

# Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham

May 27th, 2020

## THOUGHTS ON THE “QUIET TIME” or “DAILY DEVOTIONS”

“QUIET TIME” (QT), aka “Daily Devotional,” describes the spiritual discipline of a daily time set aside for communion with God, listening to Him (His Word) and speaking with Him (Prayer). While the phrase “quiet time” is not found in Scripture, the concept of men communing with God is found repeatedly. Even after the first Adam’s sin, we see God continuing to pursue their relationship, calling out to Adam “Where are you?” ([Ge 3:9-note](#)) Mark records that “In the early morning, while it was still dark, (Jesus, the “Last Adam” [1Cor 15:45-note](#)) arose and went out and departed to a lonely place, and was praying there.” ([Mk 1:35-note](#)) clearly demonstrating His dependence on and need for communion with His Father (E.g., Jesus declared “I do nothing on My own initiative, but I speak these things as the Father taught Me.” [Jn 8:28-note](#), [Jn 5:19-note](#), [Jn 5:30-note](#)) If Jesus, our Example of the perfect Man ([1Pe 2:21-note](#), [1Cor 11:1-note](#), [1Jn 2:6-note](#)) perceived the need to meet with His Father, how much more do we as followers of Jesus need to meet regularly with the Father!

Scripture and church history repeatedly attests to the fact that those used greatly by God were those who met regularly with God. In [Ge 19:27-note](#) “Abraham arose early and went to the place where he had stood in the presence of the LORD.” In [Ex 33:11-note](#) “the LORD used to speak to Moses face to face, just as a man speaks to his friend.” The biographer of [Dwight L. Moody](#), one of history’s greatest evangelists records that “He was an early riser. He generally rose about daybreak in summer, devoting the early hours to Bible study and communion with God. He used to say that one who followed this plan could not get more than twenty-four hours away from God!” (The Life of D. L. Moody by A P Fitt) One of the greatest British preachers [G. Campbell Morgan](#) “was a man who coveted for himself a constant withdrawal from the pressing demands of his busy life and kept inviolate the sanctity of the early morning vigil of prayer and meditation. Here he breathed the atmosphere of heaven and daily recharged his spirit with the power that in turn poured out in extravagant measure in the preaching and proclamation of the Word.” (A Man of the Word by Jill Morgan) [George Müller of Bristol](#), the Christian philanthropist who was famous for his orphanages *funded* by prayer (he never ask men for money, only God!), was having health problems for which doctors prescribed more sleep, but the later he slept, the worse his condition grew! Muller self-diagnosed his problem as less physical and more spiritual as his late sleeping had interrupted his Quiet Time. His biographer A T Pierson records that his “resumption of early rising secured long seasons of uninterrupted interviews with God, in prayer and meditation on the Scriptures before breakfast and...He found himself not worse but better physically...and, as to his spiritual life such new vitality and vigor accrued from his waiting upon God...that it continued to be the habit of his (later years)!” Of course, this story does not suggest an anemic Quiet Time will make one physically ill, but it does underscore the importance for one’s SPIRITUAL health!

Christian author Patrick Morley adds that “Whenever a man tells me that he doesn’t feel very close to God, the first question I ask is, “Tell me about your devotional life (QT).” Often the problem is just there.” Indeed, for many the prospect of a regular QT is viewed more as drudgery than as delight, more as a ritual or routine than as a relationship. Henry Blackaby encourages us “not to think of the time you spend with God as a duty. The purpose of a QT is for you to get to know God. And as you come to know Him, you can walk out of your special times with God enjoying a living relationship with Him that you can cultivate all day and throughout your life.” When we meet Christ at the Cross, we call that conversion. When we meet Him “in the closet” (QT), we call that conversation. At the Cross we come to know Christ initially, and in the closet we grow to know Him intimately (cp [2Pe 3:18-note](#)). Indeed, to be much like Christ, we must be much with Christ!

