

**The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – Sept 10 – 15**  
***Doing Life Together – SHIFT from Doing to Being***

**MONDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Deuteronomy 6:5-9

**OBSERVATION:** God intended the all of life to be a sanctuary for spiritual and personal development in a relational setting of love and acceptance. This requires an ongoing process involving both formal and spontaneous times together. Intimacy and activity, solitude and engagement, interior and exterior, calling and character, rest and work—both sides of each of these spectra are important. A balanced life of being and doing will nourish both restoration and application.

**TUESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Ephesians 5:16, Colossians 4:5, 2 Timothy 4:2

**OBSERVATION:** Be aware of the distinction between *chronos* (chronological, everyday events) and *kairos* (special opportunities and occurrences). Seek to be available to make the most of the opportunities or *kairos* moments God providentially gives you, since the most significant thing you do in the course of a day may not be in your daily calendar. Be ready “in season and out of season” to redeem the special moments God sends your way. Seek to manage time loosely enough to enhance relationships rather than tightly to accomplish results.

**WEDNESDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Luke 5:16; Mark 1:35; 6:31

**OBSERVATION:** External action should be derived from internal reality, and this requires a rhythm of solitude and engagement, restoration and application, intimacy with Christ and activity in the world. The life of Jesus illustrates this pattern of seeking significant amount of time to be alone with the Father so that He would have the inner power and poise to deal with the outward pressures imposed upon Him by His friends and enemies.

**THURSDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Mark 12:30

**OBSERVATION:** While the greatest commandment exhorts us to love the Lord our God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, we tend to reverse the order, thinking we can go from the outside-in rather than the inside-out. Instead of ministry flowing out of our relationship with God, many people suppose, in effect, that ministry will determine their relationship with God.

**FRIDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** Galatians 2:20,

**OBSERVATION:** The New Testament teaches that allegiance to Christ has displaced devotion to a code, but there is a human tendency to avoid God through religious substitutes. Many miss the point that while intimacy with Christ leads to holiness, attempts to be holy do not necessarily lead to intimacy. Sanctification is not generated by moral behavior but by the grace of a relationship with Christ. If we miss this, we will be driven to causes rather than called to Christ, and activity will take precedence over intimacy. People who are driven eventually burn out.

**SATURDAY:**

**KEY VERSE:** John 15:4-7, Colossians 3:1-2, Hebrews 12:1-2

**OBSERVATION:** Note the process imagery in Scripture that stresses an ongoing awareness of the presence of Christ: abide in Jesus and let His words abide in you. Set your mind on the things of the Spirit. Walk by the Spirit. Keep seeking the things above where Christ is. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks. Run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus. The spiritual life is not a measurable product, but a dynamic process.