

75th Anniversary Weekly Devotionals

Week 7 (Oct 30 – Nov 5)

Each week, we will provide 5 days of Bible reading to guide you as you pray and meditate on the Bible passages and topics we're studying together as a church family. You can use the S.O.A.P. method (S.O.A.P. journals available at the Info Center) or any method you choose.

God Is So Good, Part 2

A.W. Tozer said, "What comes into our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us... We tend by a secret law of the soul to move toward our mental image of God." We talked Sunday about how all our struggles in life are based on distorted and inaccurate ideas about God. Take time this week to meditate on God's goodness. Grow in your trust in God's goodness and let that confidence in God change your life.

DAY ONE: Read Psalm 34:1-10. Read 34:8 again. "Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in him." (NIV) How has God shown you his goodness recently? David wrote Psalm 34 after God rescued him from death. Has God rescued and protected you? Write down some ways he has done that. What do you think it means for you to taste God's goodness? How could you do that today? Thank God for at least one way God has shown his goodness to you.

DAY TWO: Read Psalm 119:65-72. The psalmist discusses how we sometimes learn about God's goodness through life's difficult experiences. How have you come to experience God's goodness through something painful? Read Psalm 119:71 again. Has this ever been your experience? What did God teach you?

DAY THREE: Read Psalm 103. Vs. 1-5 describe God's "benefits" to us, or his blessings. List those blessings and ask yourself, "How do I see God's goodness in God's blessings?" Take some time to express your thanks to God for each of his blessings to you.

DAY FOUR: Read Lamentations 3. In Lamentations, the prophet Jeremiah weeps over the judgment God has brought on his people because of their sin. Lamentations 3:21-26 is the high point in the book. Reread those verses. What does it mean to you today to say, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him"? Are you experiencing pain or hardship that makes you question God's goodness? Talk to God about that now.

DAY FIVE: Read Psalm 107. All 43 verses! Psalm 107:1 says, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." Psalm 107 describes many experiences of God's people where they saw his goodness. What does the psalmist call us to do when we experience God's goodness? Hint: it's connected to an upcoming holiday. How many times in Psalm 107 does the psalmist tell us to do that? Spend time praying and giving thanks to God for his blessings in your life.