

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – December 31st – January 5th
Doing Life Together – Hell in the Hallway

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 42:16

OBSERVATION: From the passage above we see that God introduces Himself as the God who makes a way. He will make a way! This is a very special verse for me because God gave it to me during a very difficult time. So the whole focus of this study is to simply say what the Lord emphasised to me during that time – and that is that despite the difficulty of a situation and despite the options that look limited in the natural, God is a God who makes a way. He makes a way.

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 43:15

OBSERVATION: In verse 15 by saying ‘I am the LORD, your Holy One, the Creator of Israel, your King.’ He begins by reminding them that He is YAHWEH – the great I AM! The self-existent, active, ever-present God. Maybe you have been feeling like the Israelites were? Maybe you have taken your eyes off the Lord and onto your situation? Maybe the difficulty of what you face has clouded out the thought and presence of He who is for you? Maybe you have forgotten that the one who is on your side is the eternal, all-powerful, ever-present God ‘who makes a way’? Israel sure had.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 43:16

OBSERVATION: In verse 16, God reminded the people that He makes a way through the sea. What was God doing here do you think? What has the ‘sea’ got to do with their current predicament? What He is doing is reminding them of their past and in particular of a time when there previously seemed like there was no way forward. It was the time of the exodus from Egypt when the Israelites faced certain death! Read Exodus 13:17-18 & Exodus 14:1-22

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 43:2 & 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

OBSERVATION: From what we have been looking at, it is clear that you can be following the God-designed path for your life and it can lead straight to mighty waters. This is especially so if God desires to use you to help others. He won’t have pretenders. All of us will face the waters at some stage. The verse 2 says ‘When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.’ Note how it doesn’t say ‘if you pass through the waters...’ It’s not a matter of ‘if’ but ‘when’. It also doesn’t say ‘when others pass through the waters’ but ‘when you pass through...’ It will happen.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 43:18-19

OBSERVATION: Straight after saying the He will make a way, God instructs His people to forget the former things and not to dwell on the past. Now why would He say this? Especially after just reminding them of a past event! Normally God wants us to remember the past so that we can bring to mind the previous deliverances and learn from our former mistakes. Now He says “don’t”. He says ‘forget the former things’. Why is that do you think?

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Isaiah 43:1-19

OBSERVATION: You may be in the place right now where you can see the mighty waters rising around you. The trials and difficulties of this life may be coming against you in a way that seems like there is no way out. If that is so then please remember that God is One who ‘makes a way’. May you too proclaim His praise as you trust Him once again.