
Day One: Deuteronomy 4:9-14

- Why does Moses tell the Israelites to “be careful” and “watch [themselves] closely” (9)? Is this ancient warning worthy of heeding today? Why or why not? What certain things should you remember “as long as you live”? Why?
- What is one way to ensure memories of important events live on (9)? What are some other ways? What habits – both solo practices and communal ones – help you to cultivate a good memory and to regularly think deeply about life? Pray for grace and discipline to maintain them, and to adopt some new ones.
- Summarize the specific memory Moses calls to everyone’s mind (10-13). On that day what did the Lord direct Moses to do (14)? How do you think it felt for the people to remember this moment? Take a moment to vividly recall an important milestone of your own faith journey. What do you sense the Spirit underlining or revealing? How do you feel? Respond to the Lord.

Day Two: Deuteronomy 5:12-15

- What is the fourth commandment (12)? Notice we are to observe it “as the Lord your God has commanded you.” Not all of the commandments have this caveat; why do you think this one does?
- What does it look like to observe the Sabbath (13-14)? Throughout the week, what sort of discipline does it take to actually have a day of rest? Are you able to observe a Sabbath? Why or why not? In order to more faithfully have a weekly day of rest, what is within your power to change? In the spirit of verse 14, how can you help those around you to observe a Sabbath? Ask the Lord to bless your efforts.
- To understand why God wants them to have a weekly day of rest, what should his people remember (15)? May you find your ability to rest by remembering this truth: it’s not your own striving that sustains you, but the Lord’s “mighty hand” and “outstretched arm.”

Day Three: Joshua 4

- Set the scene of this chapter (1). What did the Lord tell Joshua to do (2-3)? Summarize Joshua’s obedient response to this call (4-9). Re-read verses 6-7. What sorts of things (photos, jewelry, art, music, tattoos, etc.) in your life “serve as a sign among you”? What do you tell people when they ask about these mementos?
- While the 12 men retrieved stones from the Jordan River, what were the priests and the people doing (10-13)? What did that day mean for Joshua in particular (14)? How do you think it felt for him to receive the same esteem Moses did?
- What happened next (15-18)? When and where did the people then camp (19)? Once there, what did Joshua do (20)? And what did he say (21-24)? Re-read verse 23. Joshua wants the people to always remember that God’s pattern in their lives is abundantly good! How do you make sure to never forget God’s good patterns and repetitions of grace in your own life?

Day Four: 2 Corinthians 5:11—6:2

- Why does Paul “try to persuade others” (5:11)? How does he want the Corinthians to think of him (11-12)? Some assert Paul is “out of his mind;” what is his response (13)?

Why does Christ's love compel him (14-15)? What does it mean to "no longer live for [yourself]"? What role does this play in your "but now" story?

- What spiritual viewpoint can we now embrace (16-17)? What "old" is gone from your life? What "new" is here? Take a moment to remember and celebrate this transformation! If you struggle to recognize and experience "but now" elements of life in Christ, take some time this week to commit verses 17-19 to memory.
- What does it mean to be "Christ's ambassadors" (20-21)? Where do you see the reconciliation and righteousness of Christ at play? How should we *not* receive God's grace (6:1)? Thanks to Jesus, in what age do we now live (2)? May you never forget this – that God's favor and salvation are available to you now.

Day Five: Ephesians 2:1-10

- How does Paul describe one's state prior to following Christ (1-3, 5)? At that time, what did we deserve (3)? However, what is the great "but" found in Jesus (4-5)? Picture Jesus saying to you, "I love you! My mercy and grace give life!" Receive this mercy and grace. Revel in your Jesus-sustained life. Always remember that it's grace alone that got you here; you can't save yourself.
- Describe the believer's current status (6). Why does God do this for us (7)? Imagine yourself seated with Jesus. Engage all of your senses to picture his kindness overcoming you. What does such closeness and such affection inspire you to do?
- Describe Paul's re-emphasis on the roles grace, faith and works play in salvation (8-9). How do we live as God's intentional handiwork (10)? How does it feel to be labeled as such? What "good works" has the Lord prepared for you to do? And how are they an expression of the "but now" life you have in Jesus?