He is not simply with us in all things, but He faces them together with us when we lean into Him.

Prayer: *Abba Father, help me to understand just how WITH ME You are, so I can respond in faith and love, and lean more fully into being IN YOU.
Amen.*

Bible Study

"But knowing that one group were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, Paul began crying out in the Sanhedrin, 'Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees; I am on trial for the hope and resurrection of the dead!' As he said this, there was dissension between the Pharisees and Sadducees, and the assembly was divided. For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor an angel, nor a spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. " Acts 23:6-8

When we read this account in Acts 23 and see the behaviour of those who make up the Sanhedrin, the rulers of Israel, I am struck by their behaviour – they seem quite unruly and out of control. Setting themselves in the place to judge others according to the Law while they themselves are breaking it, showing no restraint or self-control, plotting murder, and appearing to be without a knowledge of the word of God, though they are considered experts in it (Acts 23:1-5, 9-10, 12-15). I am reminded of what Paul wrote to Timothy, about those having a form of godliness but denying the power thereof (2 Timothy 3:1-7). The Sadducees, in particular, claim to know the Scriptures and yet deny the existence of the resurrection, angels, and spirits. We see Jesus' response to the Sadducees in Matthew 22:29-33, and to the Pharisees in Matthew 22:41-46. He also gave His followers clear directions on how to deal with them (Matthew 23:1-4).

Discuss:

Question:

1. Why is it so important to understand the heart of God and not just the letter of the Law?

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Day 350 – 1 John 5

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*'Optimism is the faith
that leads to achievement. Nothing can be
done without hope and confidence.'
Hellen Keller*

Notes:

Memory Verse

'Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the One who gives new birth loves also the one who is born of Him. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and do His commandments; for this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments; and His commandments are not burdensome. For everything that has been born of God overcomes the world; and this is the overcoming that has overcome the world--our faith.' 1 John 5:1-4

Daily Devotion

"For there are three that bear witness: the Spirit and the water and the blood; and the three are in agreement." 1 John 5:7-8

There are three witnesses: the Spirit of God who bore witness that Jesus is the Messiah (Matthew 3:16-17; John 1:32-34). The water of Jesus' normal, fleshly birth, the lineage of David that He was born into (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3:23-38). And His sinless, perfect blood (Leviticus 17:11; Matthew 26:28; Luke 22:20; John 6:55-59; Hebrews 9:14; 1 John 1:7; Revelation 5:9).

What are they witness to?

That we have eternal life (1 John 5:11-12).

We need never doubt that we have been given eternal life, because God has ensured that there are three irrefutable witnesses to it (Deuteronomy 19:15; Matthew 18:16; Hebrews 10:1-10, 26-31).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for the gift of eternal life through the blood of Your son, Yeshua Ha Mashiach (Jesus the Messiah), eternal life that I am assured of because it is confirmed by three irrefutable witnesses. Help me to never take this precious gift for granted, or trample underfoot the cross of Christ by willfully continuing in sin. Amen.

Bible Study

"These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life. And this is the confidence which we have before Him, that, if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us in whatever we ask, we know that we have the requests which we have asked from Him. " 1 John 5:13-15

When you come into God's presence to ask anything of Him, do you ask with confidence that He hears, and grants your petition? Do you come boldly before the throne of grace (Hebrews 4:14-16)?

We have a sure and certain confidence (Proverbs 3:26; Isaiah 41:10; Romans 15:13; Hebrews 13:6; 1 John 3:21-24). And that confidence comes from asking from the place of Jesus' name (Matthew 18:19-20; John 14:12-15).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What does it mean to ask in Jesus' name?
2. How do we know that we are asking according to God's will?

Answers:

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Day 351 – Deuteronomy 26–29

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*"We should give as we
would receive, cheerfully, quickly, and without
hesitation for there is no grace in a benefit that
sticks to the fingers."
Seneca the Younger*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"And YHWH will make you abound in prosperity, in the offspring of your body and in the offspring of your beast and in the produce of your ground, in the land which YHWH swore to your fathers to give you. YHWH will open for you His good storehouse, the heavens, to give rain to your land in its season and to bless all the work of your hand; and you shall lend to many nations, but you shall not borrow. And YHWH will make you the head and not the tail, and you only will be above, and you will not be underneath, if you listen to the commandments of YHWH your God, which I am commanding you today, to keep and to do, and do not turn aside from any of the words which I am commanding you today, to the right or to the left, to walk after other gods to serve them." Deuteronomy 28:11-14

Daily Devotion

"When you have finished paying all the tithe of your produce in the third year, the year of tithing, then you shall give it to the Levite, to the sojourner, to the orphan, and to the widow, that they may eat within your gates and be satisfied. "
Deuteronomy 26:12

