

DAILY BIBLE STUDY SHEET

Daily meditation on the Word of God is imperative to our growth. As the people of God, we should commit to reading Scripture every day. There are questions to help prompt your meditation. If you do not have a Bible, please contact the church office and one will be given to you. To locate the passages, use the Table of Contents to find the page number of the book. The number before the colon will tell you the chapter to find. The numbers after the colon are the superscript numbers in your Bible indicating the verses to read.

Monday, February 12th – Exodus 13:17–14:4

This week we will focus on the great escape itself and the praise of God for His salvation. We left off last week with the Pharaoh telling Moses to leave and take everyone and everything with him. And they left. But as we read today, they did not take a straight shot to The Promised Land, they took a detour. What was God's reasoning for this (vs. 17)? So where does God lead them (vs 18)? This will become important later in the week. Who goes out of Egypt with Moses and the Israelites (vs. 19)? As you read verses 20-22, how did the people know God was leading them? As we begin chapter 14, we see a new detour (vss. 1-2)? Why is God doing this (vs. 3)? What does God know that the Israelites don't (vs. 4)? Why has God decided to mess with Pharaoh one last time? Why do you think Pharaoh would come after the people after all he had been through already? What does this reveal about God? Notice God does not always choose the straight and easy path. What does this reveal about us? Where do you feel God is leading you in many directions? How might God be leading you in ways that will display His power while you learn to deepen your faith and follow obediently?

Tuesday, February 13th – Exodus 14:5-14

We begin today back in Egypt and with Pharaoh. What happens right off the bat (vs.5)? Why do you think they changed their mind? So how does Pharaoh respond (vss. 6-9)? Did God's plan work? How do the Israelites react to what appears to be their impending doom (vss. 10-12)? Underline or highlight in your Bibles verses 11-12. This will become a common theme from this point forward. What are the Israelites specific concerns? Who do they blame? What would they choose over their current circumstance (vs. 12)? Is it always better to stay with what you know? Do you think the Israelites are being irrational (keeping in mind they do not know God's plan)? What does this say about the need to develop faith in this community? What does it teach you about how faith is developed? How does Moses reassure the people (vss. 13-14)? If Moses is correct in what he says, what physical and spiritual benefits will the Israelites get from God's actions? (Think practically.) How good are you at just standing still and letting God fight your battles? How much faith do you really have? Are you an act first-pray later kind of person? What if you did not always respond to crisis in your life immediately but stopped and prayed first? What does this reveal about God? What does this reveal about yourself? How does this text point to Jesus?

Wednesday, February 14th – Exodus 14:15-31 -- Ash Wednesday Service 7:00 pm

We begin today with the Lord hearing the cries of the people and what does He tell them to do (vs. 15)? Sometimes the answer to our prayers is that we need to move! What are Moses and the people to do (vs. 16)? What will God do next and why (vss. 17-18)? At this point the final battle between God and Pharaoh begins. How does God protect the Israelites and give them time (vss. 19-22)? When the Egyptians decide to attack, what happens (vss. 23-25)? Can you imagine chasing your enemy only to have all these other things begin to happen to you? Some in the group were smart and getting a clue. How do we know this (vs. 25)? Once all of Israel had made it to the other side of the Red Sea, what does God tell Moses to do (vs. 26)? What happened next (vss. 27-28)? Notice who died (vs. 28)? What about those who remained on shore? What was the Israelite experience that night? Note that they must have been moving all night since they were all across by morning. Verse 29 reminds us all why God did this. What was the final result for everyone (vs. 31)? While it doesn't say directly, what do you think was the impact of the Egyptians that lived? What does this reveal about God? What do we learn about ourselves in this text? Consider that God's saving mark on Israel is through water. Their freedom God wins only comes as they walked through the walls of water. How does that tie into your baptism? Remember how your baptism sets you free from the power of sin, through the symbol of death and resurrection. How does that point to Jesus? Spend some time today and let yourself be washed over in awe as you consider the depth of love that saves those who struggle to have faith. Be in awe that you were saved by this same God.

Thursday, February 15th – Exodus 15:1-18

The next two days we will join in the song of praise over the mighty saving acts of God. As we begin, who is singing this song of praise (vs. 1)? What is the focus of verses 2-5? Why do you think the song starts here? Now read verses 6-8. What is the focus of these verses? In verse 7 refers to God's fury and consumption of straw or stubble (which is left over straw in the ground). How does this relate to the Israelites experience in Egypt (refer to chapter 5)? What does the enemy say and think in his heart (vs. 9)? What is God's response (vs. 10)? Read verses 11-13. What things have the Israelites discovered about the God of their fathers, Abraham Isaac, and Jacob? Now think back to Tuesday and the Israelites response to the impending danger. How have things changed for the Israelites? Verses 14-16 begin to show a boldness in the faith of the Israelites. What do they sing that points to this bold new faith? What hope do the Israelites cling to as they praise God (vss.17-18)? What mighty acts are obviously missing from this song of praise (think back to everything we have talked about the past 3 weeks.) Why do you think the plagues are not remembered here? How does this explain the importance of the Passover Meal remembrance? What does this song of praise reveal to us about God? What does it reveal to us about ourselves (humanity)? Now take a minute and read through this whole text one last time and consider what it reveals to you about Jesus and his saving work in your life. Close in a time of prayer praising God for your salvation.

Friday, February 16th – Exodus 15:19-21

We conclude this week and this portion of our Exodus study with a final song of praise. We begin with verse 19 which is a transition or summary verse. What does it tell us? In response to this event, Miriam and the women do what (vs. 20)? What descriptions are given to Miriam? If she is Aaron's sister who else's sister must she be. That little girl watching the basket in the river containing her brother has a name and it is Miriam. This also reveals that Miriam was older than Moses. Also notice that Miriam and the women sing and dance praising the Lord. They praise God both with their hearts in song and their bodies in dance. What is the song that they sang (vs. 21)? What keeps you from praising God in an uninhibited way? How might you experience a deeper and more heartfelt praise if you sang and danced for God? What would it take for you to humble yourself to the point of complete and utter praise? This ends our study of Exodus until after Easter. Spend time today thanking God for revealing Himself to you. Thank God for allowing you to see the flaws that still exist within you so you can turn them over Jesus, the great physician. And don't forget to thank Jesus for being our saving grace and healing all our flaws. And while you are being thankful, should you feel the nudge to dance and sing, do it. It is good for the soul.

Saturday, February 17th – Prepare for tomorrow by reading Matthew 11:2-15 -- The 1st Sunday of Lent