

## Pacific Union Church Connect (February 28 – March 6 – Lent 2 – Year 2)

A life connected to God through daily Bible reading and prayer (for more info visit: [pacificunionconnect.com](http://pacificunionconnect.com))

**How to pray the Psalms.** Read the psalm slowly, turn it over in your mind and follow the prayer point into a time of prayer.

**Instructions for Bible Reading – Listen. Respond. Share.** Pick one of the three readings assigned for the day (Gospel, New and Old Testament). Read the passage slowly and then answer the following questions:

**Listen.** What is the passage saying? What are the main points? What does it say about God? What does it say about us?

**Respond.** If this is God’s to me, how will I respond? Here are some possibilities: Is He moving me to do something? Is He calling me to repent? Is there an area of my life where I needed to trust him? Is God moving me to worship Him? Is there something here that makes me thankful to God?

(Scripture references are from New International Version [1984] -- NIV)

Sunday 2/28	Monday 3/1	Tuesday 3/2	Wednesday 3/3	Thursday 3/4	Friday 3/5	Saturday 3/6
<p><b>Psalm:</b> 24, 29</p> <p><b>Meditation:</b> Genesis – Pharaoh calls for Joseph to come from jail to interpret the dreams that he has been having. Pharaoh’s advisors and wise men had been unable to figure out the meaning of his dreams so the next step for the Pharaoh is to send for a prisoner who had interpreted the dream of his servant. Joseph goes from an imprisoned slave to a powerful advisor to the Pharaoh himself.</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> John 5:19-24</p> <p><b>New Testament:</b> Romans 6:3-14</p> <p><b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 41:14-45</p>	<p><b>Psalm:</b> 56, 57</p> <p><b>Meditation:</b> Mark – Why does Jesus insist that people not spread the word that he is the Son of God? He wasn’t hiding his ability to heal the sick and cast out demons. He wasn’t doing miracles while hiding in a dark corner so people couldn’t see him or what he was doing. What would have happened if Jesus had encouraged people that he healed or that saw him heal talk about him?</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 3:7-19a</p> <p><b>New Testament:</b> 1 Corinthians 4:8-21</p> <p><b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 41:46-57</p>	<p><b>Psalm:</b> 61, 62</p> <p><b>Meditation:</b> 1 Corinthians – If you knew someone in your church community was purposely sinning and had no intention to stop, what would you do? There is a difficult balance that Christians are called to find. The perfect spot between doing nothing and utter condemnation. It sounds Paul is more concerned with the Church at Corinth’s reaction to the man’s sin than the man’s sin itself.</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 3:19b-35</p> <p><b>New Testament:</b> 1 Corinthians 5:1-8</p> <p><b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 42:1-17</p>	<p><b>Psalm:</b> 72</p> <p><b>Meditation:</b> Genesis – Why were Joseph’s brothers so disturbed by finding the exact weight in silver that they had just paid in one of their sacks. The passage specifies that they were trembling. They seem to think that God put the money in their sack in some form of retribution from their former treatment of Joseph. Were they afraid that Egyptian soldiers would chase them down for the silver?</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:1-20</p> <p><b>New Testament:</b> 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:8</p> <p><b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 42: 18-28</p>	<p><b>Psalm:</b> 71</p> <p><b>Meditation:</b> Mark – Do you know how small a single mustard seed is? They are typically between .039-.079 inches. However, one of those little seeds, which can get lost in the creases of your palm, can grow into a tree that is 20 feet tall and 20 feet wide. Why do you think Jesus uses the size and growth of a tiny mustard seed to represent the Kingdom of Heaven?</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:21-34</p> <p><b>New Testament:</b> 1 Corinthians 6:12-20</p> <p><b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 42:29-38</p>	<p><b>Psalm:</b> 95, 69</p> <p><b>Meditation:</b> 1 Corinthians – Paul’s letters have been used to provide a basis for women physically belonging to their husbands. However, people who use Paul’s words for this purpose sometimes forget that the wife has as much authority over her husband’s body as the husband has over the wife’s body. Both participants in the marriage give their body to the other, and neither should use this authority to hurt the other.</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 4:35-41</p> <p><b>New Testament:</b> 1 Corinthians 7:1-9</p> <p><b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 43:1-15</p>	<p><b>Psalm:</b> 75, 76</p> <p><b>Meditation:</b> Genesis – Joseph’s brothers thought that they would be attacked and sold into slavery when they were brought to Joseph’s house. The steward tells them that he received their payment for the last trip and that the God of their father must have given them the silver. How confused do you think the brothers were? They went from thinking they would be slaves to eating lunch with the highest Egyptian official.</p> <p><b>Gospel:</b> Mark 5:1-20</p> <p><b>New Testament:</b> 1 Corinthians 7:1-9</p> <p><b>Old Testament:</b> Genesis 43:16-34</p>