



Daily Bible readings, a memory verse and a prayer for individual contemplation
Weekly worship song, reflection and small group questions

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BIBLE READING:

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Job 14:1- 7, Romans 12: 9-21, Colossians 1:24-29

PRAISE AND WORSHIP:

 "My Hope is built on nothing less" <https://youtu.be/rkMapZB8qMk>

Reflection by Yvonne Roberg

When you read Job 14:1-7 you are struck by the fact that our life here on earth is transient, frequently in scripture compared to flowers drying up (Job 14:1-2, Jas 11:1), a shadow fleeing or mist disappearing (Jas 4:14). Yet, Job makes it clear that despite our frailty and the transiency of life, God is in control. Job 14:5 says of God: "...our days are determined; the number of our months is with you; You have

appointed our limits; so that we cannot pass”. Job goes on to lament in verse Job 14:10: “But man dies and is laid away; Indeed, he breathes his last and, where is he?” Is all lost and all for naught?

No, my friends Job cries in verse 14: “All the days of my hard service I will wait, till my change comes, you shall call, and I will answer you”. As believers in Jesus Christ, we know and trust that despite our circumstances, our difficulties, our loss that one day God will call us, and we will join him in eternity. Colossians 1:13 teaches: “He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son.” What joy friends to know that one day we are going to live with Jesus in eternity! When all is gone, we have reason to remain hopeful. Not only do we have a reason to remain hopeful but Romans 12: 9-21 teaches us how we ought to live whilst we wait for our reunion with Jesus Christ. We are called by Paul to: “Not to be overcome with evil but overcome evil with good”. We are called despite our circumstances to try to love others as God has loved us so that they may be drawn to the light of Christ in us and so too have the opportunity to live in eternity with him.

SMALL GROUP QUESTIONS:

1. Do you believe in a future hope of eternity with Christ? Why or why not?
2. Since God is sovereign over all things, including the number of our days, are you able to surrender all things to his timing?
3. How can you, right now in your life, overcome evil with good?



DAILY BIBLE READING:

MONDAY

Memory Verse: Romans 15:4 “Whatever was written in the past was written for our instruction so that we could have hope through endurance and through the encouragement of the scriptures.”

Prayer: Lord, thank you for your Word, your wonderful holy Word that teaches me all things, that guides me into the light and nourishes my soul.

TUESDAY

Memory Verse: 1 John 3:3 “And all who have this hope in him purify themselves even as he is pure.”

Prayer: Father I repent, I am a sinner, please forgive me for..... Please through the power of your Holy Spirit cleanse me from my sin.

WEDNESDAY

Memory Verse: Job 5:15-16 “Yet he rescues the orphan from the sword of their mouth, the needy from the grip of the strong; so, the poor have hope and violence shuts its mouth.”

Prayer: Father my only hope is in you. Thank you that you are a just God who will vindicate the poor, who will ensure that justice is metered out when you return.

THURSDAY

Memory Verse: 1 Peter 1:13 “Therefore, once you have your minds ready for action and you are thinking clearly, place your hope completely on the grace that will be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed.”



Prayer: Oh Lord, please help me to remain strong and courageous and to never give up the hope that I have in you.

FRIDAY

Memory Verse: Ephesians 1:18-19 *“I pray that the eyes of your heart will have enough light to see what is the hope of God’s call, what is the richness of God’s glorious inheritance among believers, and what is the overwhelming greatness of God’s power that is working among us believers. This power is conferred by the energy of God’s powerful strength.”*

Prayer: Thank you Father that you have redeemed me through the blood of Jesus, that I am yours and you are mine - and that a wonderful heavenly inheritance awaits me.

SATURDAY

Memory Verse: Hebrews 10:23 *“Let’s hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, because the one who made the promises is reliable”*

Prayer: Father I trust in you; I know that you are sovereign over all things and that you will work everything out for the greater good.



It is important for parents to take time to lead the conversations of family time and to be honest with their children in these conversations.

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Sunday 3rd October

Pray daily: Set up family time for prayer and devotions and stick to this arrangement. All devotions should always begin by with a prayer. Ask a family member to pray or one of the children.

Scripture Reading: Romans 12: 9-21

Activity/Family Moment:

Use this activity to help your children recognize the hope they have when they trust God to guide them.

Using books or pieces of cardboard, create a “steppingstone” path from one side of your living room to the other. Add small challenges along the way, perhaps a chair to climb over or narrow “balance beams” made of masking tape. As you work, talk about the obstacles we face in life: moving to a different school, making new friends, being sick.

Now place a blindfold over your child’s eyes. Explain that often we can’t see how to get through the obstacles in our lives. We may say that we “hope” to find our way through, but what are our chances?

Take your child’s hand and guide him along each step of the path, explaining that we can face the challenges of life because we know that God is with us. Even if we can’t always see where we’re headed, our hope comes from knowing that God directs our steps.