In the classic book “[My Heart Christ’s Home](#)” Robert Munger writes “I remember one morning when I was in a hurry, rushing downstairs, eager to be on my way. As I passed the living room, the door was open. Looking in,

I saw a fire in the fireplace and Jesus was sitting there. Suddenly in dismay I thought to myself, “He was my guest. I invited Him into my heart! He has come as Lord of my home. And yet here I am neglecting Him.” I turned and went in. With downcast glance, I said, “Blessed Master, forgive me. Have You been here all these mornings?” “Yes,” He said, “I told you I would be here every morning to meet with you.” Then I was even more ashamed. He had been faithful in spite of my faithfulness. I asked His forgiveness and He readily forgave me as He does when we are truly repentant. “The trouble with you is this: you have been thinking of the quiet time, of the Bible study and prayer time, as a factor in your own spiritual progress, but you have forgotten that this hour means something to me also. Remember, I love you. I have redeemed you at great cost. I value your fellowship. Now,” He said, “do not neglect this hour if only for my sake. Whatever else may be your desire, remember I want your fellowship!” The truth that Christ desires my companionship, that He loves me, wants me to be with Him, wants to be with me and waits for me, has done more to transform my quiet time with God than any other single fact. Don’t let Christ wait alone in the living room of your heart, but every day find some time when, with your Bible and in prayer, you may be together with Him.”

IS YOUR QUIET TIME TOO QUIET? The most common reason given for not having a regular QT is “Not enough time!” Beloved, if you are too busy for a QT, then you are too busy! As Charles Hummel said “Adequate time for daily waiting on God (cp [Isaiah 40:31-note](#)) is the only way I can escape the tyranny of the urgent.” Jesus, addressing His disciples gave a good description of QT saying “Come ye yourselves apart into a desert place & rest a little.” ([Mk 6:31KJV-note](#)), to which Vance Havner quipped “Jesus knows we must come apart & rest awhile or else we may just plain come apart!” Beloved, when the Bible becomes a part of you in your morning QT, you will be less likely to come apart during the rest of your day! Attachment to Christ is the secret of detachment from the world. We are called to live in the world, but we draw our strength from outside the world. As Howard Hendricks likes to say “you are either in the Word and the Word is conforming you to the image of Jesus Christ or you are in the world and the world is squeezing you into its mold (cp [Ro 12:2Phillips-note](#), [1Pe 2:2-note](#)).” In short, our time WITH GOD in the morning prepares us for our time WITH MEN during the day. [George Sweeting](#) former president of Moody Bible once said that “If we don’t maintain a QT each day, it’s not really because we are too busy; it’s because we do not feel it is important enough. There’s an old navy rule: when ships readjust their compass, they drop anchor in a QUIET SPOT (ponder that picture a moment in light of our discussion of quiet time). . . . Late nights kill the quiet time. Quiet time is not just a helpful idea, it is absolutely necessary to spiritual growth.”

WHEN TO HAVE A QUIET TIME? Spurgeon said “In the morning is the fittest time for conversation with God. An hour in the morning is worth two in the evening. While the dew is on the grass, let grace drop upon the soul. Let us give to God the mornings of our days and the morning of our lives. Prayer should be the key of the day and the lock of the night. Devotion should be both the morning star and the evening star.” David, a man after God’s own heart ([Acts 13:22-note on David](#)) said “IN THE MORNING, O LORD, You will hear my voice. IN THE MORNING I will order my prayer to You and eagerly watch.” ([Ps 5:3-note](#)) Baptist preacher [Robert G Lee](#) used to say “If you wake up in the morning and don’t meet the devil face on, it just means you’re headed in the same direction!” [Hudson Taylor](#) adds that “You don’t tune up the instruments after the concert is over . . . (you) tune them before you start!” Job who was “blameless, upright, fearing God & turning away from evil” ([Job 1:1-note](#)) made it a continual practice of “rising up early IN THE MORNING & offering burnt offerings for each of his children.” ([Job 1:5-note](#)) Puritan [Thomas Watson \(1620-1686\)](#) wrote that “The best time to converse with God is before worldly occasions stand knocking at the door to be let in: The morning is, as it were, the cream of the day, let the cream be taken off, and let God have it. Wind up thy heart towards heaven at the beginning of the day, and it will go the better all the day after. He that loses his heart in the morning in the world will hardly find it again all the day. O! Christians, let God have your morning meditations.” Amen!

