

## 5 year Bible reading plan – week 41

### **Week 41 - 20/8/17**

**Monday: Matthew 19:1-15.** The issue of divorce and re-marriage has been a difficult one since the days of Moses! Jesus clearly teaches that marriage is intended to be permanent, but God made provision in the Old Testament Law for the difficult situations that arose. Forgiveness and love are required of us in every relationship whether married or not.

**Tuesday: Genesis 35:1-29.** Bethel was a place where God had previously met with Jacob. The first reaction when God meets with him again was to rid himself of anything in his life that could get in the way of a fresh experience of God. Is there anything you need to change to meet with God again?

**Wednesday: Judges 16:1-31.** Samson's weakness in his sexual relationships was a problem throughout his life. Yet he is spoken of in Hebrews 11 as a "hero of faith". Moral compromise always produces a sense of regret for what "might have been". Past bad decisions can haunt us, but thank God that Jesus can set us free from the mistakes and sins of the past!

**Thursday: Psalm 33:1-22.** Use this psalm as a declaration of your praise today. Choose 2 or 3 verses that speak to you and put them into your own words as your worship to God.

**Friday: Isaiah 40:15-31.** When life becomes a chore and you get weary, how can you apply the truth of verse 31 in your personal experience? "Waiting" and "hoping" always involve a fixed attitude and often a lengthy period of time. Be patient! It never happens immediately!

**Weekend: 1 Corinthians 5:1-8.** We are called to live in "sincerity and truth" (verse 8). When sin is openly encouraged and people are seriously immoral, Church discipline is required which can mean excluding people from the privileges of fellowship (v2) (which explains the term "handing them over to Satan" in verse 5) so that they may eventually be restored. Pray for the restoration of any who are away from God at present.