



IT ALL POINTS TO JESUS

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# August

*Through the Questions — Christ Our Wisdom, Hope,  
and Redeemer*

A 365-DAY BIBLE COMPANION

*“Holy Spirit, open our hearts to see Christ in all of Scripture.”*

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## About This Free Web Edition

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## **The Dance of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit**

Before there was a world, there was a rhythm of love.

The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit — moving together in perfect joy, each delighting in the others. When the Bible opens, the Spirit of God is hovering over the waters. God says, “Let us make man in our image.” And John tells us the Word was there from the beginning, that all things were made through him, and the Word became flesh.

That is the dance underneath everything you are about to read.

Day by day, through the Old Testament, the New Testament, the Psalms, and the Proverbs, you will see the dancers: the Father speaking and sending, the Son revealing and redeeming, the Spirit opening eyes and hearts. We encourage you to read the Scripture first. Then let this companion help you hear the music.

You are not reading alone. The moment you open the Word, you step into a rhythm that began before time itself — and you are invited to join the dance.

Scripture calls Him the head of the church — the head of the body (Ephesians 1:22; Colossians 1:18) — and in Him all things hold together (Colossians 1:17).

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READ THE WORD FIRST. Read Scripture in your own Bible, then use this Companion for summaries, reflection, fellowship, prayer, and a practical next step.

## August Introduction

### Through The Questions

Christ Our Wisdom, Hope, and Redeemer Days 213–243 — August 1–31

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

Welcome to August. If you have been walking with us since January, keep going. If you are joining us today, come along. You do not need to catch up before you can begin. Open God's Word first, read today's passages, and let this Companion walk beside you. July showed us grace that holds. August now takes that grace into some of life's deepest questions. We move from the ruins of Judah into restoration through Ezra and Nehemiah. We watch Esther step into danger while God's providence works even when His name seems hidden. Then Job brings us face-to-face with suffering, confusion, grief, and the aching question human beings have asked for generations: Where is God when life hurts and we do not understand? At the same time, Paul leads us through 1 Corinthians and into 2 Corinthians. A divided church is called back to the cross. Human wisdom bows before God's wisdom. Spiritual gifts bow before love. Death bows before resurrection. Weakness becomes a place where Christ's power is seen. Suffering becomes a place where God's comfort can overflow to another person. And reconciliation becomes possible because God acts in Christ to bring sinners home. August will not give us a neat answer to every question. Scripture does something better: it keeps bringing us to the One we can trust when answers are incomplete. The heartbeat is simple: Christ our Wisdom. Christ our Hope. Christ our Redeemer.

Father — Son — Holy Spirit: Relationship in the Middle of the Questions  
The relational foundation continues. The Father restores His people, hears their cries, preserves His promises, comforts the suffering, and remains present even when His hand is difficult to see. The Son is the wisdom and

power of God, the crucified and risen Lord, the head of His body, the living Redeemer, and the One through whom we are reconciled to God. The Holy Spirit reveals the things of God, gives gifts for the good of the body, makes believers His temple, writes the new covenant upon hearts, and transforms us from the inside out. So our rhythm remains: Father — Son — Holy Spirit — relationship with God — relationship with one another — invitation to the world. That relationship matters especially when life hurts. Faith is not pretending that suffering is easy. Job refuses shallow explanations. The Psalms cry honestly. Paul speaks openly about affliction. Yet Scripture keeps showing us that pain does not mean abandonment. The Father of compassion draws near. Jesus has entered suffering Himself. The Spirit is at work even in fragile people. And suffering does not isolate us from one another. The comfort we receive becomes comfort we can share. The gifts we receive are given for the body. Love becomes the more excellent way. Grace teaches us to rebuild together, forgive, serve, bear burdens, and become ambassadors of reconciliation. Rebuilding What Has Been Broken Ezra and Nehemiah remind us that restoration is rarely instant. A Temple is rebuilt. Walls rise stone by stone. God's Word is read again. Sin is confessed. Worship is restored. Opposition comes from outside, and selfishness appears inside. Yet God keeps forming a people who belong to Him. This is more than ancient construction. We all know something about broken places — in a life, a family, a friendship, a church, or a dream. Jesus does not merely improve the outside. He becomes the foundation and begins rebuilding from the heart outward. Esther then reminds us that God may be working even when we cannot see Him clearly. His name is famously absent from the book, but His providence is not. Courage and faithfulness matter precisely because we do not always see the entire plan.

