

Transformed by the **WORD**

Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

Rom 12:2 (ESV)



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Our church's vision is "Transforming Lives, Changing the World". And while some may think that "Transforming Lives" is a call for us to transform others' lives, it's actually a reminder for us to have our lives transformed by God. It makes sense, doesn't it? Only transformed lives can change the world — can't have it any other way.

Where then does the Word of God come in? The Word of God is an "agent" or "tool" of that transformation.

Colossians 1:6 states that "This same Good News that came to you is going out all over the world. It is bearing fruit everywhere by changing lives, just as it changed your lives from the day you first heard and understood the truth about God's wonderful grace." (NLT)

The Good News or Gospel has the power to change and transform our lives. And this shouldn't surprise us. Jesus Himself prayed to the Father for His followers in John 17:17, that God will "Make them holy by your truth; teach them your word, which is truth."(NLT)

Hence if we're serious about being transformed and changed by God, we can't ignore the Word of God. It makes us holy and it changes us.

It is therefore our prayer and hope that this tool, Transformed by the Word may spark an exciting transformational journey for all of us as we journey through God's living Word together.

And as we do just that, may we learn from scripture what is true, realise what is wrong in our lives, be corrected when we are wrong and be taught to do what is right. And we pray that God uses it to prepare and equip us his people to do every good work. (Paraphrased from 2 Timothy 3:16-17 NLT)

Let's be transformed!

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Introduction

‘Transformed by the Word’ is not just another Bible reading plan or routine.

In John 1:1-4, 14, we read that the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word existed from the beginning of time even prior to creation. This Word became human and lived among people. He possessed a glory that can only be described as the glory of God. This Word that became human is Jesus Christ our Lord.

‘Transformed by the Word’ is a tool that aims to facilitate a transformative encounter with the Living Word made flesh in Jesus.

The word “*transformed*” comes from the Greek word *metamorphoō*. It literally means “to change into another form”. The process of a caterpillar morphing into a butterfly is a wonderful illustration of such a radical transformation.

Romans 12:2 teaches us that the renewal of our minds is the key for a transformed life. The fruit of our transformation is that we reflect the glory of God (2 Cor 3:18). **‘Transformed by the Word’** facilitates the renewal our minds through God’s Word. As we meet God daily in His Word, we catch a glimpse of the glory of God and His heartbeat. As we contemplate God’s teachings and choose to apply what we learn in our lives, the Holy Spirit produces in us the fruit of transformation that reflects His glory. What an exciting prospect!

Let us begin this journey together as a church family with an expectant heart that God will accomplish in us His work of transformation through the daily encounter of His Word.

We welcome your feedback on this material. We also want to hear how God is transforming you! Share your stories with us! Email: lcectsehorng@faithmc.sg

How to use ‘Transformed by the Word’

The readings are arranged in chronological order of the Bible, with Psalms and Proverbs weaved in-between to provide variety in our daily engagement with the Word. Reading in chronological order helps us grasp the big picture of God’s salvation plan better.

Place and Time

Designate a regular time daily in an environment conducive to read the Bible and commune with God with minimal distraction.

Come Before God

Breathe deep and be silent. Take your time to let God quiet your mind and heart.

Begin to pray and remember you are here to encounter the Word, and to discover yourself.

The Bible

Read the Bible text slowly a few times.

Take note of verses, phrases and words or big ideas that are speaking to you.

The Daily Questions

There are usually one to three questions. Listen to what God is asking you through these questions.

Note: These are not comprehension questions. They are designed to direct us into a deeper discovery of God, ourselves, and our relationships with Him and others. They will challenge us to apply God’s truth into our lives with the help of the Holy Spirit.

If one of the questions is challenging you to go deeper, obey the Holy Spirit and see what He is revealing to you. The key is not in answering all the questions but in applying the Word into your life.

Other generic questions that may help you to apply the Word into your life:

1. From the passage, what aspect of your life is God revealing that requires transformation?
2. What is one thing that God is challenging you to do in your relationship with Him and with others?
3. Is there a command to obey, a sin to confess or avoid, a promise to claim, an example to follow, a truth to rejoice in, any thanksgiving to be given?

End with a prayer

Continue in a posture of silence and wait as God reveals more things or confirms your prayers. Respond to God in prayer.

Periodical Review

It is extremely beneficial to review periodically how God has transformed you and give thanks to Him. A journal is a useful tool to review your journey and growth.

Journal

Buy a good journal to record your reflections and prayers! Write or even draw what God has revealed or called you to do. Journaling is an important and useful private discipline that will help us to remember the discoveries about God, ourselves, and the applications that God is calling us to. You may also choose to journal electronically. There are many useful journaling apps that can be found in the AppStore (iOS) and the Google Playstore (Android).

Find a buddy

We are never alone in our journey of faith! Find someone to journey with you - they could be your fellow Small Group member, a family member, a close friend, or even a colleague. Share how God's Word is speaking to or transforming you, to spur and encourage each other as you continue on this journey. Hold each other accountable in the reading and application of God's Word. And remember to celebrate how God is working in both your lives! Communion with God brings much joy into our life that is worth celebrating!

Missed Readings

Missed a day or two? Don't panic. Reading the Bible is not a legalistic practice. Just read the day's designated readings and catch up on what you missed when you are able to.

Enjoy!

Finally, enjoy your time with the Word. Like the psalmist said in Psalm 119:103 "How sweet are your words to my taste, sweeter than honey to my mouth!" May you have a daily sweet communion with God!

