

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – Sept 3 – 8<sup>th</sup>**  
***Doing Life Together – SHIFT I decrease HE increase***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 12:34

**OBSERVATION:** Take an honest look at your current priorities. Reflect on your life right now to consider what factors most determine how you choose to live. Where are you investing most of your time, money, and energy? Which relationships and activities do you devote yourself to every day? Where do you currently place God on your list of priorities? If your relationship with God isn't your top priority right now, what specific changes do you need to make in your life to devote yourself to God first?

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:33

**OBSERVATION:** Trust God's promises in Matthew 6:33. In this famous Bible verse, Jesus encourages people to put God first in their lives, saying: "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." This single verse reveals three key promises from God to those who make their relationships with him their top priority: membership in a new family (the body of Christ), a new life (a fulfilling life in which you reach your highest potential), and new freedom (power over sin so you can live free of its burdens and enjoy the life God intended you to live).

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Psalm 37:5

**OBSERVATION:** Make a sacred commitment to placing God first in your life. Choose to make an irrevocable decision to make your relationship with God your highest priority, over everyone and everything else in your life. No matter what happens from this point on, remind yourself of your decision, and then you'll avoid wasting time and energy on what doesn't really matter, while experiencing the fullness of God's blessings for you.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Matthew 6:24

**OBSERVATION:** Grow to become more like Jesus through community. As you connect with other believers in your church community, God will teach you how to love in deeper ways, which will transform you into a holier person with a character that keeps growing more like that modeled by Jesus. Invest in your relationships with others in your church beyond just the weekend worship services. Get together regularly to build close friendships through small group meetings, service projects, fun outings, or simply to chat. Listen to each other's stories, encourage each other to grow spiritually, pray for each other, hold each other accountable, and give each other practical support when needed.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Psalm 118:24

**OBSERVATION:** Celebrate God by worshipping him often. While it's important to worship God in church, it's also vital to worship God throughout your everyday life. Engage God by choosing to focus on His presence with you in the midst of your circumstances. Encounter God by communicating with Him, thanking him for who he is and what he does for you. Experience God in your soul by abandoning yourself fully to him and enjoying the transcendent joy and peace that come to you as a result.

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** James 1:22

**OBSERVATION:** Serve and give as God leads you. Use your time, talents, and treasure to the fullest to join God's redemptive work in the world, maximizing your impact in God's kingdom. Be prepared to say "yes" to God whenever he calls you into action by: meeting people's physical needs, sharing the Gospel message, or building up your local church. Don't withhold your time, energy, money, skills, or any other resource that God asks you to give in specific ways – be generous, as God is generous with you.