

Week 203 w/c 27/9/20

Monday: John 15:18-27 Jesus was mostly persecuted by the religious establishment, which reflected the values of the world in opposition to God. More people have been persecuted for their faith in the past 100 years than in all the previous centuries combined. When have you seen the world pressure people to conform? Check out the Open Doors website for prayer points and pray for the persecuted church.

Tuesday: Deuteronomy 20:1-20 Israel was a small nation surrounded by great empires. When they went into battle they were faced with armies of superior numbers and equipment. But God told them not to fear when they entered battle as He would be with them. God didn't ask them to have blind faith, He had already delivered them from Egypt. Where have you seen evidence of God's faithfulness in your life?

Wednesday: 2 Chronicles 13:1-14:1 Jeroboam sent troops to ambush Judah. The army of Judah knew they were in a dangerous position. The only thing they could do was raise a shout to the Lord. God defended his trusting people when they could not defend themselves. Are you facing a seemingly impossible situation? Lift your cry to the God who hears and answers our prayers.

Thursday: Psalm 133:1-134:3 Not everything that is good is pleasant and not everything that is pleasant is good. In Psalm 133 the psalmist is saying that unity among believers is both good and pleasant to a high degree. Do you need to restore any relationships within our fellowship? Psalm 134 concentrates on praising God. How will you bless the Lord today?

Friday: Hosea 10:1-15 In verse 12 Hosea gives another appeal to the nation to repent and seek the Lord. He says that they need to break up their unploughed ground. The plough of conviction must break up hard hearts before the seed of the Word can be planted and watered by gracious rain. The people of Israel refused to repent and judgement fell. What can you learn from this passage?

Weekend: James 3:1-12 The ability to speak words is the ability to influence others and accomplish tremendous tasks. However we can also cause great hurt because of our words. How have you been hurt by someone's words? How have you been helped by someone's words? How can you help someone with encouraging words today?