

Bible Readings Week 238 - w/c 30/5/21

Monday: Acts 13:1-33. Initially Barnabas seems to be the leader, but in verse 13 a change takes place. From that point on, Paul is always mentioned first and seems to have taken over. Barnabas disciplined Paul and nurtured his faith and ministry, yet allows him to take the lead. Are you that gracious when your children or those you have nurtured develop beyond the limits of your achievements?

Tuesday: Job 19:1-29. One commentator asks us to notice Job's growing faith in a heavenly solution to his earthly woes. There is a point where he has no faith (Job 9:33). There is a point of low faith (Job 16:19). But here is the evidence of a genuine growing faith in God's ability to save us: "I know that my Redeemer lives" (Job 19:25). Can you trace a similar pattern in your own faith development?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 2:1-20. V12 makes it clear that Nehemiah kept the full extent of his vision to himself. Sometimes when God reveals something to you it is wise to wait before sharing it fully with others. Ask God to reveal to you what he has for you to do. When the idea grows, pray about it and research it before you share it fully.

Thursday: Ecclesiastes 8:1-17. The writer faces an old question in v14: Why do bad things happen to good people and good things happen to bad people? For people of no faith that is as much a problem as for those of us who believe in a good God. One thing is clear: The world is not as God originally created it. Thank God that it will be restored when Jesus returns.

Friday: Zephaniah 1:1-18 The prophet is writing to Judah during the reign of Josiah. Despite his godly rule, Zephaniah predicts a coming judgement and destruction of Judah that started to happen within 20 years of his prophecy, but he also foresees the final day of judgement. Consider v 18 – what silver and gold (wealth and riches) can't accomplish, Jesus did! Give him praise for this great salvation.

Weekend: Revelation 2:1-17. Consider the three churches mentioned here (Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamum) and God's view of them. List their strengths and weaknesses. Which of the three would you rather be a member of? Thank God for the good things in our Church, and pray into our weaknesses.