The blessing of YHWH is always so that we can be a blessing to others. Whatever YHWH gives us, to bless us, He makes space for us to bless others with the blessing we have been blessed with. We see this in YHWH's original blessing to Abraham (Genesis 12:1-3), we see it in the life of Joseph (Genesis 45:4-15), and we see it again in the commandments YHWH gave the people in preparation for them entering the land He had promised to them and their forefathers (Deuteronomy 26:3). And here's the kicker; the command is not given to be a burden, but rather to bring gladness, so that everyone can be glad in YHWH's goodness; those with much in their giving, and those with little in receiving (Deuteronomy 26:11, Malachi 3:10; 2 Corinthians 9:7-8).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that when You pour out Your goodness to us, it always comes with the challenge to test You in our giving, to give generously and cheerfully and see if You will not open for us the windows of heaven and empty out for us a blessing until it is beyond enough. Thank You that this is an ongoing cycle of blessing and being blessed that You delight in. Amen.

Bible Study

"And you shall go to the priest who is in office in those days and say to him, 'I declare this day to YHWH my God that I have entered the land which YHWH swore to our fathers to give us. '" Deuteronomy 26:3

This command for the people was not to be carried out the moment they set foot in the land, but when they have gathered the first fruits of the fulfilment of the prophesy, their first harvest in the land God had promised to their forefathers (Deuteronomy 26:1-2).

The declaration wasn't to the congregation, "Look what God has done for me, what He has given me!" It was a declaration to God, with the congregation as witness, "Look at the fruit that has been produced as I have co-laboured with God; walking in, and working out, the fullness of what He has given me to steward." The declaration is an acknowledgement of all that God has done, and how far He has brought you to get you to this place where you can give generously to God (the priests and Levites) and to those in need (the orphan and widow and sojourner) (Deuteronomy 26:4-11).

This is a declaration of accountability to God and to His people, to steward well what YHWH has placed in our hands, and giving back as a fulfillment of the greatest commandments (Leviticus 19:18; Deuteronomy 6:4-5; Mark 12:28-33).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How do you know when to take y1. How has our attitude towards the prophecies and promises of God changed in modern day Christianity?
2. How can we get back to a place of stewardship, accountability and generosity with the prophecies and promises of God?

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Day 352 – Esther 1-5

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*'Lord, open my ears to
receive good counsel, allow my head to accept
it and enable my person to carry it out.'
Temitope Ibrahim*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Then Mordecai said for them to respond to Esther. 'Do not imagine that you in the king's house can escape any more than all the Jews. For if you remain silent at this time, relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place, and you and your father's house will perish. And who knows whether you have not reached royalty for such a time as this?''

Esther 4:13-14

Daily Devotion

" Esther did not tell anyone about her people or her kinsmen, for Mordecai had commanded her that she should not tell anyone about them. " Esther 2:10

Esther advanced in favour, not because she was beautiful, all the young women were beautiful (Esther 2:2-3), but because she submitted herself to those into whose care she had been placed, and she was willing to receive wise counsel.

Esther had grown up in the care of a wise counselor and therefore recognised wise counsel when she received it (Esther 2:5-7, 10-11). When the time came to go in to the king she took with her only what Hegai, the eunuch who had charge of the women, said (Esther 2:8, 15-17).

It was this willingness to submit herself to wise counsel that positioned her to be able to save her people at "such a time as this" (Esther 2:20, 4:9-17; Proverbs 4:13, 19:20-21, 24:6)

Prayer: Abba Father, work in me a heart that is submissive to You, and those into whose care You have entrusted me, and a willingness to receive wise and Godly counsel. Amen.

Bible Study

"If it seems good to the king, let a royal word go forth from him, and let it be written in the laws of Persia and Media so that it cannot be repealed, that Vashti may no longer come into the presence of King Ahasuerus, and let the king give her royal position to another who is better than she."

Esther 1:19

I cannot read this verse without being reminded of many of the parables of the kingdom that Jesus spoke during His earthly ministry. How guests who are invited to a wedding feast refuse to come and so their place is filled by others (Matthew 22:1-14). How those who are given the stewardship of a vineyard refuse to honour their agreement with the owner, and so are removed from their place and are replaced by others (Luke 20:9-19). Vashti refused to honour her husband by coming to Him when he sent for her. Because of her position of influence and authority, her disrespect toward her husband, the king, could have had a devastating effect on the whole kingdom (Esther 1:10-20).

When Jesus spoke the parables we just read, He was addressing the religious Jews, the scribes and Pharisees, those who studied the Law and therefore should have recognised that He was the Messiah foretold in the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms (Luke 24:36-47). People in positions of influence and authority who rebelled against His authority, and their place as witnesses of His glory was given to others (Acts 4:13-21).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How is the account of Vashti a 'type' of the kingdom of God?
2. Did the religious Jews of Jesus' time fail to recognise that He is the Messiah?
3. Which parable tells us that they recognised and rebelled against Him?

