

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – August 8-13**  
***“I have been driven many times to my knees by the overwhelming conviction that I had nowhere else to go.” Abraham Lincoln***

**MONDAY:** Acts 12:5-18

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 12:11

**OBSERVATION: PROBLEMS AND DISAPPOINTMENTS HAPPEN.** *“We must accept finite disappointment, but we must never lose infinite hope.”* Martin Luther King. *“Problems are not stop signs, they are guidelines.”* Robert Schiller. When facing a difficult situation do you **1.** Worry? **2.** Panic? **3.** Move Forward? **4.** Seek Help? **5.** Pray? Explain your answer.

**TUESDAY:** James 1: 2-4; Isaiah 41:10

**KEY VERSE:** Isaiah 41:10

**OBSERVATION: GOD USES DIFFICULT TIMES TO MOLD US.** *“Battles are fought in our minds everyday. When we begin to feel the battle is just too difficult and want to give up, we must choose to resist negative thoughts and be determined to rise above our problems. We must decide that we're not going to quit. We must take a stand and say, 'I'll never give up! God is on my side. He loves me and He is helping me! I'm going to make it!”* Joyce Meyer. Do you agree? Why or why not?

**WEDNESDAY:** Philippians 1:6-7; Galatians 6:9

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 6:9

**OBSERVATION: LOOK FOR THE GOOD FROM THE BAD.** *“I would go to the deeps a hundred times to cheer a downcast spirit. It is good for me to have been afflicted, that I might know how to speak a word in season to one that is weary.”* Charles Spurgeon. *“God knows our situation. He will not judge us as if we had no difficulties to overcome. What matters is the sincerity and perseverance of our will to overcome them?”* C.S. Lewis. What is the worst situation you have been in? How did you deal with it?

**THURSDAY:** Psalm 66:17-20

**KEY VERSE:** Psalm 66:20

**OBSERVATION: DRAW NEAR TO GOD.** *“We have to pray with our eyes on God, not on the difficulties.”* Oswald Chambers. *“He who kneels the most stands the best.”* D.L. Moody. List and define 3 or 4 ways you can draw near to God? What are the benefits of doing so?

**FRIDAY:** John 6:22-24; John 14:27; Romans 8:26-27

**KEY VERSE:** John 14:27

**OBSERVATION: PRAYING IN DIFFICULT TIMES.** *“The more you pray, the less you panic. The more you worship, the less you worry. You'll feel more patient and less pressured.”* Rick Warren. When praying is difficult, **1.** Find a prayerful place. **2.** Pray a repeated phrase. **3.** Remember the Holy Spirit's Intercession. **4.** Pray with your tears. Why are these things important?

**SATURDAY:** Exodus 17:8-13; John 11:25-27

**KEY VERSE:** John 11:27

**OBSERVATION: PRAYING IN DIFFICULT TIMES PART 2.** *“He who kneels the most, stands to pray the best.”* D.L. Moody. *“Is prayer your steering wheel or you spare tire?”* Corrie Ten Boom. List 3 or 4 ways you can improve your prayer life.