

# **HINDSIGHT**

## **WEEK 1: HINDSIGHT INFORMS FORESIGHT**

### **DAY 1: READ PSALM 9**

When we reflect on the past or ponder our current state, we often tend to look inward and focus on ourselves. We are broken people, and no amount of focusing on ourselves will affect the one true constant: God. God, in all His goodness, righteousness and perfect love, does not change, so when we find ourselves hung up, baffled, discouraged or hopeful for the future, we must keep our attention on God. Take time today to meditate on His character and why that's good hope for us, regardless of where we've been, what we're going through or what we're expecting in the future.

### **DAY 2: READ JUDGES 15-16**

There's a difference between making a mistake and changing a lifestyle. Samson sinned repeatedly throughout his life - just like us. Perhaps you're looking back at the errors of your past and unsure if anything good can come from it. Or, maybe you're embattled in sin currently and deeply desiring meaningful change, healing or restoration for the future. While we can change our actions and choose to obey God, only meaningful change comes from the powerful Spirit of the living God. Rather than repeatedly telling ourselves we'll do better next time, let's seek the Holy Spirit's intervention in our situation, our past and our concern for the future. Without God, Samson's strength would fail. Without the Holy Spirit, our desire to change will rest entirely on our already failing shoulders. Ask Him.

### **DAY 3: READ PROVERBS 29, PROVERBS 26:11-12**

Along with God's word, We learn our lessons from the past; the future is where we change our lifestyle. What of these proverbs reminds you of situations in your past or present? How so? What have you learned? What changes have you made to your lifestyle since then?

#### **DAY 4: READ PSALM 18**

Since we tend to forget, it's time to remind ourselves again of God's great character. This psalm is from David as he reflected on the day he was delivered from his enemies. In other words, this is an instance of David using his hindsight and responding to the many things he saw God do and learned about God during the tumultuous times leading up to this point. What about you? If you stop where you are, reflect and respond to what you've seen of God in your hindsight, what would that look like? Try and write these things down. Consider sharing them (just like David) so others can hear of God's faithfulness and rejoice as well!

#### **DAY 5: READ PROVERBS 30**

These proverbs emphasizes the importance of a relationship with God and discusses how cleanliness or corruption affect the condition of our heart toward God. How have you seen sin affect your one-on-one relationship with God? Why is that important for each of us?

#### **DAY 6: READ PHILIPPIANS 3**

Focus on verses 12-16. Let go of everything in our lives that is not of Christ or of His Holy Spirit. Give it all away. Nothing of ours or of this world will satisfy or last except knowing Jesus Christ through a personal relationship. Forget what lies behind and press on, deeper into relationship with Him. Let's keep our eyes on Him and always choose Him over the impermanent, broken things of our past, our flesh and our world. Choose Him.

#### **DAY 7: READ PSALM 20**

"Some trust in horses, but we trust in the name of the Lord our God." Decide today to commit your mind to trusting the Lord. In every situation, every thought, every remembrance of the past, trust the Lord. He is faithful. Let's be consistent in trusting Him so that our habit is a constant reminder of His character and an active choice of humble, faithful submission.