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
31 Exodus 31					01 Exodus 1	02 Exodus 2, 3
03 Exodus 4	04 Exodus 5	05 Exodus 6	06 Exodus 7	07 Exodus 8	08 Exodus 9	09 Exodus 10
10 Exodus 11	11 Exodus 12	12 Exodus 13	13 Exodus 14	14 Exodus 15	15 Exodus 16	16 Exodus 17
17 Church 56th Anniversary * Exodus 18	18 Exodus 19	19 Exodus 20	20 Exodus 21	21 Exodus 22	22 Exodus 23	23 Exodus 24
24 Exodus 25	25 Exodus 26	26 Exodus 27	27 Exodus 28	28 Exodus 29:1- 28	29 Exodus 29:29-46	30 Exodus 30

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	01 Exodus 32	02 Exodus 33	03 Exodus 34	04 Exodus 35	05 Exodus 36	06 Exodus 37
07 Exodus 38	08 Exodus 39:1-21	09 Exodus 39:22-43	10 Exodus 40	11 Leviticus 1,2	12 Leviticus 3	13 Leviticus 4
14 Leviticus 5, 6	15 Leviticus 7	16 Leviticus 8	17 Leviticus 9	18 Leviticus 10	19 Leviticus 11	20 Leviticus 12
21 Leviticus 13	22 Leviticus 14:1-32	23 Leviticus 14:33-57	24 Leviticus 15	25 Leviticus 16	26 Leviticus 17	27 Leviticus 18
28 Leviticus 19	29 Leviticus 20	30 Leviticus 21	31 Leviticus 22			

September 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01 Leviticus 23:1-22	02 Leviticus 23:23-44	03 Leviticus 24
04 Leviticus 25	05 Leviticus 26:1-22	06 Leviticus 26:23-46	07 Leviticus 27	08 Numbers 1	09 Numbers 2:1-17	10 Numbers 2:18-34
11 Numbers 3	12 Numbers 4:1-28	13 Numbers 4:29-49	14 Numbers 5	15 Numbers 6	16 Numbers 7	17 Numbers 8
18 Numbers 9	19 Numbers 10	20 Numbers 11	21 Numbers 12	22 Numbers 13	23 Numbers 14	24 Numbers 15
25 Psalm 90,91	26 Numbers 16	27 Numbers 17	28 Numbers 18	29 Numbers 19	30 Numbers 20	

October 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
30 Deuteronomy 14	31 Deuteronomy 15					01 Numbers 21
02 Numbers 22:1-21	03 Numbers 22:22-41	04 Numbers 23	05 Numbers 24, 25	06 Numbers 26:1-34	07 Numbers 26:35-65	08 Numbers 27
9 Numbers 28	10 Numbers 29	11 Numbers 30	12 Numbers 31	13 Numbers 32	14 Numbers 33	15 Numbers 34
16 Numbers 35	17 Numbers 36	18 Deuteronomy 1	19 Deuteronomy 2	20 Deuteronomy 3	21 Deuteronomy 4	22 Deuteronomy 5
23 Deuteronomy 6	24 Deuteronomy 7	25 Deuteronomy 8	26 Deuteronomy 9	27 Deuteronomy 10	28 Deuteronomy 11	29 Deuteronomy 12, 13

November 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		01 Deuteronomy 16, 17	02 Deuteronomy 18	03 Deuteronomy 19, 20	04 Deuteronomy 21	05 Deuteronomy 22
06 Deuteronomy 23	07 Deuteronomy 24, 25	08 Deuteronomy 26	09 Deuteronomy 27	10 Deuteronomy 28	11 Deuteronomy 29	12 Deuteronomy 30
13 Deuteronomy 31	14 Deuteronomy 32:1-35	15 Deuteronomy 32:36-52	16 Deuteronomy 33, 34	17 Joshua 1	18 Joshua 2, 3	19 Joshua 4
20 Joshua 5	21 Joshua 6	22 Joshua 7	23 Joshua 8	24 Joshua 9	25 Joshua 10	26 Joshua 11
27 Joshua 12	28 Joshua 13	29 Joshua 14	30 Joshua 15, 16			

December 2022

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01 Joshua 17, 18	02 Joshua 19	03 Joshua 20
04 Joshua 21	05 Joshua 22	06 Joshua 23	07 Joshua 24	08 Psalm 74, 75	09 Psalm 76, 77	10 Proverbs 1
11 Proverbs 2	12 Proverbs 3, 4	13 Proverbs 5	14 Proverbs 6	15 Proverbs 7	16 Proverbs 8, 9	17 Proverbs 10
18 Proverbs 11	19 Proverbs 12	20 Proverbs 13	21 Proverbs 14	22 Proverbs 15	23 Proverbs 16	24 Proverbs 17
25 Christmas	26 Judges 2	27 Judges 3	28 Judges 4	29 Judges 5	30 Judges 6	31 Judges 7

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Date Passage & Question

Jul
01

Exodus 1

1. What do you understand about the “fear of the Lord” and what is it that God is calling you to walk in fear of Him instead of deferring to man?

Jul
02

Exodus 2, 3

1. How do you see God charting the course of your life? Spend some time to praise God and share with someone.
2. God declares that He is the ‘I AM’. How does this name assure you in the current season of your life?

Jul
03

Exodus 4

1. How are you fulfilling God’s purpose for you in this second half of the year? What assurance do you need from God?
2. How has God provided for you?

Jul
04

Exodus 5

- How can you maintain a willingness to obey God despite opposition and/or circumstances?

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Jul 05	Exodus 6 How can/do you remind yourself to look to God when faced with discouragement or opposition especially from those you had expected to be on your side?
Jul 06	Exodus 7 Just like how God worked through the partnership of Moses and Aaron, what is God calling you to partner Him in?
Jul 07	Exodus 8 This year, as we focus on knowing God intimately, what past 'plague(s)' in your life has helped you to know God intimately? How are you continuing to know God even more intimately?
Jul 08	Exodus 9 What is the danger of not listening to God?

