

Bible Readings Week 242 - w/c 27/6/21

Monday: Acts 15:36 – 16:15. Lydia came to faith, and others followed her example as her whole household became Christians. There are other examples in the Bible of this principle. Pray today for others in your household or extended family who are not yet disciples, that God would bring them to faith in keeping with this principle of household salvation.

Tuesday: Job 23:1-17. Look closely at v10. Job saw adverse circumstances as God's way of testing him. This testing was not to make him fail but to purify and develop him in his faith. Do you view difficulties in life in the same way?

Wednesday: Nehemiah 6:1-19. It is easy for us to be intimidated by threats and accusations, even when they are untrue. Nehemiah recognised this by dealing with it in 3 ways: By denying it and refusing to give the allegations credibility (v8), by recognising the tendency for such things to affect him emotionally (v9), by praying for strength: i.e. confidence & boldness. Do you reflect his attitude?

Thursday: Proverbs 29:1-9. Which of these principles apply in your life today? Read them again slowly and pray that God would apply this in your life.

Friday: Haggai 2:1-23. Zerubbabel is referred to as God's signet ring. A signet ring was used to guarantee the authority and authenticity of a letter. It served as a signature when pressed in soft wax on a written document. God was confirming his approval of Zerubbabel. But the truth is that God approves of us also in this way because of what Christ has done!

Weekend: Revelation 4:1-11. This poetic language referring to Jesus as jewels more than flesh or blood is difficult for us to grasp. Francis Chan suggests we might think of him as more beautiful than the most stunning sunset and that this might produce a sense of awe in us. What imagery would you use to fully appreciate the awesome nature of our Saviour?