

THE NEXT 40 DAYS

WEEK 5

DAY 1: READ JOHN 20:30-31 & JOHN 21:24-25

The character of God is not summed up and confined within the pages of the written word of God. All scripture testifies to the righteous glory of the Trinity, with Jesus as the ultimate fulfillment of its words. Just like Jesus' ministry went far beyond what is recorded in the Bible, God is at work in ways we can't see and can't understand. Are you struggling to understand God's purpose or permissive will? Trust in the unchanging, unfailing character of God as testified to in scripture. There is purpose in the word of God.

DAY 2: READ JOHN 21:15-25

After Peter's future is described by Jesus, Peter notices John and wants to know Jesus' plans for him. What is Jesus' response? Most importantly, we constantly forget to keep our eyes solely on Jesus. We get preoccupied with our jobs, families, free time, wants and needs and forget Jesus as the sole source of our purpose, salvation and provision. Guard your heart, mind and body from these peripheral intrusions. Follow Him! When we keep our eyes on Him, He enables us to run on waves, live unscathed in vats of boiling oil, survive shipwrecks and snakebites, be crucified, stoned, insulted, persecuted, abandoned and thrown in prison. Again, follow Him!

DAY 3: READ PSALM 116

Are you thankful for Jesus' life, death and resurrection? Are you thankful for Him reappearing to the disciples to visibly demonstrate His victory over sin and death? Take time today to thank Him. Remember who you were when you knew you needed Him. Remember His great care for you. Let verses 12-19 be your anthem.

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DAY 4: READ ROMANS 10

We're called to share the Gospel with everyone, especially those who've never heard about Jesus. Will you be obedient to His mission today?

DAY 5: READ PSALM 117 & 118

In every season, especially during pandemics and times of murky global crises, let's also proclaim the glory of the Lord so that all nations might hear that His steadfast love lives forever. What are you thankful to God for today? Tell Him. Write it down. Let others hear and see your celebration of God's character.

DAY 6: READ COLOSSIANS 4:2-6

Today, we're specifically going to be praying for our brothers and sisters sharing the Gospel in difficult and dangerous places. Pray for supernatural favor in their communities, for the Holy Spirit to stir in the hearts of the spiritually dead and create opportunities. Pray for abundant boldness, wisdom and discernment for our brothers and sisters, that they may steward their sacrificial lives for God's glory and the spiritual liberation of others in Christ Jesus.

DAY 7: READ MATTHEW 10

What Jesus and the Holy Spirit whispered into our ears and stirred in our hearts when we came to know and love Him, now shout and proclaim His love from the rooftops. Jesus has called us, so let's obey with eagerness and fervor for His glory and the spiritual liberation of others. What can you do today to obey God's call? Share it, sing it, write it, teach it, do it!