Answers:

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Day 353 – Psalms 146–148

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*'Let us renew pure trust in God,
and go forward without fear.'
Abraham Lincoln*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"How blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in YHWH his God, who made heaven and earth, the sea and all that is in them: who keeps truth forever: who does justice for the oppressed: who gives food to the hungry. YHWH sets the prisoners free." Psalm 146:5-7

Daily Devotion

"Yahweh is pleased with those who fear Him, those who wait for His lovingkindness." Psalm 147:11

I can't tell you how much this verse affects me, whenever I come across it unexpectedly. It very often brings me to tears, tears of joy.

Why?

Because standing in awe of YHWH as we wait for His lovingkindness very often means that we are going through a time of trial or testing. A difficult time that appears to be fruitless.

And I don't know about you, but during those times I rarely feel like I am pleasing to YHWH.

So when He surprises me with this verse unexpectedly it is usually at the time I most need to

hear it, and I am reduced to tears by the goodness and love of YHWH (Isaiah 40:31; Psalm 27:14, 37:7-9; Micah 7:7).

Prayer: Abba Father, I pray with Micah, "But as for me, I will watch expectantly for Yahweh; I will wait for the God of my salvation; my God will hear me. Amen.

Bible Study

*"Let them praise the name of Yahweh, for His name alone is set on high;
His splendor is above earth and heaven. " Psalm 148:13*

In Isaiah 54:5, Yahweh declares His name to be Yahweh Tzeva'ot, Yahweh of hosts. I had always taken that to mean that He was the Lord of the heavenly hosts, the armies of angels that are at His command (2 Kings 6:15-17). And although this is true, and how it is frequently translated, it is not a complete picture of the name. Yahweh Tzeva'ot in essence means Yahweh of everything, the multitudes of everything in creation. Psalm 148 is one of the best pictures of the fullness of the name Yahweh Tzeva'ot (Psalm 148:1-14).

Discuss:

Question:

1. Who was the first person the address Yahweh as Yahweh Tzeva'ot?

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Day 354 – Song of Songs 5–6

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*‘Ardent love or desire
introduced, as passionately longing
to please and glorify the Divine Being, to be
in every respect conformed to Him, and in
that way to enjoy Him.’
David Brainerd*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"My beloved has gone down to his garden, to the beds of spices, to shepherd his flock in the gardens and gather lilies. I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine. he who shepherds his flock among the lilies." Song of Songs 6:2-3

Daily Devotion

"I have taken off my long-sleeved garment, how can I put it on again? I have washed my feet, how can I dirty them again?" Song of Songs 5:3

Have you ever had one of those moments when YHWH is calling you to spend some intimate time with Him, and the timing is inconvenient? You're tired, you're busy, you're right in the middle of something else, and your response is, "Not now", "Maybe later", "You know I'd love to, but I'm busy right now".

Why does YHWH do this, at these times?

To see where our heart is at. What we will put first, to prioritize (Matthew 6:33). To see if comfort, convenience, or busyness have become idols that we put before Him. Today's idols are not made with silver and gold, but that's what makes them so much more dangerous, because we are very often unaware that they're idols at all (Exodus 20:3; Leviticus 26:1)

Prayer: Abba Father, forgive me for the times when I have made comfort, convenience, or busyness idols that I have set before my face, to take the place in my heart that only You should occupy. Cause me to so delight in You and Your presence that I will drop everything at a moment's notice to spend time with You.
Amen.

Bible Study

"His mouth is full of sweetness. And He is wholly desirable. This is my beloved and this is my friend, O daughters of Jerusalem. " Song of Songs 5:16

The Scriptures tell us that the role of the church is to provoke the Jew to jealousy (Deuteronomy 32:21; Romans 10:19, 11:11). One way that we can do that is by knowing who our Beloved is, the Holy One of Israel, and being able to describe Him in detail from the books of the Law, the Prophets and the Psalms (John 5:39-47; Luke 24:25-27, 44-47). So that the Jesus we are proclaiming, and are so in love with, is the Messiah of the Scriptures, and recognizably Jewish.

Do we know our Beloved well enough to describe Him with delight to the daughters of Jerusalem, so that they desire to seek Him with us (Song of Songs 6:1)?

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is one OT passage that speaks clearly of Jesus as Messiah?

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Day 355 – Revelation 12-17

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"When asked, 'What is more important: praying or reading the Bible?' I ask, 'What is more important: breathing in or breathing out?'"
Charles Spurgeon

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their witness, and they did not love their life even to death.'" Revelation 12:10-11

Daily Devotion

"Then I saw another angel flying in midheaven, having an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who inhabit the earth, and to every nation and tribe and tongue and people. And he said with a loud voice, 'Fear God, and give Him glory, because the hour of His judgement has come; worship Him who made the heaven and the earth and sea and springs of waters.'" Revelation 14:6-7

There are those who would say, "How can a loving God send anyone to hell?" This question is based on two major misunderstandings about the nature of the gospel, and of God. The first is that it is YHWH God who chooses who goes to heaven. God is not willing that any should perish and His love is so great, for the whole world even, that He gave His only Son; He wants everyone to come in. But when we look at the remainder of these two verses they go on, that all should come to repentance, and whoever believes in His Son will not perish but have eternal life (2 Peter 3:9, John 3:16-19). God has made the way of salvation, but it is up to us to choose it. God will not violate our free will.

