

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – May 2-7

*“I do not want the peace that passes understanding. I want the understanding that brings peace.”
Helen Keller*

MONDAY: Proverbs 16:1-10; Isaiah 26:1-10

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 26:3

OBSERVATION: *“Peace is not the absence of trouble but the presence of Christ.”* Sheila Walsh. One of the definitions of the word peace in the Bible means to be complete, whole and sound. God is the ultimate source of our peace on two levels. **(1)** We can experience peace **with** God. **(2)** We can experience the peace **of** God. Which of these do you experience in your life? Is there room to improve?

TUESDAY: John 14: 24-27; Isaiah 12:1-6

KEY VERSE: John 14:27

OBSERVATION: How does the peace offered by the *“world”* and the peace offered by *“God”* differ from each other? Can you experience both at the same time? Which one do you prefer and why? Is it possible to experience peace in the midst of turmoil or a difficult situation? How can your peace have a positive impact on others? Who/what is the real source of genuine and lasting peace?

WEDNESDAY: Philippians 4:5-8; Matthew 5:7-12

KEY VERSE:

OBSERVATION: *“A good many people are trying to make peace, but that's already been done. God has not left it for us to do; all we have to do is enter into it.”* Dwight L. Moody. Consider this familiar saying: **No** God – **No** Peace. **Know** God – **Know** peace. Make a list of 4-5 things that can or have taken away your peace. What decisions/steps will you take to reverse course?

THURSDAY: Romans 14:16-19; 2 Corinthians 13:1-14

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 13:11

OBSERVATION: *“When we **surrender ourselves** to the Lord, learning **day by day** to treat all that comes to us the **peace of soul** and firm conviction that **HIS** will governs all, He will see to your **growth in grace.**”* Elisabeth Elliot. How often do you surrender yourself to the Lord? Why is this important?

FRIDAY: Matthew 11:26-30; I Peter 1:1-5

KEY VERSE: I Peter 1:4-5

OBSERVATION: *“When we put our problems into God's hands **He puts His peace** in our hearts. “Peace is knowing that **God cannot fail.**”* Sandy Edmonton. Have ever struggled with a relationship or circumstance only to realize that it wasn't your fight, it was God's?

SATURDAY: James 3:17-18; Romans 5:1-5

KEY VERSES: James 3:18; Romans 5:1

OBSERVATION: Consider the following quotes: *“God cannot give us happiness or peace apart from Himself because it is not there. There is no such thing.”* C.S. Lewis.” *As we pour out our bitterness God pours out His peace.”* John Hagee. *“If you're missing joy and peace you're probably not trusting God.”* Joyce Meyer. Do you agree with these three statements? Can you add a fourth of your own?