When Suffering Has No Easy Formula Job is one of the Bible's great protections against shallow faith. Job's friends want suffering to fit a simple formula: good people prosper and bad people suffer. But Job's life will not fit their explanation. He grieves, protests, questions, remembers, longs, and waits. Then, in the middle of anguish, hope breaks through: Job knows that his Redeemer lives. He cannot see how the story will resolve, but he reaches toward the living God. By the end, God does not hand Job a tidy chart explaining every loss. He reveals Himself. That distinction is vital.

Sometimes we want an explanation when what we most need is the presence of God. Jesus does not promise that His followers will understand every why in this life. He promises Himself. The crucified Savior knows suffering. The risen Savior has defeated death. Because our Redeemer lives, pain never receives the final word. The Cross, Love, Resurrection, and Reconciliation Corinthians keeps pulling us back to Jesus. The cross exposes the emptiness of human pride. The church is one body, so no believer is unnecessary and no gift is meant for self-glory. Love is not an optional decoration on Christian life; without love even impressive spirituality becomes empty noise. Then comes resurrection. If Christ has not been raised, faith collapses. But Christ has been raised. Death is not the end. That resurrection hope gives courage to people living in fragile bodies and uncertain circumstances. In 2 Corinthians, Paul shows us another mystery of grace: God places His treasure in jars of clay. Weakness does not disqualify us from being used by God. Christ can make His power visible through people who know they are dependent upon Him. And He gives His people a ministry of reconciliation — carrying the message that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself. Keep the Rhythm Read Scripture first. Read or listen to all four assigned passages before using the Companion. Ask honest questions. August gives permission to bring confusion, grief, fear, and uncertainty before God rather than hiding them. Discover Jesus. Watch for Him as Wisdom, Foundation, Redeemer, risen Lord, Head of the church, Comforter of sufferers, and Reconciler. Notice the Holy Spirit. Watch how the Spirit reveals truth, gives gifts, dwells in believers, creates freedom, and transforms hearts. Reflect and fellowship. Share both what strengthened you and what you still do not understand. Ask one another, Where did you see Jesus? Live today. Rebuild one broken place. Encourage one hurting person. Forgive. Serve. Love. Take the next faithful step.

## **Prayer**

Father, when life is clear, keep us grateful. When life is confusing, keep us near. Lord Jesus, You are the wisdom of God, our risen Lord, and our living Redeemer. Thank You for entering suffering, conquering death, and reconciling us to God. Holy Spirit, open our hearts to see Christ in all of Scripture. Give us courage to rebuild, humility to listen, love that serves, and faith that remains when answers do not come. Comfort us so we can comfort others. Transform us from the inside out. Make our lives living evidence that our Redeemer lives. For the glory of God alone. Amen. Read the Word. Understand the Word. See Jesus in the Word. Live the Word. It ALL Points to Jesus.

## Day 213 - August 1

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 20:13–15

Read First: 2 Chronicles 30:1–31:21 • Romans 15:1–22 • Psalm 25:1–15 •  
Proverbs 20:13–15

### Old Testament Summary

Hezekiah invites the people back to Passover worship and organizes generous provision for the priests and Levites. Renewal spreads through repentance, worship, and giving.

### New Testament Summary

The strong are called to bear with the weak, build up neighbors, and follow Christ's self-giving example as the gospel moves toward the nations.

### Psalms Summary

David asks God to teach him, forgive him, and guide him in truth.

### Proverbs Summary

Laziness leads to loss; honest work and wise knowledge have value.

### Discover Jesus Today

Passover remembers rescue by sacrifice. Romans shows the heart of the One to whom that rescue points: Christ did not live to please Himself but gave Himself for others.

### Heart Reflection

Whose burden could I help carry rather than criticize?

### Fellowship Questions

What would a Christ-centered fellowship look like when strong and weak believers walk together?

## **Prayer**

Jesus, teach me to welcome others, carry burdens, and live for Your glory rather than my comfort. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Build someone up today.

## **Day 214 - August 2**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 20:16–18

Read First: 2 Chronicles 32:1–33:13 • Romans 15:23–16:9 • Psalm 25:16–22  
• Proverbs 20:16–18

## **Old Testament Summary**

Hezekiah trusts God during Assyria's threat, but later struggles with pride. Manasseh sinks into terrible evil, yet when humbled he seeks God and receives mercy.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul describes his mission plans and honors many faithful coworkers in the gospel.

## **Psalm Summary**

David feels lonely and afflicted but asks God for mercy, forgiveness, and rescue.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom avoids careless pledges, values good counsel, and plans carefully.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

The week ends with mercy. Even Manasseh's deep rebellion is not beyond God's reach when he humbles himself. Romans shows grace creating a family of servants around Jesus.

## **Heart Reflection**

Do I believe anyone — including me — is beyond the reach of God's mercy?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Name someone whose quiet service has strengthened your walk with Christ.