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Jul 09	Exodus 10 What have you learned about the nature and character of God from this passage? How can you grow as an individual based on what you have learned about God?
Jul 10	Exodus 11 Pharaoh was reluctant to concede to the Lord because that would mean admitting he was a lesser God in comparison. In what ways do you see such self-idolatry in your life? In what ways do you oppose the Lord and His dealings in your lives due to your own selfish ambitions?
Jul 11	Exodus 12 The Passover meal was a ritual to remind the Israelites of God's grace that spared them. What act of grace do you need to be reminded of? What symbols/rituals help you remember God's grace in your life? How will you respond to God for these reminders?
Jul 12	Exodus 13 To "consecrate" means to be set apart. How does that affect the way we live? How can you be set apart for God? (Eg. your passions, your purpose/aspiration, your talents/gifts, and your experiences.)

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Jul
13**Exodus 14**

Which characteristic of God did Moses cling on to that he could be so confident in Him? What is one area of your life that would be transformed by trusting in the Lord more? What can help you to do this?

Jul
14**Exodus 15**

Recall a time when God “rescued” you. Write a personal “song” or poem to thank Him. Say it as a prayer of thanksgiving to Him. Share with someone who will be blessed by it.

Jul
15**Exodus 16**

How have God’s provisions been beyond your expectations? In what ways will this reminder assure you of God’s provision in your current situation? How will you be a blessing to someone else?

Jul
16**Exodus 17**

1. Though the people of Israel were quarrelsome, God still provided. What does this say about God’s character? How is this truth precious to you?
2. What does ‘the Lord is your Banner’ mean to you in the past and how will it affect you in your life now?

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Jul
17**Exodus 18**

1. As we celebrate our Church’s 56th Anniversary, reflect on the wonderful things that God has done and will continue to do in and through you and through Faith.
2. We all need “Jethros” who has wisdom and maturity in our lives. How can you be teachable when leading others, listening and accepting godly advice from others? How can that be translated into your home, workplace, or church?

Jul
18**Exodus 19**

1. God revealed Himself to the Israelites in different ways. How has God revealed Himself to you and what has God taught you through the way He revealed Himself? How might it change the way you view God and how you live your life today?
2. How will you consecrate yourself daily so that you can approach God with more reverence?

Jul
19**Exodus 20**

1. What do the Ten Commandments reveal about God, yourself and your relationship with Him?
2. In your relationships with others, where do you sense you may be falling short? How can God help you to love others well?

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Jul 20	Exodus 21 Even though the OT laws (except the 10 Commandments) do not apply to us today, how does it still relate to us? What does God expect of us today?
Jul 21	Exodus 22 1. What do you understand about making restitution? Who in your life do you need to make restitution and how? 2. What can you do to be socially responsible in dealing with others, in the same way that God has treated us?
Jul 22	Exodus 23 Which instruction(s) seem particularly relevant to the world we're living in these days? If more people took God's instructions to heart, what would change and why?

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Jul 23	Exodus 24 1. Why is the covenant-making ceremony so gruesome? What do we need to understand about God's covenant with us and how can we live in remembrance of what God has done for us in the new covenant? 2. Holy Communion reminds us of God's covenant with us in Christ – forgiving our sins through Christ! What will you do to prepare yourself in order to participate in Holy Communion in a “worthy manner” (1 Cor 11:27)?
Jul 24	Exodus 25 The first paragraph introduces the construction project and God asks for a contribution from people with willing hearts to build a sanctuary that He may dwell in their midst (v2,8). What will you contribute to God today in building the sanctuary within your heart for God to dwell in?
Jul 25	Exodus 26 1. How careful are you in building your life and ministry according to God's instruction in His Word? 2. In the OT, God dwells among His people in the Tabernacle. How is God dwelling within you? What do you need to do to make the dwelling place within you more hospitable to God?

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Jul
26**Exodus 27**

1. God placed the “mercy seat” at the top of the Ark of the Covenant. Why do you think “mercy” was the central part of the tabernacle? What was He trying to tell His people? In what ways is the mercy seat related to the NT and what role does it have in your life today?
2. The diligence and care the Israelites displayed in building the Tabernacle demonstrated their reverence to God. How do you show your reverence to Him?

Jul
27**Exodus 28**

How were the priests selected and what was their function? If God were to select His priests today, what is one characteristic you will work on improving for God to select you?

Jul
28**Exodus 29:1- 28**

1. God wants His church to minister in this world as a “holy/royal priesthood”. What are the significant parallels between the work of the Jewish priests in the past and the ministry of “the holy priesthood” of the church today?
2. In our ministry as God’s holy and royal priesthood, who is our first obligation? If you have forgotten it along the way, how can you restore it in order to be a more effective minister to others?

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Jul
29**Exodus 29:29-46**

Verses 38-46 tell us that the priests ministered daily by offering lamb offerings at the beginning and end of the day. How can you follow this example of opening and closing the day with such surrender to the Lord rather than going through the motions of our Christian walk?

Jul
30**Exodus 30**

1. Incense symbolizes the continual prayers of God’s people. How is your prayer life? What can you incorporate into your prayer life so that you can offer continued prayers for God’s people?
2. What must you do to cleanse yourself daily from sin’s defilement before embarking on God’s work?

Jul
31**Exodus 31**

1. God calls his people for specific tasks and roles. Have you ever avoided God’s calling? Why? How can you be better prepared to respond when He calls?
2. What are your attitudes as you serve in the house of the Lord?

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Aug 01	Exodus 32 1. What kind of situation tempts you to be impatient with God? 2. Why was making the golden calf such a great sin? What should you do as a minister of God when approached with a request that may resemble or serve as an idol?
Aug 02	Exodus 33 How do the presence and the glory of God bring comfort and confidence to Moses to continue leading Israel into Canaan? How is this true for you today?
Aug 03	Exodus 34 1. Describe any changes that have happened in your life as a result of spending time with the Lord. 2. Think of the people who are “radiant” in their faith. What makes them so? What can you do to increase the “radiance” in your faith?
Aug 04	Exodus 35 Why did God emphasise the importance of Sabbath? If you have not been keeping your Sabbath, what changes will you make to keep your Sabbath holy and spend it meaningfully?

