

LENT Devotional Journey 2024

.....a journey to follow Jesus through the Bible

As you begin.....

Jesus calls us to 'COME, worship me with all your soul, heart, mind & strength, and you will experience your life in all its fullness.....'

This is a journey to draw you closer to God; you would be reminded of the reality of your broken humanity; but as you journey on, you would experience with greater abundance the reality of God's redeeming grace.

As you seek the presence of our Father, be prepared to receive Jesus's words & truth and ministered by the Holy Spirit....

Introduction

This devotional was originally created by Redeemer Presbyterian Church New York for daily devotion during the 40 days of Lent. Daily readings begin in Genesis and journey through the entire Scriptures, from the law to the prophets to the New Testament, showing that all Scripture is about Jesus and culminates in his life, death and resurrection.

Our church invites you to embark on this journey together. Through the daily devotional we hope to provide you with timely refreshment & renewed hope, and takes you on a path to focus on Father God throughout Lent.

Week 3 Overview:

Day 11: The Son | 26 Feb. Mon. Psalm 2

Day 12: The Stone | 27 Feb. Tues. Psalm 118: 22-24

Day 13: The Scorn | 28 Feb. Wed. Psalm 69:1-12

Day 14: The Appeal | 29 Feb. Thurs. Psalm 109:21-31

Day 15: The Forsaken | 1 Mar. Fri. Psalm 22:1-11, 29-31

Day 16: The Champion | 2 Mar. Sat. Psalm 68:7-18

Sunday: Rest | 3 Mar.

Guide to your devotional journey...

WORSHIP: Prepare your Posture encounter with God surrender your everythingWait for God to speak....

CONFESS: Open your Heart let Father search us inside out ask for forgiveness & healingWhat do you hear?

REFLECT: Engage with the Word ask Jesus to reveal the meaning of His Word consider your present life situationsWhat are your thoughts?

RESPONSE: Receive Strength allow Holy Spirit to minister to you apply the truth into your lifeWhat is your prayer?

DAY 11: THE SON | 26 Feb. Mon. Scripture Reading : Psalm 2

Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the Lord and against his Anointed, saying, "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." I will tell of the decree: The Lord said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel." Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. Serve the Lord with fear, and rejoice with trembling. Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him.

Prayer

Our King and Father, where you are there is majesty and perfection. Thank you for giving us your Son, who reflects your glory and intercedes for us, advocates for us, and sends us the Holy Spirit to lead us into all truth. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship song – Son of God YouTube Link: <u>https://youtu.be/IVKdzGBVdwU?si=jml8XW4mYQ5N2hPl</u>



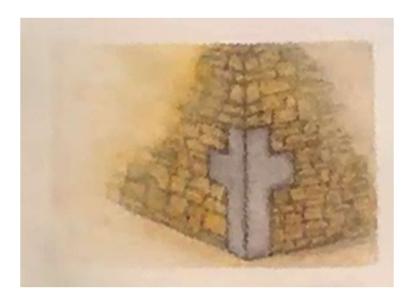
DAY 12: THE STONE | 27 Feb. Tues. Scripture Reading : Psalm 118: 22-24

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Prayer

Lord, you work everything according to your good will. Although Christ's death seemed like defeat, you vindicated him by raising him from the dead. In him, therefore, we sing, "We shall not die, but we shall live" (Psalm 118:17). He is our salvation. It is marvelous in our eyes. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Cornerstone YouTube link: <u>https://youtu.be/Fl15U2ifYzo?si=fNOQVwVDeIXY7Y60</u>

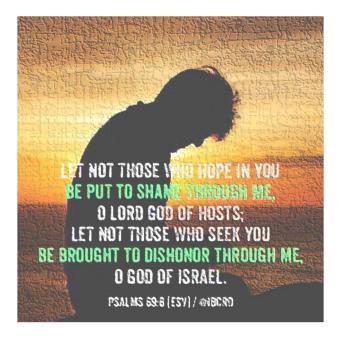


DAY 13: THE SCORN | 28 Feb. Wed. Scripture Reading : Psalm 69:1-12

Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in deep mire, where there is no foothold; I have come into deep waters, and the flood sweeps over me. I am weary with my crying out; my throat is parched. My eyes grow dim with waiting for my God. More in number than the hairs of my head are those who hate me without cause; mighty are those who would destroy me, those who attack me with lies. What I did not steal must I now restore? O God, you know my folly; the wrongs I have done are not hidden from you. Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord God of hosts; let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel. For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face. I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons. For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me. When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach. When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them. I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.