## **Prayer**

Merciful Jesus, keep me humble, grateful, and faithful. Thank You that Your grace reaches farther than our sin. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Begin August with gratitude. Thank God for one person who helped you follow Jesus.

# **Week 31 Review - The Big Story (Days 212–214)**

## **Sunday Group Review - About 15 Minutes**

### **The Big Story**

Hezekiah restores worship and invites people back to Passover. Romans calls believers to welcome one another and bear with the weak. The week closes with Manasseh — a deeply sinful king who humbles himself and discovers that God's mercy reaches farther than his rebellion. Different books. Different centuries. One Savior. It ALL Points to Jesus.

### **Finding Jesus This Week**

- Jesus welcomes those who come by grace.
- Jesus bore with the weak rather than pleasing Himself.
- Passover continues to point toward rescue through sacrifice.

- No repentant sinner is beyond God's mercy.

### **Reflect Together**

1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. What passage challenged you most? 3. What did this week teach you about grace? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Go around the group and complete this sentence: "This week I saw Jesus in \_\_\_\_\_. " Keep it simple. Listen to one another and encourage one another.

### **Week Prayer**

Father, thank You for Your faithful Word. Jesus, keep our eyes fixed on You. Holy Spirit, change what needs changing and help us live what we have read. Amen.

## **Day 215 - August 3**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 20:19

Read First: 2 Chronicles 33:14–34:33 • Romans 16:10–27 • Psalm 26:1–12 • Proverbs 20:19

### **Old Testament Summary**

Josiah turns toward God and leads Judah back to His Word. Reform begins when God's truth is heard and obeyed.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul closes Romans by honoring faithful servants and warning against division. The church belongs to Christ, and ordinary believers matter in His work.

### **Psalm Summary**

David asks God to examine his integrity and keep him near worship and truth.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Gossip separates people; wisdom refuses to feed it.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus is the faithful King Josiah could only foreshadow. He does more than reform outward behavior — He changes hearts and gathers one family from every nation.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 216 - August 4**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 20:20–21

Read First: 2 Chronicles 35:1–36:23 • 1 Corinthians 1:1–17 • Psalm 27:1–6 •  
Proverbs 20:20–21

### **Old Testament Summary**

Judah's final kings reject repeated warnings, Jerusalem falls, yet God preserves hope through Cyrus's decree. Judgment is real, but God's purposes continue.

### **New Testament Summary**

Corinth is divided around personalities. Paul points them back to the cross: Christ, not human leaders, is the center.

### **Psalms Summary**

The LORD is light, salvation, and stronghold; His presence drives out fear.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Dishonor and impatient gain end badly.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

When kingdoms collapse and people divide, Jesus remains. The cross gathers sinners into one people whose confidence is in Him alone.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 217 - August 5**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 20:22–23

Read First: Ezra 1:1–2:70 • 1 Corinthians 1:18–2:5 • Psalm 27:7–14 •  
Proverbs 20:22–23

## **Old Testament Summary**

God moves a pagan king to send His people home. Names, families, gifts, and worshipers return because God keeps His promise.

## **New Testament Summary**

The message of the cross looks foolish to the world, yet it is God's power and wisdom. Faith rests on God, not impressive speech.

## **Psalm Summary**

Wait for the LORD with courage and seek His face.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Leave vengeance to God; dishonest measures offend Him.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus is God's wisdom and power. Restoration does not finally come through a king's decree but through the crucified and risen King.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 218 - August 6**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 20:24–25

Read First: Ezra 3:1–4:23 • 1 Corinthians 2:6–3:4 • Psalm 28:1–9 • Proverbs 20:24–25

### **Old Testament Summary**

The altar and Temple foundation are restored, but opposition soon comes. God's work can bring both joy and resistance.

### **New Testament Summary**

The Spirit reveals what human wisdom cannot. Jealousy and division show spiritual immaturity.

### **Psalm Summary**

God hears His people, strengthens them, and shepherds them.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Our steps belong to the LORD; careless promises can become traps.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus gives His Spirit so we can know God and grow beyond jealousy, fear, and division.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 219 - August 7**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 20:26–27

Read First: Ezra 4:24–6:22 • 1 Corinthians 3:5–23 • Psalm 29:1–11 • Proverbs 20:26–27

## **Old Testament Summary**

The Temple rebuilding resumes and is completed despite opposition. God uses prophets, rulers, and faithful workers to accomplish His purpose.

## **New Testament Summary**

Leaders plant and water, but God gives growth. Christ is the only foundation, and believers are God's temple.

## **Psalm Summary**

The voice of the LORD is powerful; He gives strength and peace to His people.