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Aug 05	Exodus 36 1. How did the people’s giving reflect their attitude towards God? How does your giving reflect your attitude towards God? 2. How have you been delaying your obedience to serve the Lord with the skills that He has given you? What action do you need to take to impact/bless Faith with your skills?
Aug 06	Exodus 37 In what ways are you like Bezalel in your life? How can you overcome your unwillingness to follow God’s directives?
Aug 07	Exodus 38 The Israelites sacrificed various animals as burnt offerings to please God. What offering can you bring to God’s altar today?

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Aug 08	Exodus 39:1-21 God calls believers to be His priests and gives garments that were meaningful, distinctive and functional for the work He set aside for His people. What garments do you put on that the people around you are able to tell the difference in your priorities, speech, actions?
Aug 09	Exodus 39:22-43 Moses carefully inspected all the workmanship of the tabernacle to ensure that instructions were carefully followed. Inspection/evaluation is part of ministry work. Where have you felt uncomfortable in having your leaders inspect/evaluate your work or even your character? Why is that? How can you be more open in allowing for more accountability in your life?
Aug 10	Exodus 40 Exodus ends at chapter 40 with the assurance of God's presence being with the Israelites. How does the presence of God bring you comfort and hope for the challenging situation you may be in now?

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Aug 11	Leviticus 1,2 How does the significance of the burnt and grain offerings relate to your understanding of the life, death and resurrection of the Lord?
Aug 12	Leviticus 3 What are the distinctive features of the peace/fellowship offering? What significance does this have on your relationship with God and with others?
Aug 13	Leviticus 4 Until we become aware of the pollution and pervasiveness of sin and our own sinful nature, we will never have a proper appreciation of our need for a Saviour. What are some of the intentional or unintentional sins that you have committed? How can you take responsibility for them and make it right with God?
Aug 14	Leviticus 5, 6 1. How did Moses point out the different aspects of sins in the people's lives and what do they need to do about them? 2. How has the Holy Spirit convicted you of sins today and what do you need to do about them?

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Aug

15***Leviticus 7***

1. What are the three types of peace offerings?
2. How can this be relevant in your life today?

Aug

16***Leviticus 8***

When we receive Jesus as our Lord and Saviour, we are also anointed and filled with God's Holy Spirit. What does it mean for you to live in the fullness of that anointing?

Aug

17***Leviticus 9***

The whole essence of ministry is about passing on the blessings we received from the Lord to others. What kind of blessings have you received? How will you pass it on to others?

Aug

18***Leviticus 10***

Contrast the differences between the disobedience of Nadab and Abihu versus Eleazar and Ithamar. What should your attitude be in obeying God's commandments?

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19***Leviticus 11***

What do these food laws teach about holiness?

What in your life can you list as "clean" and "unclean"? How can you cleanse the unclean and make the clean holy?

Aug

20***Leviticus 12***

Suppose you were told one day that you were unclean and excommunicated from the Christian community, how would that change the way you live today?

Aug

21***Leviticus 13***

1. How does God use the diseases to teach His people about His holiness and the pervasiveness of sin?
2. In most cases, the effects of an illness/disease is temporary but the effects of sin are eternal. What area in your life is God asking you to deal with?

Aug

22***Leviticus 14:1-32***

1. God provides a way for restoration. In what ways did He provide a leper to be forgiven and restored?
2. How does that relate to you in this season? What assurance do you have in God's provision for your forgiveness and restoration?

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Aug
23**Leviticus 14:33-57**

Why was the cleanliness of the dwelling place important to the physical health of a person? How may this apply to your relationship with God?

Aug
24**Leviticus 15**

There is always a “waiting time” for someone to be declared clean according to the Laws. How can this “waiting time” restore you and enable you to draw near to God? In what ways can this “waiting time” help you to grow in your relationship with God?

Aug
25**Leviticus 16**

1. What is the key principle behind the Hebrew word atonement? Why is the idea of atonement so unpopular today? *Wiersbe, Warren W. Be Holy (Leviticus): Becoming “Set Apart” for God. David C Cook, 2010. (Adapted)*
2. Thinking about God’s forgiveness, which aspect do you see as your greatest need - to seek God’s forgiveness, to accept God’s forgiveness, to extend forgiveness to others, to receive it from others, or to forgive yourself? *Wiersbe, Warren W. Be Holy (Leviticus): Becoming “Set Apart” for God. David C Cook, 2010. (Adapted)*

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Aug
26**Leviticus 17**

Referring to verse 11, how does it speak to you on the worth of your soul? How does this impact the way you live?

Aug
27**Leviticus 18**

1. Why did God set strict boundaries for sexual relations?
2. What kind of consequences would there be when we violate the boundaries of sexual relations? How will that change the way you uphold sexual purity, whether single or married?

Aug
28**Leviticus 19**

1. At the end of each command is the phrase “I am the Lord”. How does your relationship with God impact the way you conduct your lives?
2. Is there any specific command that God is calling to you to obey today?

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Aug 29	<p>Leviticus 20</p> <p>How eager are you in seeking to be holy? What changes will you make to obey God's call to be holy?</p>
Aug 30	<p>Leviticus 21</p> <p>The priests play an important role in serving God. God sets a very high expectation on them. How do these expectations apply to us today? How should our attitude be when we come before God in our worship and service? What changes do you need to make to give God the best?</p>
Aug 31	<p>Leviticus 22</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In what way(s) would you defile/profane God's name by offering to Him 'sacrifice' with blemishes? 2. This passage ends with God reminding us that He is the one who sets us apart. How is this truth leading you in worshipping God and walking with God?

