

**THE CHAPEL FAMILY BIBLE READING PROGRAM – FEBRUARY 15-20**  
***“PRAYER IS THE WAY YOU DEFEAT THE DEVIL, REACH THE LOST, STRENGTHEN***  
***THE SAINTS, SEND MISSIONARIES OUT, CURE THE SICK, ACCOMPLISH THE IMPOSSIBLE,***  
***AND KNOW THE WILL OF GOD.” DAVID JEREMIAH.***

**MONDAY:** I John 2:18-27

**KEY VERSE:** I John 2:19

**OBSERVATION:** There are genuine believers and there are false believers. Genuine Believers: **1.** Persevere in the faith. **2.** Have a correct view of the Person of Christ. **3.** Have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. False Believers: **1.** Abandon the faith. **2.** Have an incorrect view of the Person of Christ. **3.** Do not have the Holy Spirit dwelling in them. Which kind of believer are you? Genuine? Or False?

**TUESDAY:** 2 Peter 2:1-22

**KEY VERSE:** 2 Peter 2:9

**OBSERVATION:** *“The backslider likes the preaching that wouldn't hit the side of a house, while the real disciple is delighted when the truth brings him to his knees.”* Billy Sunday. The dictionary definition of backsliding is: To relapse into bad habits, sinful behavior or undesirable activities. Have you ever engaged into backsliding? If so, why? Do you know anybody who has? How did it happen? What were the end results? What is/was the remedy?

**WEDNESDAY:** Acts 20:28-32; Hebrews 12:5-11; James 4:4; I Thessalonians 5:19; Acts 7:51

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 20: 30

**OBSERVATION:** *“Backsliding, generally first begins with the neglect of prayer. Men fall in private long before they fall in public.”* J.C. Ryle. If we are not vigilant it is easy to incrementally drift away from God. If we are too friendly with the “world” we can become an enemy of God. It's also fairly easy to “quench” the Holy Spirit. How would you rate yourself concerning drifting from God? **1.** Not drifting at all. **2)** Occasionally drifting but not too far. **3)** Drifted a long distance but I am working my way back. **4)** Drifted a long way and I need help.

**THURSDAY:** Jude 1:4; Galatians 2:4; Ephesians 4:14-15

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 2:4

**OBSERVATION:** “God is greater than all our sins. He wants for the “backsliders” to return. The door is always open. A royal welcome awaits him/her. Pew research revealed some disturbing statistics. In 2010 Christianity was the dominant world religion. There were 2.2 billion Christians compared to 1.6 billion Muslims. Islam is expected to reach Christianity statistics midway through the 21<sup>st</sup> century. People are leaving Christianity in droves. In 2010 Christians in America was 3/4 what it used to be percentage wise. It is estimated that by 2050 it will be 2/3 of what it was. How can you help stop the slide?

**FRIDAY:** 2 Timothy 4:3-4; I John 2:18-19

**KEY VERSE:** I Timothy 4:3-4

**OBSERVATION:** *“Most church members live so far below the standard you would have to backslide to be in fellowship with them.”* Vance Havner. Do you agree or disagree with this quote? Explain your answer..

**SATURDAY:** Jeremiah 3:22; Jeremiah 14:7; I John 1:9; Hebrews 2:1-3

**KEY VERSE:** Hebrews 2:1-3

**OBSERVATION:** If you have drifted away from your “first love” of God you can return. James 4:8 says ...*“If you draw near to God He will draw near to you.”* I John 1:9 offers this invitation: *If we confess our sins He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Galatians 6:1a instructs us this way ...“Brothers and sisters if anyone is caught in sin, you who live by the Spirit should restore that person gently.”*