## **Proverbs Summary**

A wise king exposes evil; the human spirit searches the inner life.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus is the foundation and the true meeting place between God and humanity. Everything lasting must be built on Him.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 220 - August 8**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 20:28–30

Read First: Ezra 7:1–8:20 • 1 Corinthians 4:1–21 • Psalm 30:1–12 • Proverbs 20:28–30

## **Old Testament Summary**

Ezra prepares his heart to study, obey, and teach God's law. God's gracious hand guides the returning exiles.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul describes Christian leaders as servants and stewards. The kingdom is demonstrated by God's power, not pride.

### **Psalm Summary**

God turns mourning into dancing and gives reason for lasting praise.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Faithfulness strengthens leadership; correction can reach deep places.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus is the perfect Servant and faithful Steward. Following Him means receiving grace, obeying truth, and serving without pride.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 221 - August 9**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:1–2

Read First: Ezra 8:21–9:15 • 1 Corinthians 5:1–13 • Psalm 31:1–8 • Proverbs 21:1–2

### **Old Testament Summary**

Ezra fasts for God's protection, then grieves deeply over Israel's unfaithfulness. Sin cannot be treated casually.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul calls the church to holiness and refuses to excuse open, destructive sin among believers.

### **Psalms Summary**

God is a refuge who sees affliction and leads His people.

### **Proverbs Summary**

God weighs the heart, not merely what looks right to us.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus receives sinners, but He also calls His people out of sin. His grace forgives and transforms.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Week 32 Review - The Big Story (Days 215–221)**

Rebuilding on the Right Foundation God restores His people after failure. The Temple rises again, but Paul reminds us that the deepest foundation is not stone — it is Jesus Christ. God gives the growth, Christ is the foundation, and believers are His temple. Finding Jesus This Week Look back over the week. Jesus appears as our foundation, Savior, wisdom, Redeemer, risen Lord, comfort, and hope. The circumstances change; the center does not. Reflect Together 1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. Which reading was hardest to understand or accept? 3. What did this week teach you about trusting God? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week? Fellowship Give each person an opportunity to share one truth, one question, or one encouragement from the week.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, love one another, and live what You have shown us. Amen.

### **Week Preview**

Next week we move deeper into Nehemiah: rebuilding walls, rebuilding community, hearing God's Word, and learning that freedom must always be governed by love.

## **Day 222 - August 10**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:3

Read First: Ezra 10:1–44 • 1 Corinthians 6:1–20 • Psalm 31:9–18 • Proverbs 21:3

### **Old Testament Summary**

The returned community confronts covenant unfaithfulness with grief and difficult action. Renewal requires more than words.

## **New Testament Summary**

Believers belong to Christ. Their bodies are members of Christ and temples of the Holy Spirit, bought with a price.

## **Psalms Summary**

In distress, David entrusts his times to God.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Doing what is right and just matters more than empty religious performance.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus paid for us with His own blood. Because we belong to Him, grace reaches our choices, relationships, and bodies.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 223 - August 11**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:4

Read First: Nehemiah 1:1–3:14 • 1 Corinthians 7:1–24 • Psalm 31:19–24 • Proverbs 21:4

### **Old Testament Summary**

Nehemiah hears of Jerusalem's broken walls, weeps, prays, and then acts. God begins rebuilding through a burdened, prayerful servant.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul teaches believers to honor God faithfully in marriage and in the circumstances where He has called them.

### **Psalm Summary**

Those who trust the Lord are strengthened and sheltered in His presence.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Pride turns even ordinary life toward sin.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus sees what is broken and moves toward it with compassion. He rebuilds lives and calls us to faithful obedience where we are.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

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## Day 224 - August 12

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:5–7

Read First: Nehemiah 3:15–5:13 • 1 Corinthians 7:25–40 • Psalm 32:1–11 •  
Proverbs 21:5–7

### **Old Testament Summary**

Families rebuild the wall side by side while enemies threaten them. Nehemiah also confronts exploitation within the community.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul urges undivided devotion to the Lord while giving practical counsel about marriage and singleness.

### **Psalm Summary**

Forgiven people know the joy of confession and God's instruction.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Diligent plans lead toward abundance; dishonest gain destroys.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus forgives our sin and forms a people who work side by side without exploiting one another.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 225 - August 13**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:8–10

Read First: Nehemiah 5:14–7:73 • 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 • Psalm 33:1–11 • Proverbs 21:8–10

### **Old Testament Summary**

Nehemiah leads without using his position for selfish gain. The wall is completed because God frustrates opposition and strengthens His people.

### **New Testament Summary**

Knowledge can make us proud, but love builds others up. Christian freedom must never become a weapon against another believer.