The second error is that there are those who do not have the ability to choose YHWH God because they have not had the gospel preached to them. The Scriptures tell us that all of creation has heard the gospel of the Living God, and has had a revelation of His glory. All of creation declares the glory of God (Psalm 8:1, 3-4 & 9, 19:1; Nehemiah 9:6; Romans 1:20), and the eternal gospel has gone out to every nation and tribe and tongue and people (Matthew 24:14; Revelation 5:9, 14:6).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You have not only made the way for us to come into Your presence, but you have lit it up with a luminescence that is visible to all who are seeking You. Amen.

Bible Study

"Behold, I am coming like a thief. Blessed is the one who stays awake and keeps his garments, so that he will not walk about naked and men will not see his shame. "

Revelation 16:15

Righteousness is not something that comes from within us. It is something we put on like a garment (Job 29:14; Isaiah 61:10; Romans 13:14; Ephesians 4:24). We are clothed by God in the salvation and righteousness of Christ, these are the only garments that are acceptable in the presence of the Father (Matthew 22:11-13) and it is our responsibility to keep our garments on in readiness for His return (Luke 12:35-36, Matthew 25:1-13); for although many are called, few are chosen; and those who are chosen are those who have persevered and remained faithful (Matthew 22:14, 10:22, 24:9-13; Revelation 17:14).

Discuss:

Question:

1. What is the blessing for the one who stays awake and keeps their garments?

Answer:

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Day 356 – Acts 25–26

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*The incentive to
peacemaking is love, but it degenerates into
appeasement whenever justice is ignored.*
John Stott

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"But rise up and stand on your feet for this purpose I have appeared to you, to appoint you a servant and a witness not only to the things which you have seen, but also to the things in which I will appear to you: rescuing you from the Jewish people and from the Gentiles, to whom I am sending you, to open their eyes so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the authority of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and an inheritance among those who have been sanctified by faith in Me."

Acts 26:16-18

Daily Devotion

"So then, I thought to myself that I had to do many things hostile to the name of Jesus the Nazarene. " Acts 26:9

Jesus warned His disciples that a time would come when those who persecuted them and took their lives would believe that they were serving God (John 16:1-4).

And that time came quickly.

Paul, believing that he was serving God and the Scriptures, sought to harm, and gave his consent to the killing of, those of the Way (Acts 8:1-3, 9:1-2, 26:9-11). The reason Jesus said they would do this is because they didn't know the Father or Him. For all Paul's study under the greatest theologians of his time, for all his Torah studies, He didn't know the Father, and therefore didn't recognize the Son (Acts 22:3; John 16:3)... until he encountered Jesus.

Prayer: Abba Father, all the knowledge and study of Your word in the world is of no use without the knowledge of You and Your Son Yeshua. I ask You to reveal Yourself to those whose hearts are seeking You, even if what they have been brought up to believe is contrary to Your word or causes them to seek to harm Your people Israel, or the Church. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now while Paul was saying this in his defense, Festus said in a loud voice, 'Paul, you are out of your mind! Great learning is driving you out of your mind.'" Acts 26:24

Have you ever noticed that when people become uncomfortable with the truth that you are speaking, that they resort to attacking you personally? This is known as an "ad hominem fallacy", where you attack a person's character, motives, or other personal attributes instead of addressing the substance of their argument. The goal is to discredit an opponent's viewpoint by focusing on the person making the claim rather than on the claim itself.

The term "bulverism" has been coined to explain this phenomenon. Bulverism is a rhetorical fallacy where you assume your opponent's argument is false and then explain their error by attacking their motives or character, rather than addressing the argument itself.

These two fallacies work hand in hand, attacking from both sides; the one assuming that the person is all wrong, therefore their argument must be false; the other assuming that the argument is false, and therefore the person presenting it must be all wrong. Either way, it gives the person a sense of moral high ground to ignore the truth.

This is not a new tactic; we see an ad hominem fallacy at work here in Festus' response to Paul's words.

Both of these tactics are widespread currently and tend to be the basis of argument for many of the political movements that are spreading around the world.

But don't let this keep you from presenting the truth through logical, reasoned arguments and a full knowledge of the Word of God (Acts 26:22-23, 25-28, 30-31).

"The very man who has argued you down, will sometimes be found, years later, to have been influenced by what you said." C. S. Lewis

Dicuss:

Questions:

1. What is your response when faced with an ad hominem fallacy or Bulverism?
2. What Scripture teaches us how to deal with these fallacies?