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Sep 01	<p>Leviticus 23:1-22</p> <p>What spiritual truths can you learn from the feasts of the Jewish year, beyond reading about them in the Bible? How will you be able to apply them?</p>
Sep 02	<p>Leviticus 23:23-44</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Although the OT calendar does not apply to our daily lives today, God still orders our lives. What part should God play in ordering our schedules? 2. When in your week can you make time for "sabbaths" to rest and refresh? What opportunities can you build into your life for celebrating God's goodness to you? <p><i>Wiersbe, Warren W. Be Holy (Leviticus): Becoming "Set Apart" for God. David C Cook, 2010. (Adapted)</i></p>
Sep 03	<p>Leviticus 24</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How was the nation of Israel to be a light? How can the church act in the same capacity? 2. What practical effect would it have on us if God were not completely holy? <i>Wiersbe, Warren W. Be Holy (Leviticus): Becoming "Set Apart" for God. David C Cook, 2010. (Adapted)</i>

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Sep 04	Leviticus 25 1. What do you learn about God when He proclaims a year of rest? 2. How will your relationship with God determine how you treat other people? What can you do to strengthen your relationship with God? What will you do differently in treating others especially in challenging situations?
Sep 05	Leviticus 26:1-22 Why would people “walk contrary” to God after hearing about the rewards for obedience and punishment for disobedience? What is one thing that you can do so that you can walk in alignment with God?
Sep 06	Leviticus 26:23-46 How do verses 40-46 bring you hope?
Sep 07	Leviticus 27 1. What are some reasons that our approach to God can become so casual? 2. The whole point of Leviticus is about the holiness of God. If cultivating holiness requires an attitude to detest sin, what sin in your life do you need to “detest” and deal with?

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Sep 08	Numbers 1 Do Christians need to fight alongside one another today? How can you support your small group and the rest of the church as a family of believers?
Sep 09	Numbers 2:1-17 Where have you placed God in your life today? What can you do to bring God closer to the centre of your life?
Sep 10	Numbers 2:18-34 Examine your family life today. What are some areas you and your household can submit to God for God to take control of your family life?
Sep 11	Numbers 3 The Levites carried out what appears to be menial labour but nothing is too small for our divine King. What is one thing you can do for your church or around your neighbourhood to honour the Lord?
Sep 12	Numbers 4:1-28 How does your work reflect God’s goodness and make Him visible to those who do not know Him?

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Sep 13	Numbers 4:29-49 1. What are some challenges that you face when serving God? How can you overcome them? 2. Pray for your pastors, leaders and co-workers today.
Sep 14	Numbers 5 We cannot hide anything from God. It is important to confess our sins to God so that our relationship with Him continues to grow. What is hindering you from drawing near to Him today? How can you make it right with God?
Sep 15	Numbers 6 God wants us to enjoy His peace in our hearts. What is true peace? What can you do to receive this true peace of God?
Sep 16	Numbers 7 We are blessed to be a blessing - being generous people, supporting the local church, and contributing to the Lord's work around the world. How can God count on you to be a blessing?
Sep 17	Numbers 8 The Levites and the help they provided the priests were a gift from God. How can you come alongside your pastors, church/ministry leaders and help them in a practical way this week?

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Sep 18	Numbers 9 How can you be more intentional or mindful to inquire of the Lord before making any significant decisions (v8)?
Sep 19	Numbers 10 God wants His followers to be diligent in watching out for the enemy's work so that we may constantly acknowledge our need for God's hand of protection. Where do you see warning signs in your life of spiritual dangers? What do you need to do to remove yourself from these dangers?
Sep 20	Numbers 11 1. Name the two types of complaint in this episode. How will you respond to stressful situations like this? 2. What challenges are you facing today that are tempting you to complain against God? What blessings has God given you this past year? Instead of complaining, count your blessings and give thanks.
Sep 21	Numbers 12 1. What kind of person is God looking for to lead His people? How does this passage teach us to relate to one another? 2. How have you carried out the assignments that God has given you?

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Sep 22	<p>Numbers 13</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can you be more like Caleb in trusting God? What can you do to build up your faith? 2. What are you doing or can be doing to help others believe God's Word and trust Him? Do you give a good report? Are there areas where you are encouraging the unbelief?
Sep 23	<p>Numbers 14</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What have you learned about God's character in today's reading? 2. What can you learn from Moses' action and pleading? How will this help you in your prayers for Singapore and the Church?
Sep 24	<p>Numbers 15</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Sacrificial offerings were very serious and precious acts of worship. In what ways can you be more serious in your act of worship? 2. The tassel was to remind the Israelites to remember all the commandments of the Lord. What is one thing that can remind you to remember and follow God's commandments?

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Sep 25	<p>Psalms 90,91</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does knowing how to number your days help you to have a heart of wisdom (Ps 90:12)? How can you remind yourself of this truth? 2. Psalms 90 and 91 were written by Moses. How do they sum up Moses' relationship with God? How do you envision your relationship with God? How can you grow your relationship with God, just like Moses did with God?
Sep 26	<p>Numbers 16</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. What can you learn about God's character from today's reading? 2. What can you learn from Moses when he pleaded with God? What steps can you take to emulate Moses in his prayer?
Sep 27	<p>Numbers 17</p> <p>Why was it so difficult to submit to the Lord even when there were so many signs? What is one step you can take to be more submissive to God?</p>
Sep 28	<p>Numbers 18</p> <p>God is securely holding a glorious inheritance for you! How does this truth help you cope with the worries and difficulties of this world?</p>

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Numbers 19

Jesus' blood washes and cleanses us, just like how water cleanses and restores an unclean person. This is not a one-time cleansing; it is as deep and wide as our every need. What areas of your life do you need cleansing today?

Sep
30

Numbers 20

1. How has sin – your own and the sins of others – affected your life? How should you deal with your own sin(s)? What can you do to eradicate sin in your life?
2. When is it right to resist someone who blocks you from taking hold of God's promises? When should you yield? Why?
3. Where in your life are you asking God to excuse your sin? Do you recognise the difference between asking for His forgiveness and hoping He will ignore the sin?

