



Devotional Guide for August 8-14, 2022

These devotions are prepared for you each week by Pastor Kevin to use for your own personal devotions with the Lord, and are designed to prepare you for the message next weekend.

Monday, August 8TH "He gives us the victory through Christ"

Scripture: I Corinthians 15:50-58 NIV

Throughout this chapter, the apostle Paul responded to doubts about the resurrection of the body when Jesus returns; the resurrection of the dead is fundamental to the gospel, and the future resurrection of the dead involves transforming the human body. The victory given us over death is triumphantly certain, because of the resurrection of Jesus. Paul offers three exhortations: 1) Stand firm—Christians must not abandon the hope that the dead will be raised with new bodies, and they must not abandon the gospel of the crucified and risen Jesus Christ; 2) Let nothing move you—Christians must resist being moved away from the gospel and the hope of resurrection; 3) Always give yourselves fully—Christians must completely devote themselves to the Lord's work, by building up the church, a task that is never futile.

Question: How do you live into the victory given you by Christ?

Tuesday, August 9TH "Commended for their faith"

Scripture: Hebrews 11:32-40 NIV

The author of Hebrews, in this chapter often referred to as the 'hall of faith,' lists characters and stories that emphasize faithful perseverance in the midst of difficulties, which was likely meant to encourage readers in their own difficulties. Faith, particularly from a Jewish point of view, meant faithfulness, trust, and insight. In the book of Hebrews, faith is active and lived out, rather than merely a matter of belief. Through faith and obedience in God, we receive the victory which Christ obtained on our behalf.

Question: What commendations would Jesus give for your faith?

Wednesday, August 10TH "He remembers His covenant forever"

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-11 NIV

In Biblical times, a covenant was seen as an oath-bound agreement that secured a relationship between two parties; here, the covenant is between God and His children. The Lord's faithfulness to His own covenant promises does not expire.

In order to encourage God's people to trust the Lord's covenant promises, the psalmist demonstrated how the Lord went to great lengths, fulfilling His own covenant.

Question: How do you strive to remember your part of the covenant established by the Lord (He will be your God, you will be His child)?

Thursday, August 11TH "If God is for us, who can be against us?"

Scripture: Romans 8:31-36 NIV

Paul explains how believers can have confidence at the time of the coming judgment, since God is tirelessly working on our behalf. Satan may continue to battle against us, and other people may oppose us, but nothing can ever successfully separate believers from God. Paul had experienced, firsthand, God's faithfulness in the midst of such trials in his journey of faith. Since God has done the difficult thing (by sending His Son to die for us), we can depend on Him to give us all other things, especially what is necessary to bring us to final glory.

Question: How has this world opposed you with your faith?

Do you recognize that God is greater than any worldly problems?

Friday, August 12TH "We are more than conquerors"

Scripture: Romans 8:37-39 NIV

After Paul listed various events that are potential trials for believers, he explains that Christians not only survive these things, because we have the guarantee of eternal life, but we are more than conquerors, because we will share in the glory of Christ. The items in the second list given by Paul also have no power over us, as is implied by his conclusion: "nor anything else in all creation" (v. 39), none of which can have any effect on us. Our world is hungry for unity; the church is God's way of giving it—a community of saved sinners: there is no economic or education level expected. If we call God our Father and Jesus our Savior, we are called to accept one another, to instruct one another, to serve one another, to carry one another's burdens, to submit to one another, to encourage one another, and to build each other up. What would happen if we took these tasks seriously? What if we truly devoted ourselves to one another? We would all indeed become more than conquerors through Jesus Christ!

Question: What does it mean to you to be more than a conqueror?

Sunday, August 14, 2022

8:30 and 10:45 am/Sanctuary

Online Livestream @10:45 am

Psalm 105:1-11 NIV, **Romans 8:31-39** NIV

Pastor's message: "Conquered By Truth"

Summer worship theme:

"Truth Be Told—the Letter to the Romans"

