

## 5 year Bible reading plan – week 72

### **Week 72– w/c 25/3/18**

**Monday: Mark 3:1-19.** Jesus' "busy-ness" (vv 9-12) is a factor in him releasing the apostles to serve alongside him in ministry. Their spiritual authority to preach and drive out demons flowed out of their first calling to "be with him" (v14). Spend time with Jesus – your relationship with Him is more important than what we do for Him.

**Tuesday: Exodus 13:1-22.** Read verse 17 again. The shortest route is not always the best. If God leads us in a more difficult path it is because the detour is for our good. For Israel this was so they did not face warfare before they were prepared. Thank God for the way He leads you.

**Wednesday: 1 Samuel 19:1-24.** Spiritual maturity is about a consistent mental, emotional and spiritual life. Saul shows the opposite! Sometimes calm and reasonable, other times erratic and open to the devil's attacks, despite appearing spiritual on other occasions. Pray for your own maturity and others you know of who are not as stable as they sometimes appear.

**Thursday: Proverbs 10:1-10.** Which of these proverbs has application in your life at the present time? Do you need to take to heart something about hard work, or integrity, or advice, or gossip? Ask God to help you improve in this area?

**Friday: Jeremiah 3:1-25.** Unfaithfulness in our relationships causes great pain and heartache, and when we fail to walk in faith we cause pain to the heart of Jesus (verses 19-20). He died and rose again to restore us to a right relationship with God. What areas do you need to confess and receive forgiveness for today?

**Saturday: 2 Corinthians 4:1-12.** The treasure of the gospel and all its benefits are contained in weak jars of clay. Like such jars, we are fragile and easily damaged, fallible and very prone to failure, and in order to be useful, we must be functional. Our functionality flows out of our ability to be filled with God's presence. For further study, read Romans 9:21 and 2 Timothy 2:20 to gain further insight into our role as jars of clay.