

Week 147 - w/c 1/9/19

Monday: Luke 15:11-32 This parable highlights God's grace. Just like the father in the parable, God is standing with open arms waiting to welcome the prodigal son back into the family. Do you know any "prodigal sons"? Pray that they will turn back to God, seeing that God is a God of love and forgiveness.

Tuesday: Numbers 8:1-26 This chapter tells of the cleansing and dedication of the Levites. But real ministry is more than just a dedication service, it is about doing the work! What ministry or area of service are you involved in in the church? Is God calling you into a new area of ministry? Are you willing to do the hard work?

Wednesday: 2 Kings 12:1-21 Jehoash did what was right in the sight of the Lord during the time the priest Jehoiada was instructing him. After the priest died Jehoash turned back to idolatry. Who do you turn to for wise counsel and to help you grow spiritually? Have you asked anyone to be your DNA partner?

Thursday: Proverbs 18:9-18 See v10. The name of the Lord (Yahweh) represents his character in all its aspects. We can think about these aspects of God and can find strong, safe refuge in them. Use the aspects of God's character in your praise today eg Lord, you are a God of mercy- so I find refuge in your mercy.

Friday: Ezekiel 15:1 - 16:29 Chapter 16 is a poetic description of Israel's history. When the nation was formed the Israelites were nothing but God poured down lavish blessings upon them. The Israelites turned their backs on God. They forgot the important principle that everything good they were, and all the good they had, were the gift of God's grace to them. Thank God for your many blessings today.

Weekend: 1 Timothy 1:1-11 Paul is writing to Timothy telling him to oppose those who were teaching false doctrine. Vs 4-5 tell us that we should be advancing God's work through love. Do you have a pure heart, a good conscience and a sincere faith? Take some time today to check your heart and conscience. Is there anything you need to repent of in order to further God's work?