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Oct
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Numbers 21

1. Where have you had a victory in your spiritual life this week? How has it strengthened you?
2. How can looking to God help you when you are attacked without provocation?

Oct
02

Numbers 22:1-21

Recount the times when you did the right things for God but with a wrong motive. How did God convict you of this wrong motivation? What did you learn from Balam's mistake and how can you avoid doing the same?

Oct
03

Numbers 22:22-41

Have you experienced being too focused on what you are doing that you are not sensitive to God's leading? What can you do in order to refocus your attention back to God?

Oct
04

Numbers 23

When have you avoided a problem or tried to change God's will for you? What did you learn from that experience?

Where have you witnessed God's protection for you from a threat that you didn't see at the time?

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Oct 05	<p>Numbers 24, 25</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When were you tempted to satisfy your desires by lowering your standards? How can you avoid this with God's truth? 2. What are the consequences of willful disobedience? How did it affect you physically, mentally and spiritually?
Oct 06	<p>Numbers 26:1-34</p> <p>The census showed that God continued to preserve the Israelites in the midst of their affliction. God is in control in every season of our lives. If a difficult situation is weighing you down, what can you do in response to this truth?</p>
Oct 07	<p>Numbers 26:35-65</p> <p>How has God fulfilled His promise to the Israelites and to you?</p>
Oct 08	<p>Numbers 27</p> <p>What do you think is the underlying principle and value in managing one's inheritance? How does this reflect God's character?</p>

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Oct 09	<p>Numbers 28</p> <p>What is your calendar like? How mindful are you of God's divinely ordered calendar presented in this chapter? How can you plan your calendar in a way that prioritises God?</p>
Oct 10	<p>Numbers 29</p> <p>The Lord became weary of the offerings that Israelites brought to Him. Why? In what ways can we also fall into such unacceptable practices when we bring our sacrifices of worship, offerings and prayers. What can you do to avoid this pitfall?</p>
Oct 11	<p>Numbers 30</p> <p>What are some disciplines you can practice to remain faithful to God?</p>
Oct 12	<p>Numbers 31</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How is your attitude and behaviour towards your enemies? What should it be? What is one intentional change you can make towards your enemies? 2. How do you purify yourself?

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Oct

13**Numbers 32**

1. Why was Moses concerned by the request from Reuben and Gad?
2. What are the possible ways that Christians can weaken the unity of small groups or the church? What can you do to prevent it?

Oct

14**Numbers 33**

In what ways have you seen the evidence of God's sovereignty from the time of Exodus to the beginning of the conquest of the Promised Land? Describe how God's sovereignty works together with individual responsibility. What evidence of God's sovereignty can you see in your life?

Oct

15**Numbers 34**

What can we learn about leadership from this chapter? How can you apply this in your workplace?

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Oct

16**Numbers 35**

1. How is justice and mercy expressed in the City of Refuge? When will this not apply?
2. How can you relate to this balance of justice, mercy, repentance and forgiveness?

Oct

17**Numbers 36**

A lack of faith is evidenced in a weakness towards the fleshly things. Many Christians "die" in the wilderness of their own journey. Reflect on your own journey. What is one thing that you can do to strengthen your faith in God and enter into the purpose that God has set before you?

Oct

18**Deuteronomy 1**

How have you gone against God's will, openly or subtly? What will you do if God reveals areas that you have gone against God?

Oct

19**Deuteronomy 2**

In verse 7, it is said that God was with the Israelites for forty years in the wilderness. Have you been or are still in the 'wilderness' now? How does this verse speak to you regarding your 'wilderness'?

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Oct 20	<p>Deuteronomy 3</p> <p>The Lord's requirements of His leaders are non-negotiable. What did you observe in those requirements? How would you measure yourself against those requirements?</p> <p>Identify one area and seek God's help to transform you more into His image and likeness as His leader.</p>
Oct 21	<p>Deuteronomy 4</p> <p>There are 5 instructions in today's reading. Which of them do you identify with the most and why?</p>
Oct 22	<p>Deuteronomy 5</p> <p>Which commandment is most challenging to you at this time? Why?</p>
Oct 23	<p>Deuteronomy 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. In the days of Moses, people worshipped many gods. How can we continually hear (shema) and remember - the Lord, our God, the Lord is one? 2. God's command to remember who He is and all He has done has not changed. How can you, in this week, share God's story with another person and especially to children? Ask God to give you the opportunity!

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Oct 24	<p>Deuteronomy 7</p> <p>What plans and purpose has God for us as His chosen and treasured possession? What do you learn about God? What step can you take to live out that purpose?</p>
Oct 25	<p>Deuteronomy 8</p> <p>God has blessed Singapore richly. In what ways have you forgotten the Giver of good things and taken things for granted? What will you do to not forget the Lord? How does that challenge your commitment to Christ and what He values?</p>
Oct 26	<p>Deuteronomy 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When faced with an insurmountable challenge, what did Moses do and what did you learn from the way he handled his problem? 2. Our victories are anchored in God. How does this give you the confidence to face your challenges?
Oct 27	<p>Deuteronomy 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why should you still keep God's laws and love the Lord? 2. Are you frustrated and burned out from trying hard to please God? What does this passage teach you (vv 12, 13)?

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Oct
28**Deuteronomy 11**

God is the only one who can make people do what He wants and yet He doesn't. How do you respond to God with the choices you are faced with daily? How will this influence how you love people?

Oct
29**Deuteronomy 12, 13**

1. God calls us to stay pure in our worship to Him. How can you worship God in Spirit and in truth?
2. How can you avoid false teachers and their teachings?

Oct
30**Deuteronomy 14**

What does tithing have to do with the fear of the Lord? What can you do to demonstrate your fear of the Lord in this area?