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Day 357 – 2 & 3 John

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*Christian love, either
towards God or towards man, is an affair
of the will.
C. S. Lewis*

Notes:

Memory Verse

Beloved, do not imitate what is evil, but what is good.

The one who does good is of God; and the one who does evil has not seen God.

3 John 11

Daily Devotion

"Though I have many things to write to you, I do not want to do so with paper and ink; but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, so that your joy may be made complete." 2 John 12

The apostle John is very aware of how impersonal a letter can be, how it can be taken out of context or misrepresented. We see him end his third letter in the same way (3 John 13-14). Paul ends some of his letters in a similar fashion, emphasising the importance of hearing things in person, and meeting together (Ephesians 6:21-22; 2 Timothy 4:21; Titus 3:12; Philemon 21-22).

The importance of personal communication; of speaking together, face to face, cannot be emphasised too highly, particularly in this high-tech era of electronic and digital communication. I know only too well how easy it is to become isolated; to get caught up in a virtual reality that cuts us off from actual human interaction (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Prayer: Abba Father, You have commanded us to love our neighbour as we love ourselves and to love one another as You have loved us. Help me to set aside the digital devices that take up so much of my time and attention and take delight in gathering together with my brothers and sisters in Yeshua, and to meet the needs of those in the community around me. Amen.

Bible Study

"Now I ask you, lady, not as though I were writing to you a new commandment, but the one which we have had from the beginning, that we love one another. And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments. This is the commandment, just as you have heard from the beginning, that you should walk in it." 2 John 5-6

Very often you will hear us talk about obedience to God's commands as the expression of our love of Him (Exodus 20:2-6; John 14:15, 21-24, 15:9-10). But here John is taking it to another level; he's saying that our love for one another is expressed in keeping His commandments; that it's not just an expression of our love for YHWH, it is also how we truly express our love for one another (1 John 4:19-5:3).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How does keeping God's commandments express our love for others?

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Day 358 – Deuteronomy 30–34

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*Love is worthless unless
it acts out, unless it's expressed in deed
and behavior.
David Jeremiah*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"And YHWH is the one who goes ahead of you. He will be with you. He will not fail you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed."

Deuteronomy 31:8

Daily Devotion

"For this commandment which I am commanding you today is not too difficult for you, nor is it far from you." Deuteronomy 30:11

We have this idea in the church today that the commandments of YHWH are difficult, out of the reach of mankind to achieve them; that they were given just to show us that we can't do it; that the Law brings death. But from the beginning, the law of YHWH was given to be an integral part of who we are; both in our mouth and in our heart (Deuteronomy 30:14) and to bring life (Deuteronomy 30:15-16, 19-20).

Jesus said that He came that we might have life (John 10:10, 12:49-50, 17:3, 14:15-17).

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You for Your presence, Your Spirit and Your commandments. And thank You for Your Son, the Word. Thank You that You have set within my heart Your commandments, written on my heart, Your Holy Spirit, and Your very presence. Amen.

Bible Study

"Moreover YHWH your God will circumcise your heart and the heart of your seed, to love YHWH your God with all your heart and with all your soul, so that you may live. " Deuteronomy 30:6

The command to love God, with our whole being is so that we may live. So what does that mean? Is God going to kill people if they don't love Him?

No! It means that in Him we have life, and life in all its abundance, and that life is one of prosperity, abundance and rejoicing (Deuteronomy 30:5, 9, 15-16; John 10:10-15).

So what is life?

To know YHWH God, to love Him, to hold fast to Him, to listen to His voice (Deuteronomy 30:19-20; John 17:1-3; 2 Peter 1:2-3).

We love God because He first loved us - in loving Him with our whole being we have life - fulness of life, both in the natural and in the spiritual, is knowing Him - in the full knowledge of Him we have everything we need for life and godliness - in knowing Him fully, our love for Him grows.

And here we find ourselves in an ever-increasing upward spiral of love, life, blessing, the knowledge of God, and love....

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Is love an act of will, or a feeling?
2. What is eternal life?

Answers:

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Day 359 – Esther 6–10

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*No one is ready to be summoned to lead
at the front of the lines until they've
learned to follow first.
Leonard I. Sweet*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Now in the twelfth month (that is, the month Adar), on the thirteenth day when the king's word and law had reached the point for them to be done, on the day when the enemies of the Jews hoped to gain power over them, it was turned around so that the Jews themselves gained power over those who hated them." Esther 9:1

Daily Devotion

"For how can I endure to see the calamity which will befall my people, and how can I endure to see the perishing of my kinsmen?" Esther 8:6

When you hear about an attack on Israel, and the torture and death of thousands of Jews, is your response, "It's just another war in the Middle East"?

When you see the angry mobs calling for "death to Jews", "globalize the intifada", or "from the river to the sea", do you recognize that these are your people, your kinsmen that they are calling to be destroyed, wiped out globally?