Prayer

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of David, Son of God, we confess that we have sought too much to make a name for ourselves, and have considered too little the name you have given us. You, whose name is above all names, made yourself of no reputation. You humbled yourself, taking the form of a servant, and endured the violent scorn of those to whom you offered your title. Through the ultimate exchange, you have written your name on our foreheads, and written our names, indelibly, in your Book of Life. Give us the wisdom and faith necessary to humbly receive your exaltation. Teach us by the Spirit and the word to grow together into that name, and thereby to begin to reflect the traits associated with it. For your kingdom, by your power, for your glory, Amen. Worship Song: From the Inside Out YouTube link: <u>https://youtu.be/4Ke37l7lpBs?si=CxDm8ugxEZCKOv3e</u>



DAY 14: THE APPEAL | 29 Feb. Thurs. Scripture Reading : Psalm 109:21-31

But you, O God my Lord, deal on my behalf for your name's sake; because your steadfast love is good, deliver me! For I am poor and needy, and my heart is stricken within me. I am gone like a shadow at evening; I am shaken off like a locust. My knees are weak through fasting; my body has become gaunt, with no fat. I am an object of scorn to my accusers; when they see me, they wag their heads. Help me, O Lord my God! Save me according to your steadfast love! Let them know that this is your hand; vou, O Lord, have done it! Let them curse, but you will bless! They arise and are put to shame, but your servant will be glad! May my accusers be clothed with dishonor; may they be wrapped in their own shame as in a cloak! With my mouth I will give great thanks to the Lord; I will praise him in the midst of the throng. For he stands at the right hand of the needy one, to save him from those who condemn his soul to death.

Prayer

God, our Father, we praise you for sending Christ to cover our own acts of injustice towards you so that we can have a relationship with you, who are perfect in holiness. We thank you that you listen to our appeals when we have been wronged and that you will hear us in your compassion and mercy. Help us to bring our pleas to you instead of seeking our retribution when we are sinned against. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: You are still God YouTube link: https://youtu.be/R pYrJ8MLUY?si=3LZYHgRIpZwGnk1



DAY 15: THE FORSAKEN | 1 Mar. Fri. Scripture Reading : Psalm 22:1-11, 29-31

My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? Why are you so far from saving me, from the words of my groaning? O my God, I cry by day, but you do not answer, and by night, but I find no rest. Yet you are holy, enthroned on the praises of Israel. In you our fathers trusted; they trusted, and you delivered them. To you they cried and were rescued; in you they trusted and were not put to shame. But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. All who see me mock me; they make mouths at me; they wag their heads; "He trusts in the Lord; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!" Yet you are he who took me from the womb; you made me trust you at my mother's breasts. On you was I cast from my birth, and from my mother's womb you have been my God. Be not far from me, for trouble is near, and there is none to help. All the prosperous of the earth eat and worship; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep himself alive. Posterity shall serve him; it shall be told of the Lord to the coming generation; they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people yet unborn, that he has done it.

Prayer

Gracious God, we glorify you that because Jesus knew what it meant to be utterly separated from you, we will never have to experience that. Strengthen our faith to truly believe this especially when we think we have reasons to doubt it. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: When the Tears Fall YouTube link: <u>https://youtu.be/88S6v9pmN84?si=7zpoDEkK0H0gkEAI</u>





DAY 16 : THE CHAMPION | 2 Mar. Sat. Scripture Reading : Psalm 68:7-18

O God, when you went out before your people, when you marched through the wilderness, Selah the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, before God, the One of Sinai, before God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, you shed abroad; you restored your inheritance as it languished; your flock found a dwelling in it; in your goodness, O God, you provided for the needy. The Lord gives the word; the women who announce the news are a great host: "The kings of the armies — they flee, they flee!" The women at home divide the spoil though you men lie among the sheepfolds the wings of a dove covered with silver, its pinions with shimmering gold. When the Almighty scatters kings there, let snowfall on Zalmon. O mountain of God, mountain of Bashan; O many-peaked mountain, mountain of Bashan! Why do you look with hatred, O many-peaked mountain, at the mount that God desired for his abode, yes, where the Lord will dwell forever? The chariots of God are twice ten thousand, thousands upon thousands; the Lord is among them; Sinai is now in the sanctuary. You ascended on high, leading a host of captives in your train and receiving gifts among men, even among the rebellious, that the Lord God may dwell there.

Prayer

Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for the power present in our lives because of our champion, Christ Jesus, and would ask that today we would find ourselves equipped with courage and joy because of him who ascended on high. In Christ's Name, Amen.

Worship Song: Champion YouTube link: https://youtu.be/rzUP2MN3xR8?si=9xFpIWj XW5-COI6

