

The Chapel Family Bible Reading Program – March 25th 30th
Doing Life Together – 3D Life

MONDAY:

KEY VERSE 2 Corinthians 4:7

OBSERVATION: This verse is about Christ, his love, and his power! Have you ever felt weak, powerless in yourself. I'm sure that Paul did, too. But the One who indwelt Paul and now, you is not weak and powerless. You are a limited vessel. He is the unlimited contents of that vessel poured out to quench the spiritual thirst of lost humankind. It's not about you! It's about him!

TUESDAY:

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 4:8-9

OBSERVATION: Now Paul talks about some of the pressures of the Christian life and ministry. He has alluded to them before (1:8-9) and will speak more about them later (11:22-28). In this sentence, Paul lays out four pairs of words first, the difficulty the "clay" faces, then second, the hope the "treasure" affords.

WEDNESDAY:

KEY VERSE: 2 Corinthians 4:10-12

OBSERVATION: When we are exposed to struggle, stress, and pain, our inner self is exposed. People can see us for what we are. If we're sniveling cowards, that will become obvious. If we exhibit God's grace under pressure, people will see that as well. When we suffer, people can see Jesus' work within us and will be attracted to the authenticity they see. That's why Paul talks about his weaknesses and sufferings so much. His opponents at Corinth, the so-called "super-apostles" (11:5; 12:1), boasted without cause and had never suffered for Christ.

THURSDAY:

KEY VERSE: Romans 8:18

OBSERVATION: What we suffer now is nothing compared to the glory he will give us later (Romans 8:18 Living Bible). Our problems now are real but they pale in comparison to what awaits us. When we come into the presence of God we will experience such joy, such happiness that will far exceed these temporary troubles, "groanings", yearnings we have now awaiting Christ's return.

FRIDAY:

KEY VERSE: Romans 8:21

OBSERVATION: We look around at the process of death, dying and know that this is not the way God planned it to be. Beautiful flowers fade away. See depletion of natural resources, but Scripture says "one day creation itself will be liberated from bondage to decay (Romans 8:21). One day everything that was ever created, except fallen angels and rebellious people, will fulfill God's intended purpose. Revelation 21:4 - God himself will wipe away all tears, there shall be no more death, nor sorrow, nor crying, nor pain, all of that is gone fore.

SATURDAY:

KEY VERSE: Romans 8:31-39

OBSERVATION: Seems that Paul is addressing something we all have probably thought of at one time or another. Fear that we may lose God's love, that we may do something so awful, so bad that He will stop loving us. We've all grown up on fallen planet earth and most of us have felt the loss of love, by a parent, friend, child or a spouse. Wonder if they could stop loving me, could God do that too? Are we really secure in our relationship with God? Paul gives us 5 arguments that prove NOTHING can separate us from God.