[Dawson Trotman](#), (founder of Navigators) actually had a morning & evening QT. His watchword in the evening was HWLW which stood for “His Word the Last Word,” a reminder to himself to fall asleep meditating on God’s Word. Spurgeon would have agreed for he used to say that Bible passages make soft pillows. The renowned expositor [Stephen Olford](#) once said “I want to hear the voice of God before I hear anyone else’s in the MORNING, and His is the last voice I want to hear at NIGHT.” Olford goes on to say that “The barometer of one’s Christian life is the Quiet Time. Do you have a Quiet Time or have you let it slip? Be the man of God who

takes time to be holy, speaks oft with his Lord, abides in Him only, and feeds on His Word.” God grant that this may be true of each of us. Amen

**BENEFIT OF QUIET TIME:** Spurgeon once said that “If we are weak in communion with God we are weak everywhere.” Do you find yourself seemingly unable to resist the temptations of a besetting sin ([Heb 12:1-note](#))? Our sensitivity to sin & ability to resist temptation is directly proportional to our “nearness to God” ([Ps 73:28-note](#)). As the respected Scottish expositor [John Eadie](#) put it “power to live a new life depends upon daily communion with the living Lord (in His Living Word -[Heb 4:12-note](#)).” Have you noticed how quickly your Iphone loses its charge during the day? Now think about our spiritual life? Quiet Times are not optional if we are to have our “spiritual batteries regularly recharged”, ready to meet the day’s challenges! [E M Bounds](#) encourages us to spend quality time with God, for “Our ability to stay with God in our closet (QT) measures our ability to stay with God out of the closet.” Vance Havner adds that “If our lives and ministry are to count for anything today, we must solemnly resolve to make time for God (QT).” It is well known that a piano can go out of tune by hard use. The constant striking of the strings may loosen them & they need to be adjusted if they are to continue producing harmonious sounds. “In like manner all common experiences have an exhausting effect upon us, even when we serve the Lord...As we minister to others, as we strive & struggle, duty drains our life-fountain. We then need to come into God’s presence for spiritual renewal...In the quietness of that fellowship He tunes our lives and strengthens us for further service.”

**HOW TO DO A QUIET TIME:** Keep it simple. Practice the Three P’S: A Place, a Pen (to write in your Bible and notebook) and Privacy. **One caveat: Minimize your use of devotional resources written by others.** Max Lucado says “If that is your approach, if your spiritual experiences are secondhand and not firsthand, I’d like to challenge you with this thought: Do you do that with others parts of your life? You don’t do that with vacations. You don’t do that with romance. You don’t let someone eat on your behalf, do you? There are certain things no one can do for you. And one of those is spending time with God!” Most importantly, when you leave your “Quiet Time,” don’t let your “Quiet Time” leave you! In other words, as you enter the busyness of your day, remember to take with you the truths God has spoken to your soul during your time with Him! Consciously recall specifics [passages, insights, prayers, etc] at various intervals during the day. As you begin to practice the conscious choice to reflect on your QT with God, you are more likely to find that the rest of your day becomes an ongoing experience of His presence and power. Havner

Today, I’m going to be posting these **devotional studies in the Psalms** that will start on May 18th, 2020. You can use them for family altar time or personal devotional and studies. It is my prayer that through these great questions from the it’s text that you will allow the Holy Spirit of God to teach you from His Word. The lessons will be posted on the church’s band site and website.

**Because of Calvary, Pastor K. Cunningham - 1 Cor. 15:57-58**

**Why study the Psalms? It’s a help for:**

- **Enhancing our Prayer Life** (or Life of Prayer) cf. disciples: “Lord, teach me to pray”
- **Enhancing our Praise and Worship** – “Lord, teach me to worship”
- **Encouraging us to be Authentic and Transparent before God and Others**
- **Learning More About the Character and Person of God:** His Goodness, His Sovereignty, His Holiness, His Wrath, His Lovingkindness, His Mercy, His Power, His Majesty, His Transcendence and yet Imminence balanced.
- **Learning more about our Lord Jesus Christ as we see the Messiah in the Psalms**
- \* **Learning about Ourselves and our Insufficiencies**

**Let Us open our hearts and learn from God’s Word together:**

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### **Devotional Study for May 18th, 2020**

## **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 1**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

#### *Open It*

1. When has peer pressure influenced your attitudes or actions?
2. What's most important to you about your friendships with Christians?

