Bible Readings Week 231 - w/c 11/4/21

Monday: Acts 8:26-40 In Romans 10:17 we read that "faith comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." Philip helped the Ethiopian eunuch to understand the word of God and he came to faith. Who is God calling you to share your faith with? Who are you helping to disciple? Pray for a new boldness in sharing your faith today.

Tuesday: Job 12:1-25 This chapter focuses on the greatness of God. Job's friends thought that they knew better because they were older, but age is no guarantee of wisdom. There are old fools as well as young fools! Job points out the sovereignty of God. Praise God that in all circumstances He has the wisdom to know what to do, and He has the power to accomplish it (vs 13,16).

Wednesday: Ezra 5:1-17 God was watching over the elders of the Jews. The work continued, and this blessing was confirmation of God's hand on the prophets. It would take some time for the letter to get to King Darius. This gave them time both to continue working on the temple but also time to pray and trust God to guide King Darius to a favourable decision. When have you felt God watching over you?

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 3:1-22 Solomon couldn't get past the fact that all die. We need to remember that death isn't a full stop, it is merely a hyphen. We need to trust God even when we don't understand our experiences. When we look back, we can see the Master potter at work. When have you experienced something in your life becoming "beautiful in its time"?

Friday: Micah 7:1-20 In v7 Micah reached a turning point. He looked away from the sins of the people and meditated on the faithfulness of God. Even when our future seems hopeless we can still trust in God to strengthen us. Of the reasons for praise Micah refers to in vs 14-20, which ones are reasons for you to praise God today?

Weekend: 1 John 5:1-13 John is confident that if we have the Son we will have eternal life. We can only know this if our salvation rests in what Jesus has done and not in our own performance. The need to hear the gospel message does not end when we accept Christ. We can continue to be encouraged by the message as we continue on our spiritual journey. Praise God for the gift of eternal life.