

Pacific Union Church Connect (March 7, 2021 – March 13, 2021 – Lent 3 – Year 2)

A life connected to God through daily Bible reading and prayer (for more info visit: 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 3/7	Monday 3/8	Tuesday 3/9	Wednesday 3/10	Thursday 3/11	Friday 3/12	Saturday 3/13
<p>Psalm: 93, 96</p> <p>Meditation: John – In this passage, Jesus speaks on the authority that the Son of Man has been bestowed with. Specifically, in these few verses the authority to call the dead from their graves for the final judgement. He says that all hear his voice will rise. Some will live again and others will face condemnation. This is a testament to the authority granted to the Son of God.</p> <p>Gospel: John 5:25-29</p> <p>New Testament: Romans 8:1-10</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 44:1-17</p>	<p>Psalm: 80</p> <p>Meditation: 1 Corinthians – This is not the first time that Paul pleads for people to not get married. He seems specifically concerned that marriage is a thing of this world and could prevent the participants from remaining wholly focused on the Lord. I don't know about Paul, but I know people whose marriages have drawn them closer to God, and their relationship with God has strengthened their marriage.</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 5:21-43</p> <p>New Testament: 1 Corinthians 7:25-31</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 44:18-34</p>	<p>Psalm: 78:1-39</p> <p>Meditation: Genesis –The Pharaoh and his servants (or officials depending on your version) were pleased to hear about Joseph and his brothers reconnecting. We can guess that Joseph has been in his position for at least 7 years since the famine has started. He has obviously created a relationship with the Pharaoh and his household since they are happy for his reunion with his family.</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 6:1-13</p> <p>New Testament: 1 Corinthians 7:32-40</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 45:16-28</p>	<p>Psalm: 119:97-120</p> <p>Meditation: Mark – What is that saying? 'Hell hath no fury like a woman scorned.' Herodias wanted John dead but Herod was afraid of John and liked to hear him speak. So, she bided her time. She waited until Herod publicly promised her daughter whatever she wanted. We know that Herod was distressed that he had to fulfill his promise but imagine the party Herodias threw when the platter came out.</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 6:13-29</p> <p>New Testament: 1 Corinthians 8:13-29</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 45:16-28</p>	<p>Psalm: 42, 43</p> <p>Meditation: 1 Corinthians – How should people in ministry be paid? Some people say working for God is its own reward. Yet there are people who work in ministry full time and receive equivalent payment. Does the type of work being done dictate whether or not the person gets compensation for their work? If someone is paid for work that is purely worldly, how much more should a minister receive.</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 6:30-46</p> <p>New Testament: 1 Corinthians 9:1-15</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34</p>	<p>Psalm: 95, 88</p> <p>Meditation: Genesis – Joseph creates the position of tenant farmer. Over the course of a few years, the severity of the famine had a drastic impact on the farmers of Egypt and Canaan. They had the impossible choice between losing their animals and land or dying of starvation themselves. Joseph creates a way for the people to live through the years of the famine. The structure worked so well it continued after the famine.</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 6:47-56</p> <p>New Testament: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 47:1-26</p>	<p>Psalm: 87, 90</p> <p>Meditation: Mark – How many traditions do you know of that you or your family or friends follow that don't have any basis in scripture? Christmas could be one. Easter could be another. The celebration of these holidays was meant as a yearly reminder of biblical teachings, not to make the celebrants clean. You can't be made holy by opening presents on December 25th.</p> <p>Gospel: Mark 7:1-23</p> <p>New Testament: 1 Corinthians 10:1-13</p> <p>Old Testament: Genesis 47:27-48:7</p>