#### *Explore It*

3. What activities does the righteous person avoid? ([1:1-3](#))
4. How are the righteous and the wicked different? ([1:1-6](#))
5. How does the psalm writer connect delight and meditation? ([1:2](#))
6. What does a righteous person do a lot? ([1:2](#))
7. What does the image of the tree tell us about the righteous person? ([1:3](#))
8. In what way is a righteous person rewarded for being righteous? ([1:3](#))
9. What differences are there between righteous people and unrighteous people? ([1:3-5](#))
10. What differences are implied by the references to "tree" and "chaff"? ([1:3-5](#))
11. How are the wicked described in the psalm? ([1:4-5](#))
12. What consequences do the wicked face? ([1:5](#))
13. What role does the Lord play in relation to the righteous and the wicked? ([1:6](#))
14. How do the futures of the righteous and the wicked differ? ([1:6](#))

#### *Get It*

15. What does it mean to meditate on God's law day and night?
16. What positive ideals does this psalm encourage us to follow?
17. What does this psalm teach us about spiritual discipline?
18. In what sense does a righteous person "prosper"?
19. What image or mental picture would you use to describe yourself?
20. What activities should you avoid because of your desire to be righteous?
21. Whose company should you avoid and why?
22. How can we demonstrate our delight in God's Word?
23. What kind of "fruit" should we yield?
24. In what specific ways does this psalm encourage you to seek righteousness?
25. How have you experienced the Lord's protection in your life?

### ***Apply It***

26. What specific steps can you take in the next few weeks to demonstrate your delight in God's Word?
27. What concrete action can you take to avoid an unrighteous behavior?
28. What righteous attitude or action would you like to cultivate in your life over this next week?

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### **Devotional Study for May 19th, 2020**

### **Open in Prayer**

#### **Read: Psalm 2**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. \*What characteristics make a good leader?
2. What do you think are some of the dangers in being a leader?

### **Explore It**

3. What rhetorical question opens this psalm? ([2:1](#))
4. How successful are people when they plot against the Lord? ([2:1](#))
5. What aspects of the Lord's character are revealed in this psalm? ([2:1-12](#))
6. Who tries to stand against the Lord? ([2:2](#))
7. What do the rulers of the world want to accomplish? ([2:3](#))
8. How does God react to the leaders of the earth trying to overthrow Him? ([2:4](#))
9. How does God demonstrate His righteousness to wicked people? ([2:5](#))
10. \*What does God want us to know? ([2:6-9](#))
11. How far does God's power extend? ([2:8](#))
12. What will God's Anointed One accomplish? ([2:9](#))
13. \*What warning are leaders given in this psalm? ([2:10](#))
14. What are some dangers in being a leader? ([2:10](#))
15. What attitude of worship should we have? ([2:11](#))
16. \*What advice does this passage give us? ([2:11-12](#))

### **Get It**

17. How do you think the nations today are similar to the ones described in this psalm?
18. In what ways do you think rulers of our modern world conspire against Christ?
19. \*What are some of the dangers of being in leadership?
20. \*How is the psalm writer's advice to leaders relevant to you?
21. Practically speaking, how can we "take refuge" in God?
22. What should we do to avoid God's wrath?
23. How can Christian leaders protect themselves from using their status or power for selfish purposes?
24. What does this psalm teach us about God's character?
25. How does this poem change your perception of God?



26. How do you think the words of this psalm could be applied to Christ?
27. In what practical ways can you demonstrate your respect for the Lord?

### **Apply It**

28. \*What steps can you take in the next few weeks to use your influence for God's glory?
29. What is one act of service to God that you could do today?
30. How can you "take refuge" in the Lord this next week?

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### **Devotional Study for May 20th, 2020**

### **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 3**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. In what circumstances do you feel safe and secure?
2. What often threatens our sense of security?
3. \*What measures do people commonly take to protect themselves?