Do you even realize that when you gave your life to Jesus, Yeshua the Jewish Messiah, that you were grafted into the family of the people and the faith of Abraham (Ruth 1:16-17; Galatians 3:26-29)? That this is what Jesus meant when He said what you do to the least of My brethren, you do it to Me (Matthew 10:40-42, 25:31-46; 1 John 3:17)?

Prayer: Abba Father, keep reminding me that I am not just Your child, but that I have been made a child of Abraham, that You are the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob (Israel); That my holy Scriptures were written by Jews, for Jews; that my Messiah is the Jewish Messiah or He is no Messiah at all; that the people of Israel are my people. So that I may declare, like Ruth, to my Jewish brothers and sisters, "What happens to you, happens to me, we are family". Amen.

Bible Study

"And the king said, 'What honor or greatness has been done to Mordecai for this?' Then the king's young men who attended him said, 'Nothing has been done for him.' So the king said, 'Who is in the court?' Now Haman had entered the outer court of the king's house in order to speak to the king about hanging Mordecai on the gallows which he had set up for him."
Esther 6:3-4

We see in the world today, leaders of men making plans for what they will do to the land or people of Israel. There are those like Haman, who are actively seeking to destroy the people of Israel, both in the land of Israel and throughout the earth.

But the Scriptures warn us to be careful that what is in our hearts to do is not contrary to what is in the heart of God, who is the King over all kings.

When Haman entered the court that day, his fate was already sealed because the intention of his heart was at odds with what was in the heart of king Ahasuerus. Before Esther had brought her petition to the king, Haman was already defeated (Esther 6:12-13).

Those nations and people who set themselves against the people of Israel, to seek their destruction, will suffer the same fate as Haman (Esther 7:9-10; Psalm 2:1-12; Joel 3:2; Zechariah 12:1-4, 8-9).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How does Psalm 2 apply to what is happening in the world today?
2. How can we pray for our nations as we see our leaders setting themselves against Israel?
3. What is something we can do, practically, at this time?

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Day 360 – Psalms 149–150

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*The most valuable thing the Psalms
do for me is to express the same delight in
God which made David dance.*

C. S. Lewis

Notes:

Memory Verse:

'Let Israel be glad in his Maker: let the sons of Zion rejoice in their King. Let them praise His name with dancing: with tambourine and lyre let them sing praises to Him. For YHWH takes pleasure in His people: He will beautify the afflicted ones with salvation.' Psalm 149: 2-4

Daily Devotion

"Let everything that has breath praise Yah. Praise Yah! Psalm 150:6

Praise Yah!

Although YHWH does not explicitly command us to praise Him, what we do see in Scripture is that the heart of those who know Him and love Him are continually bringing praises to Him, and calling for His praises to be declared by everything that has breath.

It is not a command, but it is a clarion call to a way of life that is continually declaring His praises. So much so that the book of Psalms ends with five Psalms that all call us to "Praise Yah!", finishing with, "Let everything that has breath praise Yah. Praise Yah! (Psalm 146-150)

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You are enthroned on the praises of Your people; so when I praise You in the midst of whatever is happening in my life, Your kingdom, reign, and royalty become manifest, and become paramount, in that situation. Praise Yah!

Bible Study

"Let the holy ones exult in glory; let them sing for joy on their beds. Let the exultations of God be in their throats and a two-edged sword in their hand." Psalm 149:5-6

The amazing thing about these verses is that they are transitioning "the holy ones," from a place of praise and worship, and glorying in YHWH, who takes pleasure in His people, from a place of intimacy and rest (Psalm 149:1-4), into a place of warfare, of vengeance and judgement on the nations, and majesty (Psalm 149:7-9).

We in the western church are great with the first part; we love that part of being His holy ones, but we tend to shy away from the second part.

Psalm 149 is probably one of the best descriptions of the life that every believer in YHWH is called to. We need to allow Holy Spirit to transition us from a place of exulting in the glorying of God and singing for joy, that joy that is found in His presence; to declaring the exultations of God and readying ourselves for war.

The bride of Christ is a warrior bride (Revelation 19:7-9, 11-14).

Discuss:

Question:

1. How can we be the ones to execute vengeance and judgements in the light of Deuteronomy 32:35, Romans 12:19 and Matthew 7:1-3?

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Day 361 – Song of Songs 7–8

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*'When one has once fully entered
the realm of love, the world - no matter how
imperfect - becomes rich and beautiful, it
consists solely of opportunities for love.'*

Soren Kierkegaard

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"I am my beloved's, and his desire is for me." Song of Songs 7:10

Daily Devotion

"Come my beloved, let us go out into the fields, let us spend the night in the villages. Let us rise early and go to the vineyards; let us see whether the vine has flourished and its blossoms have opened, and whether the pomegranates have bloomed. There I will give you my love." Song of Songs 7:11-12

There are many in the church today that think of their faith as private, something for Sunday mornings and their private time at home, or their inner dialogue with God. But what Song of Songs clearly shows us is that we are to take our love for YHWH God out into the street and the marketplace, to go hand in hand with Him into our everyday lives; doing all those everyday, ordinary things as an act of love and worship to Him (Song of Songs 1:4, 2:10-13, 5:8-16, 8:5).