Oct
31**Deuteronomy 15**

1. What do the laws of debts teach us about God?
2. How will you demonstrate your faith in God towards those who are disadvantaged?

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Nov
01**Deuteronomy 16,17**

1. What is the basis of Hebrew worship?
2. How can you be more authentic in your worship?
3. What are the idols in your life? What do you need to do to remove these idols?

Nov
02**Deuteronomy 18**

How did God reveal Himself to Israel via the priests, Levites and prophets? How does God reveal Himself to you today?

Nov
03**Deuteronomy 19,20**

1. What did God teach Israel about justice?
2. How can you respond to the injustice in your family, school, workplace and society?

Nov
04**Deuteronomy 21**

What can you learn from this chapter about fostering bonds in a family? How can you foster stronger bonds within your own family?

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Nov 05	Deuteronomy 22 What is the underlying principle found in the various laws in this chapter? How is this different from our culture? How can you apply the principle (not the rules) when relating with fellow brothers and sisters in Christ?
Nov 06	Deuteronomy 23 1. Why are the laws so strict and prohibitive on certain people from entering the assembly of God's people? What was the root reason? 2. How will you reconcile this with the social befriending outside of God's people?
Nov 07	Deuteronomy 24, 25 What is God saying to you in the instructions on the principles, attitudes and responses you can adopt in your life and in relation to others?
Nov 08	Deuteronomy 26 What can you do when you are blessed by God (as prescribed in this chapter)? What is one thing you can do to grow toward this?

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Nov 09	Deuteronomy 27 1. What are the abominations described? How do you discern their presence in your life and how will you flee from them? 2. What is the purpose in setting up an altar of stones? How can you set up an "altar" in your heart and mind?
Nov 10	Deuteronomy 28 How have you avoided facing the truth of your status in spiritual (dis)obedience? What step can you take to acknowledge where you are with God and allow God to take you deeper in obedience to His purpose for you?
Nov 11	Deuteronomy 29 The stubborn heart becomes breeding ground for poisonous fruit (v19). Stubbornness can show up in different ways. Which area(s) does your stubbornness show up? How can you pull it out by the root so that you can be at true peace with God?
Nov 12	Deuteronomy 30 1. In what areas do you need to repent and return to the Lord? 2. How has God changed your heart towards Him?

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Nov 13	Deuteronomy 31 What is something that you are afraid of and discouraged by today? What is keeping you from being strong and courageous?
Nov 14	Deuteronomy 32:1-35 God cared and provided for His people in the wilderness and later set them free. He met the needs of the people and showed patience. What are you doing to meet the needs of the people around you? How do you view people? How can you demonstrate patience and kindness to those who are unlovable to you?
Nov 15	Deuteronomy 32:36-52 What is at stake when people choose to worship other things (vv 36-38)? How willing are you to take a risk and share the Gospel with people who need to hear?
Nov 16	Deuteronomy 33, 34 1. Think about your words and your recent conversations with those you love. How much of those conversations were centred on God, His character or His Word? How can you use your words to point others to God and help them find hope in Him? 2. How does Moses' story speak to your circumstances?

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Nov 17	Joshua 1 1. How might you move forward with strength and courage in a challenging situation? 2. In what areas of your life are you hesitating to let God lead you into something new? What do you need to let go of in order to step into the new thing/place/situation that God has called you to?
Nov 18	Joshua 2, 3 What character traits of Joshua would you like to be most known for? What can you do to cultivate such godly traits?
Nov 19	Joshua 4 In what areas of your life has God done an amazing act recently? We tend to be forgetful. What are some tangible things you can do to remember what God means to you and what He has done for you?
Nov 20	Joshua 5 Where has God made a new way for you, given you hope for new provision and fruitfulness? How will you thank Him for this?

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Nov 21	<p>Joshua 6</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When have you been in a situation where obedience to God was just counterintuitive or even dangerous? How did you respond and what was the outcome? 2. How does distraction lead to doubt? What can you do to stay focused on God's command to you and obey quickly?
Nov 22	<p>Joshua 7</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Without downplaying the significance of grace, why is it important to remind ourselves of God's forgiveness, unlike what the Israelites did? 2. How does turning away from sin glorify God? What is one action you can take to restore or renew your commitment to obey God?
Nov 23	<p>Joshua 8</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How can you share your love for and commitment to God's Word with your family and those around you? 2. What does this passage reveal about God, about yourself and what will be your response? 3. Think of a time when you needed a second chance. How did it feel when you were given that opportunity?

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Nov 24	<p>Joshua 9</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Why does God sometimes allow the plans of the deceitful to succeed? 2. Have you been relying on your own strength rather than on God's? If so, identify those areas. 3. What step do you need to take so that you remember to inquire of the Lord first?
Nov 25	<p>Joshua 10</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. How does this chapter about what God did supernaturally for Joshua reveal about God? 2. How does the reality that God fights for His people encourage you to fight against discouragement, temptation, and worry? 3. Are you struggling right now with an attitude or bad habit? If yes, how can you be encouraged by God from today's passage when you face such struggles?
Nov 26	<p>Joshua 11</p> <p>What does this chapter teach you about faith? What role does faith play in your Christian journey? What specific action can you take to increase your faith?</p>
Nov 27	<p>Joshua 12</p> <p>God has brought many victories in our lives. What is one thing that God brought victory in your life? How do you demonstrate your gratitude to God?</p>

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Nov

28**Joshua 13**

Name a time when you had stepped out in absolute faith. How did you see God's faithfulness? Where do you need to step out in faith in this season?

Nov

29**Joshua 14**

Caleb trusted God fully when others doubted. How does this relate to your own Christian journey?

Nov

30**Joshua 15,16**

How did Caleb involve others in conquering Debir? Why did he choose to include others when he had just conquered Hebron on his own? How does this relate to God and His ministry today? Where do you see yourself in God's plan?