### **Explore It**

4. \*What predicament prompted David to write this poem? ([3:1-2](#))
5. How were David's enemies intimidating him? ([3:2](#))
6. Where did David get his hope? ([3:3](#))
7. What image did David use to describe God's protection? ([3:3](#))
8. \*How did the Lord show His love for David? ([3:3](#))
9. What is God like? ([3:3](#))
10. How did David deal with his fears? ([3:4](#))
11. How did God respond to David's cries for help? ([3:4](#))
12. How did David demonstrate his faith in God's protection? ([3:5](#))
13. Whom did David credit for his sense of security when he was surrounded by enemies? ([3:5](#))
14. \*To what extent was David willing to trust the Lord? ([3:6](#))
15. What action did David ask the Lord to take on his behalf? ([3:7](#))
16. What expression of confidence concludes David's prayer? ([3:8](#))
17. What did David ask God to do? ([3:8](#))

### **Get It**

18. When have you ever felt you were in a hopeless situation?
19. How have you experienced God's protection?
20. \*What does this psalm teach us about God's protection of His loved ones?
21. What should we do when we feel intimidated by others or overwhelmed by our problems?
22. \*How can you follow David's example in dealing with your own fears?
23. What action do you need the Lord to take on your behalf?
24. What expression of confidence can you offer in prayer to the Lord?

## Apply It

25. \*What step can you take to entrust God with one of your fears?
26. How can you show your thankfulness to the Lord for His protection over you?

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### Devotional Study for May 21st, 2020

## Open in Prayer

### Read: Psalm 4

(And answer the following questions.)

## Open It

1. \*If you were to write a poem about your relationship with God, what would you focus on?
2. What attributes of God's have you thought about most in your life?

## Explore It

3. How is the Lord described in this passage? ([4:1](#))
4. From what did David need to be saved? ([4:1](#))
5. What motivated David to write this psalm? ([4:1-8](#))
6. \*What is the theme of this psalm? ([4:1-8](#))
7. Why does David rebuke others in this poem? ([4:2-3](#))
8. What assurance does this psalm offer? ([4:3](#))
9. What weakness can draw people away from the Lord? ([4:4](#))
10. \*What advice does David give to those who want to remain righteous? ([4:4-5](#))
11. \*How did David's relationship with the Lord affect his attitude? ([4:7](#))
12. How did David describe his joy? ([4:7](#))
13. How did David demonstrate his trust in the Lord? ([4:8](#))
14. Where did David get his sense of security? ([4:8](#))

## Get It

15. How would you describe your relationship with the Lord at this time in your life?
16. How does your relationship with God affect your attitude?
17. \*What weakness or temptation threatens to draw you away from the Lord?
18. How does God want us to handle temptations?
19. \*What do you think you could do to strengthen your relationship with God?
20. What steps can we take to help each other overcome our weaknesses?
21. What does this psalm teach us about how to become righteous?
22. What is one way you can show your trust in the Lord?
23. What promise in this poem would you like to claim for yourself?

## Apply It

24. \*What small steps could you take in the next week to strengthen your relationship with God?
25. What concrete action can you take to guard against a temptation in one area of weakness?

26. How can you encourage a friend in his or her relationship with God?

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### **Devotional Study for May 22nd, 2020**

## **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 5**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

#### **Open It**

1. \*Why do you think personal crises motivate people to pray more?
2. When has an emergency or personal problem caused you to pray?

#### **Explore It**

3. What were the psalm writer's main requests? ([5:1-12](#))
4. How is the psalm writer's main request repeated throughout the poem? ([5:1-12](#))
5. When and how did David pray? ([5:2-3](#))
6. How are wicked people limited? ([5:4-5](#))
7. To what characteristics of God did the psalm writer appeal? ([5:4-12](#))
8. How did David describe wicked people? ([5:5](#))
9. \*What attitude did David have in presenting his request to the Lord? ([5:7](#))
10. How did David describe his enemies? ([5:9-10](#))
11. How did David trust God to judge the wicked, rather than seeking revenge himself? ([5:10](#))
12. \*How did David deal with the offenses against him? ([5:9-10](#))
13. What did David ask God to do? ([5:10-12](#))
14. Whom did David include in his prayer? ([5:11](#))
15. Whom does the Lord protect and bless? ([5:11-12](#))
16. \*What attitude should believers have and why? ([5:11-12](#))
17. How did David use the image of a shield to describe what God does for the righteous? ([5:12](#))
18. What does God do for the righteous? ([5:12](#))