### **Psalm Summary**

God's word is trustworthy and His plans stand forever.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Character reveals itself in the path a person chooses.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus used His authority to serve. His love teaches us to surrender even legitimate freedoms for another person's good.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 226 - August 14**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:11–12

Read First: Nehemiah 7:73–9:21 • 1 Corinthians 9:1–18 • Psalm 33:12–22 • Proverbs 21:11–12

## **Old Testament Summary**

The people hear God's Word, worship, confess, and remember His long faithfulness despite their repeated rebellion.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul willingly gives up rights so nothing will hinder the gospel.

## **Psalms Summary**

Blessed are the people whose hope rests in the Lord's unfailing love.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom learns from correction and observes the consequences of evil.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus gave up far more than rights — He humbled Himself for our salvation. His grace produces worship, confession, and gospel service.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 227 - August 15**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:13

Read First: Nehemiah 9:22–10:39 • 1 Corinthians 9:19–10:13 • Psalm 34:1–10 • Proverbs 21:13

## **Old Testament Summary**

Israel remembers God's mercy through generations and renews its covenant commitment.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul becomes a servant to many for the gospel and warns believers to learn from Israel. God provides a way through temptation.

### **Psalm Summary**

Taste and see that the LORD is good; those who seek Him lack no good thing.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Ignoring the poor hardens the heart and closes our ears to need.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus is faithful where Israel failed. In Him we receive mercy, strength against temptation, and a new covenant relationship with God.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 228 - August 16**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:14–16

Read First: Nehemiah 11:1–12:26 • 1 Corinthians 10:14–33 • Psalm 34:11–22  
• Proverbs 21:14–16

### **Old Testament Summary**

God's people repopulate Jerusalem and organize worship. Ordinary names become part of the restored community.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul warns against idolatry and calls believers to do everything for God's glory and the good of others.

### **Psalms Summary**

The LORD is near the brokenhearted and watches over the righteous.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom values discretion and stays on the path of understanding.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus creates a holy people whose whole life can be lived for God's glory. Even ordinary faithfulness matters in His kingdom.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Week 33 Review - The Big Story (Days 222–228)**

A People Restored by Grace Ezra and Nehemiah show confession, obedience, rebuilding, and renewed worship. Corinthians shows a church learning holiness, love, and self-giving freedom. God is not merely repairing walls; He is forming a people who belong to Him. Finding Jesus This Week Look back over the week. Jesus appears as our foundation, Savior, wisdom, Redeemer, risen Lord, comfort, and hope. The circumstances change; the center does not. Reflect Together 1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. Which reading was hardest to understand or accept? 3. What did this week teach you about trusting God? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week? Fellowship Give each person an opportunity to share one truth, one question, or one encouragement from the week.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, love one another, and live what You have shown us. Amen.

### **Week Preview**

Next week Esther will show God working behind the scenes and Job will begin, while Corinthians leads us toward the body of Christ, the way of love, and the resurrection.

## **Day 229 - August 17**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:17–18

Read First: Nehemiah 12:27–13:31 • 1 Corinthians 11:1–16 • Psalm 35:1–16 • Proverbs 21:17–18

### **Old Testament Summary**

Jerusalem's wall is dedicated with great joy, yet Nehemiah later confronts compromise. Renewal must be guarded.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul calls believers to imitate godly examples as they imitate Christ and to honor God in worship.

### **Psalms Summary**

David asks God to defend him against unjust enemies.

### **Proverbs Summary**

A life ruled by pleasure eventually empties itself.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus is not merely our example; He is our Savior. Because we belong to Him, worship and everyday life should increasingly reflect His holiness.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 230 - August 18**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:19–20

Read First: Esther 1:1–3:15 • 1 Corinthians 11:17–34 • Psalm 35:17–28 •  
Proverbs 21:19–20

### **Old Testament Summary**

Esther becomes queen as Haman's hatred grows into a decree against the Jews. God is not named, yet His providence is already moving.

### **New Testament Summary**

The Corinthians dishonor the Lord's Supper through selfish division. Paul calls them to remember Christ's body and blood.

### **Psalm Summary**

David longs for God's justice and promises praise.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom stores what is valuable; foolishness consumes everything.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Even when God seems hidden, Jesus assures us that God has not abandoned His people. At the Table we remember the price of our rescue.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## Day 231 - August 19

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 21:21–22

Read First: Esther 4:1–7:10 • 1 Corinthians 12:1–26 • Psalm 36:1–12 •

Proverbs 21:21–22

### Old Testament Summary

Esther risks her life for her people, and Haman's plot turns back on him.

Courage meets providence.

### New Testament Summary

The Holy Spirit gives different gifts, yet believers form one body. No member is unnecessary.

### Psalm Summary

God's faithful love reaches beyond measure; in His light we see light.