Prayer: Abba Father, let me never be ashamed or shy about declaring my love for You, of bringing You with me into my everyday existence, of doing my ordinary daily tasks from that place of leaning on my Beloved. Amen.

Bible Study

*"Who is this coming up from the wilderness leaning on her beloved?"
Song of Songs 8:5a*

This attitude of the bride, an attitude of leaning upon her Beloved, is the heart attitude that YHWH desires of all those whose heart are wholly His. YHWH Ishi, God our Husband, requires that we lean solely on Him for all our needs (2 Chronicles 14:9-12, 2 Chronicles 16:7-9).

We are to seek our Beloved, knowing that when we seek Him, we will find Him (2 Chronicles 15:1-4, 15; Song of Songs 3:1-4).

When we find Him we are to know Him fully, because in the full knowledge of Him we can lean on Him for our every need (2 Peter 1:1-11).

As we lean on Him, we come to realize His great love for us, a love stronger than death, jealous for our time, attention, and affection, for our desire, longing, and dependence. He wants our hearts to be wholly His, not seeking any other (Song of Songs 8:5b-7; Matthew 6:19-33).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Is YHWH the first person you turn to in a time of need or difficulty, or the first person you thank when things go well?
2. Is He the first person you think of when you wake in the morning, and the last person you talk to before going to sleep?
3. If you answered "No" to any of these questions, then who, or what, is first in your life?

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Day 362 – Revelation 18–22

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Look for every opportunity to encourage someone. You don't know who is wrestling with demons that could end his or her life that day. A kind word comes from God. Be brave enough to act on it.
Aaron Behr

Notes:

Memory Verse:

of God is among men, and He will dwell among them, and they shall be His people, and God Himself will be among them, and He will wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain. The first things passed away. And He who sits on the throne said, 'Behold, I am making all things new.'

And He said, 'Write, for these words are faithful and true.'

Revelation 21:3-5

Daily Devotion

"Then I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, 'Do not do that! I am a fellow slave with you and your brothers who have the witness of Jesus.

Worship God! For the witness of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy. '"

Revelation 19:10

We don't often think about the messengers of God as being ordinary people like ourselves, and yet here in John's vision of the Revelation of Jesus Christ for the churches, we see a messenger and guide who is not an angel, but a fellow witness of Jesus. John thinks that he is talking to Jesus Himself, and bows down to worship him, but is told, "Do not do that! I am a fellow slave with you". This fellow witness has been so transformed into the image of Yeshua that John is not able to tell them apart.

This verse encourages me in two ways: Firstly, that there is work for us to be engaged in the spirit realm. And secondly, that when we will be like Him for we will see Him face to face, that our resemblance to Him will be so great that it will be hard to distinguish one from the other.

Prayer: Abba Father, thank You that You who has begun the good work in me will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ; when I will be like Him, for I will see Him as He truly is. Amen.

Bible Study

"It had a great and high wall. It had twelve gates and at those gates, twelve angels; and names have been written on those gates, which are the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel. And the wall of the city had twelve foundation stones, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. " Revelation 21:12,14

There are two things that are important to note about this great and high wall that is surrounding the New Jerusalem, the holy city; That the foundation of that wall is built on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb (Ephesians 2:20-22). This is an idea that we have a pretty good grasp of in the church. We are being built into a dwelling place of God, built on the foundation of the Apostles and prophets, and Jesus Christ being the Cornerstone. Yes! We've got that!

But the second part we tend to overlook, forget, or have never truly comprehended in the first place; that the gates in the wall are the twelve tribes of Israel; that we cannot enter the New Jerusalem, the holy city, except through the tribes of Israel, the Jewish people (Genesis 12:1-4, 22:15-18; Matthew 28:18-20; Galatians 3:7-9; John 4:22). That we have entry because we have been grafted in, and become partakers with them, the people of Israel, of the rich root of the Jewish faith (Romans 11:11-31).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. How is it that we have forgotten this truth?
2. What does it mean, and what are the implications of, entering through the twelve tribes of Israel?

