

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – June 25– 30**  
***Doing Life Together – Thriving in Babylon – Better Together***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Psalm 78:1-8

**OBSERVATION:** This psalm gives us a sketch of Hebrew history leading up to King David, and the importance of handing it on to the next generation. We see a contrast between the goodness of God and the sins of Israel. Jesus himself quoted verse 2 of this psalm (Matthew 13:35). The psalmist says, 'We will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done ... to teach their children, so that the next generation would know them ... and they in turn would tell their children. Then they would put their trust in God' (Psalm 78:4–7).

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Acts 16:1-15

**OBSERVATION:** Bill Hybels has said that every major strategic step or decision he has made was inspired and encouraged by someone three feet away from him and not in a crowd of a thousand people. While preaching can make a big impact, preachers often overestimate the amount of truth that is assimilated between the pulpit and the pew. In his life, 'Truth applied across a table' has been a key to his own personal growth. This seems to have been the key for Timothy.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** 1 Kings 12:25-14:20

**OBSERVATION:** This was Jeroboam's sin, and it affected the next generation. His son Abijah became ill and died (chapter 14). He ignored the good example of the earlier generation of David who had lived with an undivided heart, pleasing God. Instead he had 'set a new record in works of evil' (14:9, MSG).

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 28:19-20

**OBSERVATION:** My observation is this: the Great Commission is clearly the logical outgrowth of the Greatest Commandment. If we love God with all that we are, then we want to enjoy Him and be with Him and live in His presence forever. If the deepest and most all-encompassing love of our life is God, what could be more important than living in His presence every day of our lives on earth and for all eternity? Therefore, the more the Greatest Commandment grows in our lives (the more we love God and neighbor), then the more the Great Commission grows in our lives (the more we want to invite others into living for and with God now and forever).

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Judges 2:6-10

**OBSERVATION:** What happened? Where was the legacy of Joshua's generation? We don't know what happened, but something went horribly wrong. Whatever the gap, it had a crippling effect on the next generation. Whatever the reasons may have been, someone somewhere dropped the baton of faith. We have a tremendous responsibility. Hand off the baton well and we represent God as big to the world around us. Hand off poorly (or worse yet, stop handing off at all) and we represent God as small to the world. Then all of the ground we have taken can be quickly lost as an entire generation is left unreached.

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Deuteronomy 6:1-9

**OBSERVATION:** God knew the necessity of one generation passing the torch of faith to the next. He even laid out a plan for us in His Word. When Israel was poised to enter the Promised Land, God – through Moses – told them how vital it would be to not only model faith to their children, but to also purposefully teach them God's Word.