

## **Week 161 – w/c 08/12/2019**

**Monday: Luke 22:39-53** Read v41-42 again. What are your current struggles? When was the last time you knelt to pray? True prayer requires concentration, and it also requires humility and faith. Kneeling shows our desperation and our surrender to God. Spend time on your knees today praying earnestly for God's will to be done in your life.

**Tuesday: Numbers 19:1-22** One who was unclean needed purification but was still part of the nation – unless they refused to correct their unclean condition. Read John 13:5-11. We must receive the beautiful once-for-all cleansing Jesus brings to us when we are born again; yet continually come to Him to be cleansed of the “day-to-day” things. What do you need cleansed of today?

**Wednesday: 1 Chronicles 1:1-54** The books of Chronicles present a sweeping chronicle of Israel's history. It was written as the Judeans were returning from exile to the southern part of the land of Israel. This genealogy goes all the way back to Adam, it situates the people of Israel among the nations and reminds them of their calling. Praise God that he is still at work even when we cannot see or feel it.

**Thursday: Psalm 119:9-16** See v11. The Psalmist has not only read the word of God but he has thought about it until it has become ingrained in his mind and his heart. It has been said of the Bible “This book will keep you from sin. Sin will keep you from this book.” How will you meditate on, delight in and not neglect the word of God this week?

**Friday: Ezekiel 28:1-26** The fundamental sin of the king of Tyre was pride. He thought of himself as a god and used language about himself that should only be used of God. Read Romans 12:3. Do you struggle with pride? How do you measure yourself with the faith God has given you? Humble yourself before God today acknowledging that he is the God who is in control.

**Weekend: 2 Timothy 2:1-13** Paul was willing to endure hardship and suffering for the sake of other believers. He reminds Timothy of a trustworthy saying in verses 11-13. Even when we are faithless, God is still faithful. Are you struggling with issues of faithlessness? Just as the prodigal son's father was willing to welcome him back, God is waiting with his arms open wide ready for you to return to him.