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Day 363 – Acts 27–28

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*"We account the Scriptures
of God to be the most sublime philosophy. I
find more sure marks of authenticity in the
Bible than in any profane history whatever."
Sir Isaac Newton*

Notes:

Memory Verse:

"Now in the areas around that place were lands belonging to the leading man of the island, name Publius, who welcomed us and entertained us courteously three days. And it happened that the father of Publius was lying afflicted with fever and dysentery; and Paul, going to see him and having prayed, laid his hands on him and healed him. And after this had happened, the rest of the people on the island who had diseases were coming to him and being healed." Acts 28:7-9

Daily Devotion

"And because the harbor was not suitable for wintering, the majority reached a decision to set sail from there, if somehow they could arrive at Pheonix, a harbor of Crete facing southwest and northwest, to spend the winter there." Acts 27:12
We in the West tend to think of democracy (the majority rules) as a good thing. If the majority agrees upon a thing, it must be right. Here in Acts 27, the majority has decided and so they set off, acting against the advice of the Apostle Paul (Acts 27:9-11).

Just because a decision has been made by the majority, and/or at the advice of experts, doesn't make it the right decision. If YHWH has given you insight and direction that is contrary to the decision of the majority, it is important that you speak up, that you speak the word that God has given you, even if no one is willing to listen. The results of that decision spell disaster for the ship, and the next time Paul speaks they are willing to listen, and thanks to the grace of God the lives of everyone on board are saved (Acts 27:13-44).

Prayer: Abba Father, help me to have the courage to speak up, to speak aloud the word of insight, direction, or warning that You have given me, even if no one will listen to what I have to say. Help me to, where I am able, act upon that word, even if I act alone. Amen.

Bible Study

And when they had set a day for Paul, they came to him at his lodging in large numbers; and he was explaining to them by solemnly bearing witness about the kingdom of God and trying to persuade them concerning Jesus, from both the Law of Moses and from the Prophets, from morning until evening. " Acts 28:23

Let's take a close look at the gospel (good news) that Paul is preaching. The first part of his message is the kingdom, and He is doing this by solemnly bearing witness about it (Matthew 4:17,23, 9:35; Acts 1:15-22, 5:27-32). The second part is, he is teaching about Jesus from the books of the Law and the Prophets (Luke 24:25-27, 44-48; John 5:39-47).

The gospel message that we speak needs to be made up of these two elements:

Our witness of the kingdom of God. This is our testimony of how God has worked in our life, how He has impacted our life by bringing His kingdom and His righteousness to bear. The way our life has been transformed. We can only bear witness to what we have seen and known, this part is personal.

The second is revealing Jesus in the Scriptures, particularly, the books of the Law, the Prophets, and the Psalms. These are the parts of Scripture that Jesus said spoke about Himself. This is where we need to show ourselves as a workman who need not be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth (2 Timothy 2:15).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. What is the gospel?
2. Do we need the Old Testament Scriptures now that we have the New; can't we just preach Jesus from them?

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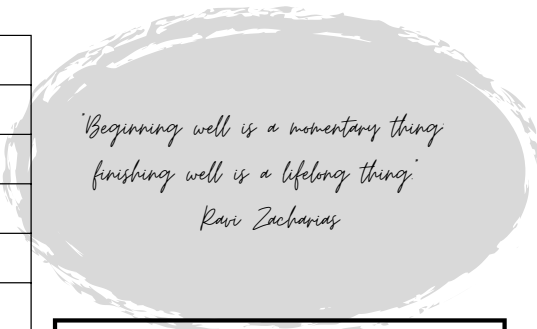
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Day 364 – Jude

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Memory Verse:

"But you, beloved, building yourselves up on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Spirit, keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ to eternal life. And on some, who are doubting, have mercy; and for others, save, snatching them out of the fire; and on others have mercy with fear, hating even the tunic polluted by the flesh."

Jude 20-23

Daily Devotion

"Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen. Jude 24-25"

I could not think of a more fitting way to end our One Year, thematic journey through the Bible than this.
Let's pray this together.

Prayer: Abba Father, "Now to Him who is able to keep you from stumbling, and to make you stand in the presence of His glory blameless with great joy, to the only God our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, might, and authority, before all time and now and forever. " Amen.

Bible Study

"Now I want to remind you, though you know all things, that Jesus, having once saved a people out of the land of Egypt, subsequently destroyed those who did not believe. And angels who did not keep their own domain, but abandoned their proper abode, He has kept in eternal bonds under darkness for the judgement of the great day." Jude 5-6

Jude spends the majority of his letter, in which he desires to speak of their common salvation but instead feels the need to remind them that "the called, beloved in God the Father, and kept for Christ Jesus:" should contend earnestly for the faith; reminding them of all those who once were in a position of freedom, authority, or glory, who fell from grace and received judgement and condemnation (Jude 3-19; Romans 11:17-22). Of his whole letter, only the last six verses make up what he actually wants to say to his readers (Jude 20-25; Philippians 2:12-13).

Discuss:

Questions:

1. Why does Jude feel the need to invest so much of his letter into these warnings?
2. Surely, once you're saved, you're always saved, aren't you?

Answers:

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Prayer Focus

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*Glory to God in the highest heaven,
who unto man His Son hath
given while angels sing with tender mirth, a
glad New Year to all the earth.
Martin Luther*

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