

## FRIDAY, MAY 3

### READING GOD'S WORD

Zephaniah 2-3; Psalm 117

### MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

Remember this: "Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." -

*2 Corinthians 9:6*

### MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

The Lord your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing. - *Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)*

### PRAYING GOD'S WORD

"Gracious and singing God, even in a book full of warning and judgement, still, you are tender toward your people. It's not always easy to believe. Sometimes we can imagine a God that loves us without liking us. And certainly, He couldn't take joy in us. But that is not who you are! You are the God who REJOICES over your people, quiets fear with your love, and "loudly" sings the songs of a Father over us. You never abandon us, and you are mighty to save all who look to you and trust in you! Hallelujah!"

## SATURDAY, MAY 4

### READING GOD'S WORD

Haggai; Psalm 118

### MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD

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- *2 Corinthians 9:6*

### MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD

"Be strong, all you people of the land," declares the Lord, "and work. For I am with you," declares the Lord Almighty. "This is what I covenanted with you when you came out of Egypt. And my Spirit remains among you. Do not fear."

- *Haggai 2:4b-5*

### PRAYING GOD'S WORD

"Lord, I can only imagine the discouragements your people faced as they rebuilt the temple. But you spoke to them saying, 'be strong and work, for I am with you.' The Lord Almighty was with them! And that is still true today. We don't build a temple, but we do build your Kingdom. And when we face discouragement in the work, you say to us, 'Be strong! Work hard, sow generously, rely on my strength, and never fear. For my Spirit is with you.' May our discouraged hearts hear the word of the Lord Almighty today. Amen."

The Holy Spirit is the One who is making us more and more like Christ. He uses Scripture and everyday life to form Christlikeness in us.

Our job is to cooperate with God's grace at work in our life. One of the ways we can cooperate is by starting each day with the Word of God: **reading, studying, memorizing & praying God's Word**. The Holy Spirit will use the Word of God to release and form the life of Christ in us.

This is how we "*grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord.*" -2 Peter 3:18.

Slowly and thoughtfully read the passage from God's Word each day. Think about it. Focus especially on the verse marked **Meditating on God's Word**. Then, say and repeat the memory verse several times. By the end of the week, you will have it memorized. Finally, in addition to whatever else you are talking to God about in your prayers each day, also pray through the Scripture you read, turning it into a prayer.



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## **SUNDAY, APRIL 28**

### **READING GOD'S WORD**

Micah 6-7; Psalm 112

### **MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

- *2 Corinthians 9:6*

### **MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD**

He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. - *Micah 6:8*

### **PRAYING GOD'S WORD**

"Anytime the Sovereign Lord Himself requires something of us, we want to obey! So help us, Lord. In justice, help us to act according to your character, to pursue what you call good, and condemn what you call evil. In love, help us show kindness and mercy in how we treat and think about people, exactly as Jesus loved. And in humility, help us to submit to your will and your way, because you are God, and you are good. May we be marked by these things, in Jesus' name, amen."

## **MONDAY, APRIL 29**

### **READING GOD'S WORD**

Catch-Up Day; Psalm 113

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### **MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD**

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- *2 Corinthians 9:6*

### **MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD**

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised. - *Psalms 113:3*

### **PRAYING GOD'S WORD**

"Lord I confess, I wish I could say this verse perfectly described my life. It's my highest calling, to relentlessly live a life of worship. In every detail, in every thought, in every schedule and budget and priority, the name of the Lord is to be praised! I fall so short, but thank you for your Spirit never giving up on me, always shaping and sanctifying the worship life into my heart. May I never rest until everything inside me worships God! Amen."

## **TUESDAY, APRIL 30**

### **READING GOD'S WORD**

Nahum; Psalm 114

### **MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." - *2 Corinthians 9:6*

### **MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD**

The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; he knows those who take refuge in him. - *Nahum 1:7 (ESV)*

### **PRAYING GOD'S WORD**

"Lord, Nahum gives us a glimpse into the "day of trouble," and reminds us that even there, you are good. You don't let evil continue forever. You will not allow Satan one hour more than he's been allowed. And in this we hope! Even in our trouble, you are good, you are strong, and you know your children. Our prayers, our tears, our groans, our longings, you know them all, and have not forgotten us. We trust you today, Lord. Amen."

## **WEDNESDAY, MAY 1**

### **READING GOD'S WORD**

Habakkuk; Psalm 115

### **MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD**

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### **MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD**

How long, Lord, must I call for help, but you do not listen?. - *Habakkuk 1:2a*

### **PRAYING GOD'S WORD**

"Gracious God, you never turn away from our questions. You invite them! Even those we don't want to say out loud, Habakkuk says for us. Is God really good? Is God still just? Does God even care? Can I still trust him? These are our questions too, as we wrestle with a good God and a broken world. But the answer is still yes. You are always who you say you are, and we can trust you, even when we don't understand... Especially then. Increase our faith to say, 'Yet I will rejoice in the Lord; I will take joy in the God of my salvation.' (3:18) Amen."

## **THURSDAY, MAY 2**

### **READING GOD'S WORD**

Zephaniah 1; Psalm 116

### **MEMORIZING GOD'S WORD**

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously." - *2 Corinthians 9:6*

### **MEDITATING ON GOD'S WORD**

"Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath... I love the Lord, for he heard my voice; he heard my cry for mercy." - *Zephaniah 1:18; Psalm 116:1*

### **PRAYING GOD'S WORD**

"Lord, today is the National Day of Prayer, and in your providence, you lead us to Zephaniah 1 and Psalm 116. Justice and mercy intertwined in one glimpse, in one God. You are not just love, but holy. A kind of holy that destroys sin from its presence, and a kind of love that welcomes the sinner through Jesus. In the cross we see the perfect love and justice of God meet in complete satisfaction. And in that cross is the hope for our nation. Oh God, hear our cry for mercy! Turn our sin into repentance, and through the blood of Jesus, heal our land. In Jesus' name, Amen."