#### **Get It**

19. What many reasons do people have for praying?
20. What usually motivates people to pray?
21. In light of this passage, what attitude should we have when we pray?
22. How do you need to change your attitude toward prayer?
23. \*How are faith and prayer connected?
24. When has your faith been challenged or stretched?
25. What distracts you from praying?
26. \*What steps can you take to keep up a consistent habit of prayer?
27. What does this passage teach us about arrogance?
28. How can we guard against the sin of arrogance?
29. What have you learned about the character of God from this psalm?



## Apply It

30. \*What is one step you can take in the next week to improve your prayer habits?
31. How could you publicly praise God for His protection over you?

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### Devotional Study for May 23rd, 2020

## Open in Prayer

### Read: Psalm 6

(And answer the following questions.)

## Open It

1. What emotions do you feel when you are sick with the flu?
2. \*How do most people deal with sickness?
3. When have you felt the Lord's presence during a time of illness or sorrow?

## Explore It

4. What request opens this psalm? ([6:1](#))
5. What did the psalm writer think was the reason for his illness? ([6:1](#))
6. How does the psalm writer's response to his crisis unify this poem? ([6:1-10](#))
7. \*What feelings did the psalm writer have? ([6:1-10](#))
8. Why did the psalm writer believe that the Lord would be willing to save him? ([6:4](#))
9. \*What motivated the psalm writer to ask the Lord for mercy? ([6:5](#))
10. What did the psalm writer believe would happen to him if the Lord did not show him mercy? ([6:5](#))
11. According to the psalm writer, what would God forfeit if He were not merciful? ([6:5](#))
12. How depressed was the psalm writer? ([6:6-7](#))
13. What encouraged the psalm writer? ([6:8-9](#))
14. How is the psalm writer protected from his enemies? ([6:8](#))
15. What expression of confidence concludes this prayer? ([6:8-10](#))
16. \*What is the Lord's response to the psalm writer's cries for mercy? ([6:9](#))
17. How would the psalm writer's enemies react to his restoration? ([6:10](#))

## Get It

18. When have you ever felt like the writer of this psalm?
19. How do you usually deal with feelings of fear, sadness, or depression?
20. What motivates you to cry out to the Lord?
21. \*How do you think the Lord wants you to deal with life's difficulties?
22. In what specific ways should we follow the psalm writer's example?
23. What does this poem reveal about the psalm writer's relationship with the Lord?
24. How would you like your relationship with God to be similar to the psalm writer's?
25. How would you describe the psalm writer's prayer in this passage?
26. \*What does this psalm teach us about prayer?
27. What does this psalm teach us about dealing with depression?

28. How has the Lord shown His love for you?

29. What gift of praise can you offer the Lord?

### **Apply It**

30. What feelings or problems do you want to trust the Lord with today?

31. \*What steps could you take to spend more time telling God your honest thoughts or feelings?

32. How can you demonstrate your thankfulness to the Lord for His love for you?

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### **Devotional Study for May 24th, 2020**

## **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 7**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. When was a time you saw justice served?
2. \*What fears have you heard people express?
3. When have you seen our justice system fail?

### **Explore It**

4. \*What fears inspired David to write this psalm? ([7:1-2](#))
5. What familiar image did David, as a former shepherd, use to describe his fears? ([7:1-2](#))
6. What qualified David to plead with God for deliverance? ([7:3-5](#))
7. Under what conditions was David willing to forgo God's protection? ([7:3-5](#))
8. To what character traits of God did David appeal? ([7:6-11](#))
9. How did David want to be judged by God? ([7:8](#))
10. According to the psalm writer, how does God demonstrate His righteousness? ([7:9-11](#))
11. \*How did David demonstrate his confidence in God? ([7:10-13](#))
12. What image did David use to describe how God will express His wrath against the wicked? ([7:11-13](#))
13. What general principle of life did David use to comfort himself? ([7:14-16](#))
14. What are the consequences of evil? ([7:14-16](#))
15. \*What motivated David to praise God? ([7:17](#))