### Proverbs Summary

Righteousness and love are stronger than mere human strength.

### Discover Jesus Today

Esther risked approaching a king; Jesus willingly gave His life to save His people. In Him we become one body, gifted to serve one another.

### Heart Reflection

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### Fellowship Questions

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 232 - August 20**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:23–24

Read First: Esther 8:1–10:3 • 1 Corinthians 12:27–13:13 • Psalm 37:1–11 • Proverbs 21:23–24

### **Old Testament Summary**

The threatened people are delivered, mourning becomes celebration, and Mordecai is raised to influence for the good of many.

### **New Testament Summary**

Spiritual gifts matter, but love is the more excellent way. Faith, hope, and love remain — and love is greatest.

### **Psalm Summary**

Trust the LORD, do good, delight in Him, and wait patiently rather than envying evil.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Guarding our words guards us from trouble; pride produces mockery.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus brings the greatest reversal: through His death and resurrection, condemnation can become salvation. His love is the mark of His people.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 233 - August 21**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:25–26

Read First: Job 1:1–3:26 • 1 Corinthians 14:1–17 • Psalm 37:12–29 •  
Proverbs 21:25–26

## **Old Testament Summary**

Job loses possessions, children, and health, yet the book refuses easy explanations. His grief is raw and real.

## **New Testament Summary**

Spiritual gifts should build up the church. Paul especially values understandable words that strengthen others.

## **Psalm Summary**

The Lord knows the days of the blameless and upholds them through trouble.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Lazy desire consumes; the righteous learn generosity.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus entered human suffering rather than explaining it from a distance. In Him we meet the Man of Sorrows who remains with us in grief.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 234 - August 22**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:27

Read First: Job 4:1–7:21 • 1 Corinthians 14:18–40 • Psalm 37:30–40 •  
Proverbs 21:27

### **Old Testament Summary**

Job's friend begins with assumptions that suffering must equal guilt. Job cries out from the depths of his pain.

### **New Testament Summary**

Worship should be understandable, orderly, and aimed at building up the church.

### **Psalms Summary**

God is the refuge and salvation of those who trust Him.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Religious acts cannot cover a heart committed to evil.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus warns us against shallow judgments. He knows the whole story of every sufferer and brings truth with compassion.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 235 - August 23**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:28–29

Read First: Job 8:1–11:20 • 1 Corinthians 15:1–28 • Psalm 38:1–22 •  
Proverbs 21:28–29

### **Old Testament Summary**

Job's friends continue defending simple answers while Job wrestles with how a human being can stand before the holy God.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul states the gospel clearly: Christ died for our sins, was buried, and was raised. His resurrection guarantees the coming victory over death.

### **Psalm Summary**

David confesses sin and cries for God not to forsake him.

### **Proverbs Summary**

False testimony fails; integrity stands firm.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Job longs for someone who can stand between God and man. The gospel reveals Him: Jesus Christ, crucified and risen.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Week 34 Review - The Big Story (Days 229–235)**

Providence, Love, and Resurrection Esther reveals God's hidden providence. Job introduces suffering that cannot be reduced to easy formulas. Paul takes us to the center of the gospel: Christ died for our sins and was raised. Love and resurrection become anchors when life turns upside down. Finding Jesus This Week Look back over the week. Jesus appears as our foundation, Savior, wisdom, Redeemer, risen Lord, comfort, and hope. The circumstances change; the center does not. Reflect Together 1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. Which reading was hardest to understand or accept? 3. What did this week teach you about trusting God? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week? Fellowship Give each person an opportunity to share one truth, one question, or one encouragement from the week.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, love one another, and live what You have shown us. Amen.

### **Week Preview**

Next week Job's questions deepen, but so does hope. Paul will remind us that God comforts sufferers and that our Redeemer truly lives.

## **Day 236 - August 24**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 21:30–31

Read First: Job 12:1–15:35 • 1 Corinthians 15:29–58 • Psalm 39:1–13 • Proverbs 21:30–31

### **Old Testament Summary**

Job insists that God's wisdom and power exceed human formulas. Life is brief, and Job longs for hope beyond death.

## **New Testament Summary**

Because Christ is raised, believers will be raised. Death will be swallowed up in victory, so our labor in the Lord is never wasted.

## **Psalms Summary**

Life is a breath; David places his hope in God.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Human plans cannot defeat God; prepare faithfully, but victory belongs to the LORD.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Job asks whether a person can live again. In Jesus the answer becomes thunderous: yes. Resurrection changes how we face both life and death.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 237 - August 25**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:1

Read First: Job 16:1–19:29 • 1 Corinthians 16:1–24 • Psalm 40:1–10 •  
Proverbs 22:1

### **Old Testament Summary**

Job feels attacked and abandoned, yet suddenly declares confidence that his Redeemer lives and that he will see God.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul closes with practical generosity, courage, love, and partnership in ministry.