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Dec

01**Joshua 17, 18**

Joshua reminded the people of Manasseh of their great power. Who is a "Joshua" in your life who constantly reminds you and encourages you to be strong in the Lord?

Dec

02**Joshua 19**

What are some lessons that you learnt from the account of Joshua's inheritance? Joshua proclaimed and followed God's Word to its conclusion and humbly waited for his allotment of land to be given. What can you do to be humble as you wait upon the Lord's will to be carried out in your life?

Dec

03**Joshua 20**

What is a city of refuge and who was it for? What does this teach us about God? What lessons can we draw from this passage regarding personal responsibility?

Dec

04**Joshua 21**

Why are the tribes of Israel required to share some of their inheritances with the Levites? What is so special about the Levites? What part of your life can you share, especially with those called and set apart for God's ministry?

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Dec
05**Joshua 22**

In releasing the tribes of Reuben, Gad and the half-tribe of Manasseh back to their homes, how did Joshua affirm them and what did he emphasize? How will you emulate these examples for yourself and for your Small Group?

Dec
06**Joshua 23**

What reminders and warnings did Joshua give in his farewell message to the leaders? Why are they important? What must they do? What are some ways we can do likewise?

Dec
07**Joshua 24**

1. Why did Joshua review the history of Israel? What is his challenge to them?
2. How will the same challenge apply to you? How can you serve the Lord in and through your Small Group?

Dec
08**Psalm 74, 75**

Were there times when you felt you were being forgotten by God? What can you learn about depending on God from Psalm 74?

How might Psalm 75 be an example of prayer to you?

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Dec
09**Psalm 76, 77**

1. Why was the psalmist in despair? What did he do in response? Which is helpful and which is not?
2. What is a good example for you to follow?

Dec
10**Proverbs 1**

1. What does the fear of the Lord mean to you? How do you demonstrate it in your life?
2. When did wisdom call out to you and how did you discern and respond?

Dec
11**Proverbs 2**

Do you catch yourself going to everyone but God for wisdom? What do you need to prayerfully seek Him for wisdom about today?

Dec
12**Proverbs 3, 4**

1. What does it really mean for you to really trust in God? What are some indications to know if you are actually trusting God and not your own understanding? How does Proverbs 3 challenge you to redefine success?
2. Evaluate your life in light of Proverbs 4:24-27. What corrections do you need to make? What do you need to repent of? How have you seen God's grace as you work through these issues?

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13***Proverbs 5***

List some worldly perspective of marriage and the male-female relationships in the world today. How do these contrast with the biblical portrayal of marriage? What are the consequences of an adulterous relationship? How can you keep your relationships pure (single or married)?

Dec

14***Proverbs 6***

What are the 7 things that the Lord detests? Which of the 7 do you need to work on?

Dec

15***Proverbs 7***

What are the consequences of the young man who lacked judgement regarding temptation and sin (v24-27)? How do you avoid the negative consequences of sin in your life?

Dec

16***Proverbs 8, 9***

1. Proverbs 8:10-21 boldly claims that wisdom is more valuable than all the riches of this world. Do you actually believe in this? How will the pursuit of wisdom produce godliness in your life?
2. What are the specific ways that are pulling you away from godly wisdom? What idols are being revealed?

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17***Proverbs 10***

What are the qualities of a fool? What are the qualities of a righteous person? What can you do to practice more restraint in your interaction with others?

Dec

18***Proverbs 11***

What are some ways that pride can lead to shame? Why is humility wise? What can you do to overcome your pride and demonstrate wisdom that comes from God?

Dec

19***Proverbs 12***

1. How and what can you do to show that you are teachable?
2. How careful are you with the things you say and do? How can you be wiser in your choice of words or actions?

Dec

20***Proverbs 13***

What matters to you – looks or love; your job or service to God; wealth or sacrifice? How can you live in a way that focuses on what's more important?

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Dec
21**Proverbs 14**

Today's reading shows us the differences between wisdom and folly. Which areas in your life can you identify with and need to re-align to wisdom?

Dec
22**Proverbs 15**

1. What aspects of God's character strikes you most personally in this proverb?
2. There are nine proverbs that deal directly with your relationship with God. Can any of them help you improve your relationship with Him? If yes, which one and how?

Dec
23**Proverbs 16**

1. When you think about the future, are you excited about the possibilities or fearful of the unknowns? Why do you think that way?
2. What is one way you can seek God's direction before making plans instead of making your own plans and asking Him to bless them?
3. Can you fool God? No matter what good we do, God knows our motivation for doing it. How can you live a genuine life of faith today?

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Dec
24**Proverbs 17**

1. How do you foster harmony in your household, workplace or in school?
2. What kind of changes in your thinking or behaviour will help you align with the wisdom of this passage?

Dec
25**Judges 1**

1. How is our society and the church like the days of the Judges?
2. What temptations do you face today that will cause you to serve other gods? What can you do to avoid falling into such temptations?

Dec
26**Judges 2**

Recall a time when it was difficult for you to obey God? Why?

Dec
27**Judges 3**

1. What was the lesson that God wanted the Israelites to learn through their enemies?
2. Why did the people revert to their sinful ways after each judge died?
3. What enemies do we battle today? What kind of unlikely "weapons" has God given you to defeat your "enemy"?

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Judges 4

1. What are some lessons that you can learn about Deborah?
2. God uses unlikely people to serve Him. How does this encourage you? Where in the church can you step up to serve?

Dec
29

Judges 5

1. Note the character qualities of Deborah and Barak. Why did God choose these 2 people to deliver Israel?
2. What is one change you need to make in your life to be more usable for God's service?

Dec
30

Judges 6

1. What were Gideon's initial responses and how did God respond?
2. How will God's response to Gideon's doubts help you to trust God more? What will you do to trust God more in an area of your life now?

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Judges 7

1. What have you learned about God from Gideon's experiences?
2. How has God tested your faith? How were you changed through God's testing?



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