### **Get It**

16. What is unique about God's character that enables Him to be a perfect judge?
17. What are some of your fears?
18. How do you usually deal with your fears?
19. \*In what ways is David a good example for us in handling fear?
20. What does this passage teach you about the character of God?
21. \*How does God's character encourage you to face the fears and problems in your life?
22. How can you demonstrate your confidence in God's deliverance?
23. What do you think are some of the consequences of disobedience to God?

24. What motivates you to offer praise to the Lord?

### **Apply It**

25. \*What specific steps could you take in the next few days to trust God with your fears?

26. What could you do to remind yourself of God's righteousness this week?

27. Who is another person you could encourage with what you have learned in this lesson?

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### **Devotional Study for May 25th, 2020**

### **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 8**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. \*What do you like most about the outdoors?
2. What lessons about life have you learned from nature?

### **Explore It**

3. What theme or themes hold this psalm together? ([8:1](#))
4. How does the first verse introduce the focus of the poem? ([8:1](#))
5. How did David describe the Lord? ([8:1-9](#))
6. Why do children praise God? ([8:2](#))
7. How does the Lord silence His enemies? ([8:2](#))
8. What motivated David to write this psalm? ([8:3](#))
9. \*What did David find most amazing about God's creation? ([8:3-4](#))
10. \*How do people get all of their power and responsibility? ([8:3-6](#))
11. What attitude did David have about himself and all people? ([8:4](#))
12. With what value did God create people? ([8:5](#))
13. How do people fit into the heavenly realm of beings? ([8:5](#))
14. What has God done for us? ([8:5-8](#))
15. \*What are some responsibilities that all of us have? ([8:5-8](#))
16. How does the last verse unify the poem? ([8:9](#))

### **Get It**

17. Why do you think God chose to surround us with creation?
18. What prompts you to praise the Lord?
19. What do you find most amazing about God's creation?
20. What does creation reveal to us about God's nature?
21. \*What does this psalm tell us about self-esteem and responsibility?

22. What can we learn from David about the attitude we should have about ourselves?
23. Over what (in today's world) has God given us responsibilities?
24. How should we treat nature? animals?
25. How does our attitude toward creation reflect our perspective of God?
26. \*What responsibility do you have in caring for nature?
27. How has this psalm changed your attitude toward nature and God?

### **Apply It**

28. \*When could you spend a few minutes in the next few days enjoying God's creation?
29. What small step could you take this week to help care for God's creation?

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## **(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

### **Devotional Study for May 26th, 2020**

### **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 9**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

#### **Open It**

1. What misconceptions do you think many people have about God?
2. \*When was a time you doubted God's presence or willingness to help?
3. What is one cause for which you have fought?

#### **Explore It**

4. \*What prompted David to offer this poem of praise to the Lord? ([9:1-18](#))
5. What theme unifies this poem? ([9:1-20](#))
6. What did God accomplish in destroying Israel's enemies? ([9:3-6](#))
7. To what extent were David's enemies defeated? ([9:3-6](#))
8. How did David describe God's rule? ([9:4](#), [7-8](#))
9. How does the Lord meet the needs of people who are oppressed? ([9:9-10](#))
10. \*What lesson did David learn about God's character? ([9:10](#))
11. \*Why did David call people to praise the Lord? ([9:11-12](#))
12. For what reason did David ask the Lord to rescue him from his enemies? ([9:13-14](#))
13. What will eventually become of the wicked under God's just rule? ([9:15-18](#))
14. What reputation does the God of Israel have? ([9:16](#))
15. How does God defeat the plans of wicked people? ([9:16](#))
16. What will happen to the needy and afflicted, regardless of their place in society? ([9:18](#))
17. What prayer concludes the psalm? ([9:19-20](#))

#### **Get It**

18. How do the actions of Christians influence people's perception of God?
19. \*What does this psalm call you to do?
20. \*How should we pray when we are concerned about a wicked or unjust practice?
21. What challenge or problem do you face in your life?

