THE CHAPEL FAMILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM – JANUARY 25-30 As we head into the New Year, God is calling you to GO DEEP, GROW STRONG, AND BEAR FRUIT. God is ready to do new things in your life if you will let Him.

MONDAY: Isaiah 43:1-2; Isaiah 43:18-19; Philippians 3L13-14

KEY VERSE: Philippians 3:13-14

OBSERVATION: What should we do at the beginning of the year? **FORGET THE PAST, REACH FORWARD, PRESS ON, AND PRAY.** As we are heading into this **NEW SEASON**, God is calling us to **1. GO DEEP 2. GROW STRONG & 3. BEAR FRUIT.** In your own words define what these three things mean and determine how you will implement them into your everyday life.

TUESDAY: Luke 5:1-11; Matthew 4:18-22

KEY VERSE: Luke 5:5

OBSERVATION: <u>GO DEEP...</u>Too many Christians are content with superficial, shallow Christianity. When you follow Jesus and launch out into the deep, He will bless you. If you want to be strong and bear fruit, you need roots that "go deep". How are your spiritual roots? 1. Not planted yet. 2. Shallow 3. Deep 4. Unattended 5. Other. Explain your answer.

WEDNESDAY: Ephesians 3:17-19; Luke 8:13; I John 4:7-11; Philippians 3:10

KEY VERSE: Ephesians 4:18

OBSERVATION: There are 3 areas where Christians need to <u>GO DEEP</u>: 1. GO DEEP INTO GOD'S LOVE. 2. GO DEEP INTO GOD'S WORD. 3. GO DEEP INTO RELATIONSHIPS WITH ONE ANOTHER. We need godly friends to help us stay strong in the Lord! (*Fellowship*) Evaluate yourself in these three categories. Which one are you strong in? Which one are you weak in. What decisions will you make to improve?

THURSDAY: Joshua 1:6-9; Daniel 1:32; Hebrews 3:6

KEY VERSE: Joshua 1:6

OBSERVATION: God wants us to know 3 things about being strong: <u>FIRST</u> the Lord has already given us the victory, we only have to have **faith** to **claim** the victory (I Corinthians 15:54-58). <u>SECOND</u> the victory is **dependent** upon being **obedient** to God...know and doing His will (Colossians 1:21-23). <u>THIRD</u> We don't need to fear the road ahead. God will be with us every **step of the way**. (Hebrews 11:5-6) How are you doing in the area of faith? How and when will you improve? What is the first step you need to take?

FRIDAY: Galatians 5:22-23: John 15:1-17; Ephesians 5:8-11; John 4:35-36; I Peter 4:10

KEY VERSE: John 15:5

OBSERVATION: "Trees have seasons at certain times of the year when they bring forth fruit, but a Christian is for all seasons." **BEAR MUCH FRUIT.** Do you produce "fruit" year round or are you "seasonal"? What prevents you from bearing fruit? Do you plant the seed (share your faith)? Do you tend the garden (Live like a Christian at home, work and social events, etc)? Would friends and co-workers be surprised that you are a Christian or do you: Let your light shine"? Do you harvest the fruit (salvation's)? Do you participate in **A**. The fruit of the Spirit: **B**. The fruit of the harvest. **C**. The fruit of ministry and service?

SATURDAY: Philippians 1:1-11 **KEY VERSE:** Philippians 1:6

OBSERVATION: The Christians in Philippi had three important things in common: **1.** verses 1:6 THEY SHARED SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST. **2.** verses 5-9 THEY SHARED A SERVANTS SPIRIT (mutual care, prayer and love).

3. verse 10 THEY SHARED SECURITY. Are you sharing these attributes with other Christians?