### **Psalm Summary**

God lifts the waiting sufferer from the pit and puts a new song in his mouth.

### **Proverbs Summary**

A good name is worth more than great riches.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Job's cry reaches forward to Jesus: our Redeemer lives. Because Christ lives, suffering and death do not have the final word.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## Day 238 - August 26

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### Read God's Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 22:2–4

Read First: Job 20:1–22:30 • 2 Corinthians 1:1–11 • Psalm 40:11–17 •

Proverbs 22:2–4

### Old Testament Summary

Job's friends keep insisting on a rigid formula of immediate punishment, while Job observes that reality is more complicated.

### New Testament Summary

God is the Father of compassion and God of all comfort. The comfort we receive becomes comfort we can share.

### Psalm Summary

The needy can rejoice because the Lord thinks of them and comes to help.

### Proverbs Summary

Rich and poor alike are made by God; humility and reverence bring true riches.

### Discover Jesus Today

Jesus does not promise a pain-free life. He meets us in suffering, comforts us, and turns wounded people into comforters.

### Heart Reflection

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### Fellowship Questions

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 239 - August 27**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:5–6

Read First: Job 23:1–27:23 • 2 Corinthians 1:12–2:11 • Psalm 41:1–13 •

Proverbs 22:5–6

### **Old Testament Summary**

Job longs to find God and present his case, yet still says God knows the way he takes. His friends cannot see what God sees.

### **New Testament Summary**

Paul explains painful ministry decisions and urges forgiveness so sorrow does not overwhelm a repentant person.

### **Psalm Summary**

God cares for the weak and sustains His servant through betrayal and sickness.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Wisdom avoids traps and intentionally trains the next generation.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus knows the road we cannot understand. He also teaches His church that truth and forgiveness belong together.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 240 - August 28**

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## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:7

Read First: Job 28:1–30:31 • 2 Corinthians 2:12–17 • Psalm 42:1–11 •  
Proverbs 22:7

## **Old Testament Summary**

Job celebrates wisdom as more valuable than hidden treasure: true wisdom belongs to God and begins with reverence for Him. Then Job remembers the honor he once knew — and grieves how completely it has been taken from him.

## **New Testament Summary**

Paul pictures believers spreading the fragrance of Christ. We speak before God with sincerity, not as merchants of His Word.

## **Psalm Summary**

The thirsty soul speaks to itself: hope in God; I will praise Him again.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Debt can create bondage and unequal power.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus is the wisdom of God and the fragrance of life. When our souls are cast down, hope has a name: Jesus.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Day 241 - August 29**

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### **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:8–9

Read First: Job 31:1–33:33 • 2 Corinthians 3:1–18 • Psalm 43:1–5 • Proverbs 22:8–9

### **Old Testament Summary**

Job searches his life and pleads his integrity. Elihu begins speaking, insisting that God can instruct people in ways they do not expect.

## **New Testament Summary**

The new covenant is written not merely on stone but on hearts by the Spirit. Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.

## **Psalms Summary**

God's light and truth lead the discouraged worshiper back to hope.

## **Proverbs Summary**

Generosity brings blessing; injustice eventually returns on the one who sows it.

## **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus brings the new covenant and gives the Spirit. He does not merely hand us rules — He transforms us from the inside out.

## **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

## **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

## **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

## **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

# **Day 242 - August 30**

*Soli Deo Gloria — For the Glory of God Alone*

## **Read God's Word First**

Proverb: Proverbs 22:10–12

Read First: Job 34:1–36:33 • 2 Corinthians 4:1–12 • Psalm 44:1–8 • Proverbs 22:10–12

### **Old Testament Summary**

Elihu defends God’s justice and greatness, though human explanations remain incomplete.

### **New Testament Summary**

We carry the treasure of the gospel in fragile jars of clay. We may be pressed and struck down, but God’s power keeps us.

### **Psalm Summary**

Israel remembers that victory came from God, not human strength.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Removing mockery can quiet conflict; God guards true knowledge.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus shines God’s glory into fragile people. Our weakness does not disqualify us — it can display His power.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today’s reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today’s reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## Week 35 Review - The Big Story (Days 236–242)

Our Redeemer Lives Job wrestles with suffering, wisdom, and the silence of God. Yet hope breaks through: “my Redeemer lives.” Paul speaks of comfort, forgiveness, the new covenant, and fragile jars of clay. Weakness does not cancel God’s presence. Finding Jesus This Week Look back over the week. Jesus appears as our foundation, Savior, wisdom, Redeemer, risen Lord, comfort, and hope. The circumstances change; the center does not. Reflect Together 1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. Which reading was hardest to understand or accept? 3. What did this week teach you about trusting God? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week? Fellowship Give each person an opportunity to share one truth, one question, or one encouragement from the week.

