

Memory Verse

OF THE WEEK

I KNOW THAT YOU
CAN DO ALL THINGS;
NO PURPOSE OF
YOURS CAN BE
THWARTED

Job 42:2



Join Us!

*Tuesday Journaling
Life Group*

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✓ CHECK WHEN COMPLETED!

■ READ GENESIS 14:17-22

In this passage, what strikes you regarding Abraham and his view on possessions? Do you see what you have in the same way?

■ READ JOHN 3:1-12

The mark of a true believer is not the amount of participation in Christian activity. It is evidenced by an inner transformation of being "born again."

■ READ JOHN 3:12-21

Look up today's medical emblem on the internet. What do you notice as it relates to verses 14? Interesting huh? It shows us who the true Healer is, amen?

■ *Something to Chew On*

In 1 Chronicles 15:15-29, as David worshiped God, he expressed it in dancing, thanksgiving, and exuberance. This act even offended his wife. Do you think it was appropriate for David to worship the way he did, after verse 13 tells us that they had failed to ask God how to appropriately move the ark? So this was their redo in carrying the ark properly and when we have sinned, we should be somber and contrite. But I believe David's worship reflected less about his failure, and more about the Father's grace. Therefore, he was free in His worship, joyful and abandoned unto Him. David really didn't care how he looked. He put aside his royal robe to dress like all the other priests, to be just like any other worshiper in Israel, childlike in worship.

■ READ JOSHUA 3

In verses 14-16, we see as soon as the feet of the priests who were carrying the ark touched the water, the water began backing up a great distance away from that point in a town called Adam. Imagine, even as the Israelites saw the river bed drying up, they were in the dark as to where the river actually stopped flowing. It was still an act of trust to cross that river bed, not knowing when the water would start rushing down and engulf them. To trust is to let go of control. Trust and control cannot coexist. You can have control, or you can have trust, but you cannot have both. We desire God to guide us, but even with His leading, He does not often reveal the final picture or can we fully know all the details. Learning to trust God is just a regular part of the Christian walk to get use to.

■ READ GENESIS 15:1-6

Often in life, we look at practical options and logical conclusions and if they don't add up, we take matters into our own hands. In Abraham's conversation with God, how did he attempt to take control of his situation? Were his actions pleasing to God? How did God count Abraham as righteous? What makes us righteous?

■ APPLICATION

With furloughs looming, livelihoods put to a halt, and fears of contracting the virus, I'm reminded of God's mandate for us in 2 Chronicles 7:14 - To pray, seek, and turn. God will forgive and begin to HEAL our land. Let's take our cues from the Word, not the crowds, and be wise.

Go Deeper...

PONDER

Hope and joy and peace sound terrific! Two things are vital for this to be a part of our lives. First, we must trust God to meet our needs and get us to where we need to be. Second, we expect the power of the Holy Spirit to bless us and empower us with God's qualities.

PRAY

Great and Mighty God, bless me with greater trust that you are nearby and long to help. Bless and empower me to be the person you want me to be. Fill me with your Spirit so I may live my life more like Jesus lived his life here on earth. Through him I pray. Amen.

PUT INTO ACTION

Choose one thing that you depend on yourself to do, then put that trust into God's hands instead. Write it down in your journal or tell a friend to hold you accountable to it!