### Prayer

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, love one another, and live what You have shown us. Amen.

### Week Preview

Next week God Himself speaks to Job. Paul turns our eyes toward eternal glory, reconciliation, and the new creation in Christ.

## Day 243 - August 31

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### Read God’s Word First

Proverb: Proverbs 22:13

Read First: Job 37:1–39:30 • 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:10 • Psalm 44:9–26 • Proverbs 22:13

### Old Testament Summary

God finally speaks from the whirlwind, not by giving Job a simple explanation but by revealing His unmatched wisdom over creation.

### **New Testament Summary**

Our present troubles are temporary compared with eternal glory. We walk by faith, longing to be at home with the Lord.

### **Psalm Summary**

God's people cry for help when circumstances seem to contradict what they know of Him.

### **Proverbs Summary**

Fear invents excuses that keep a person from faithful action.

### **Discover Jesus Today**

Jesus does not answer every 'why' now, but He gives us Himself. Because He rose, unseen eternal glory is more certain than present suffering.

### **Heart Reflection**

What does today's reading show me about trusting Christ when I cannot control or fully understand what is happening?

### **Fellowship Questions**

Share one truth from today's reading that strengthened or challenged you.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, keep my heart close to You. Give me wisdom to obey, courage to trust, and love to serve. Amen.

### **Live Today**

Take one truth you read today and put it into practice before the day is over.

## **Week 36 Review - The Big Story (Day 243)**

When God Speaks God answers Job by revealing Himself — not by giving Job a simple explanation, but by showing His unmatched wisdom over creation. Paul lifts our eyes: our present troubles are temporary compared with eternal glory, and we walk by faith, longing to be at home with the Lord. Finding Jesus This Week Look back over the week. Jesus appears as our foundation, Savior, wisdom, Redeemer, risen Lord, comfort, and hope. The circumstances change; the center does not. Reflect Together 1. Where did you see Jesus most clearly this week? 2. Which reading was hardest to understand or accept? 3. What did this week teach you about trusting God? 4. What one change will Jesus see you changing this week? Fellowship Give each person an opportunity to share one truth, one question, or one encouragement from the week.

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, thank You for meeting us in Your Word. Help us trust You, love one another, and live what You have shown us. Amen.

### **Week Preview**

September opens with Ecclesiastes asking what lasts, while 2 Corinthians continues to show the grace, holiness, and strength found in Christ.

## **August Review - The Big Story**

From Ruins to Redemption August began among ruins. Judah had fallen, yet God had not forgotten His promise. He brought His people home, rebuilt the Temple, restored Jerusalem's walls, and renewed attention to His Word. Esther then showed that even when God seems hidden, His providence is still at work. Then the road entered suffering. Job lost what he could not replace and asked questions he could not answer. His friends offered formulas, but Job needed more than a formula. He needed God. In the middle of his anguish came one of the month's great declarations: his Redeemer lives. Corinthians keeps bringing the whole month into focus. Human wisdom bows before the cross. Division bows before the one body of Christ. Gifts bow before love. Death bows before resurrection. Weakness becomes a place for God's power. Suffering becomes a place where God's comfort can overflow to others. And reconciliation becomes possible because of Jesus. By the end of Job, God has not handed Job a neat explanation for every pain. He has given Job a greater vision of Himself. Then Paul lifts our eyes: our present troubles are temporary compared with eternal glory, and we walk by faith, longing to be at home with the Lord. August teaches us that faith does not mean having every answer. Faith means knowing the One who holds us when answers do not come. Finding Jesus This Month Jesus is the true King, the foundation, the wisdom of God, the head of the church, the way of love, the risen Lord, the living Redeemer, the comfort of sufferers, the giver of the Spirit, and the One who reconciles us to God. Reflect Together Where did August deepen your trust in Jesus? Which truth about suffering, resurrection, love, or reconciliation do you most need to carry into September?

### **Prayer**

Lord Jesus, when I understand, keep me humble. When I do not understand, keep me faithful. Thank You that You live, You reign, and You hold me. Transform my heart so that my life reflects You more each day. Amen.

## September Preview

September begins in Ecclesiastes, where Scripture asks what gives life lasting meaning. The search will move through wisdom and the words of Paul, but the answer will keep drawing us beyond life ‘under the sun’ to the One who gives eternal life. Read, read some more, and keep reading until you see Jesus face-to-face.

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