22. How does God want you to handle your fears and anxieties?
23. How does this psalm encourage you about your present situation?
24. How should we follow David's example in this psalm?
25. When has the Lord been a stronghold for you in times of trouble?
26. How can you demonstrate to the Lord your praise for His help and deliverance?
27. How do the actions and attitudes of Christians influence what others think about God?
28. What do you think unbelievers could learn about God from your actions?

### **Apply It**

29. What steps could you take to give your fears or concerns over to God?
30. \*What is one way you can contribute to a righteous cause or movement?

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## **(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for May 27th, 2020**

### **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 10**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. When has your mouth gotten you in trouble?
2. What unfair or wrong actions do people often seem to get away with?
3. What's one thing you remember your mother saying to you?

### **Explore It**

4. How did the psalm writer feel about his circumstances before he put his confidence in the Lord's deliverance? ([10:1](#))
5. From what did the psalm writer need to be rescued? ([10:1-18](#))
6. How are innocent people affected by the actions of wicked people? ([10:2](#), [8-10](#))
7. Where do wicked people get their confidence? ([10:2-10](#))
8. How are wicked people described in this psalm? ([10:2-11](#))
9. What are the sins of the wicked? ([10:2-11](#))
10. What accusations did the psalm writer make against the wicked? ([10:2-11](#))
11. What attitudes do wicked people have toward God? ([10:3-11](#))
12. What three weapons of the tongue do wicked people employ? ([10:7](#))
13. What action did the psalm writer want the Lord to take on his behalf? ([10:12](#), [15](#))
14. In what way did the psalm writer want God to prove the wicked wrong? ([10:13-14](#))
15. To what character trait of the Lord did the psalm writer appeal? ([10:14](#))
16. Where did the psalm writer place his confidence and why? ([10:16-18](#))

## **Get It**

17. Why do you think the words that we say have such power?
18. What are some ways words can be used for good?
19. What does the psalm writer's boldness in this prayer reveal about his relationship with the Lord?
20. How would you like your prayer habits to change, in light of the psalm writer's example?
21. How do you sometimes feel about your problems before you trust the Lord with them?
22. In what ways do you feel different about your problems after you have committed them to the Lord in prayer?
23. How does praying about our problems help us?
24. Who is one person you have a hard time tolerating?
25. How does this passage encourage you to handle your problems?
26. How should we handle our frustration with unfairness or wrongdoing that goes unpunished?
27. What action would you like the Lord to take on your behalf?
28. To what character traits of the Lord can you appeal?
29. What reasons do you have to place your confidence in the Lord?
30. What are the sins of the wicked today?
31. How can we guard against committing the sins described in this psalm?
32. What action can we take to control our tongues?
33. What injustice do you need to commit to the Lord?

## **Apply It**

34. In what situation can you demonstrate trust the Lord's justice?
35. Concerning what "wicked" person or situation do you need to pray [Psalm 10](#)?

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## **(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for May 28th, 2020**

### **Open in Prayer**

#### **Read: Psalm 11**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

#### **Open It**

1. When have you ever felt like giving up on something you thought was important?
2. \*What failures, obstacles, or situations often cause us to feel like giving up?
3. How do you feel when you accomplish something that was difficult to do?

#### **Explore It**

4. What theme holds this poem together? ([11:1-7](#))
5. \*Why did the people around David want to flee to a mountain refuge? ([11:1-3](#))
6. What attitude did David have toward the fears of those around him? ([11:1-3](#))
7. On whom do wicked people focus their attacks? ([11:2](#))
8. How did the threats of wicked people influence the righteous? ([11:2-3](#))
9. Why did the people around David feel so hopeless? ([11:3](#))
10. \*What actions does the Lord take on behalf of His people? ([11:4-6](#))
11. \*How does the Lord treat the wicked and the righteous differently? ([11:4-6](#))
12. What reply did David give to the fearful? ([11:4-7](#))
13. In what specific ways did David encourage the fearful to trust in God? ([11:4-7](#))
14. Why does God treat wicked and righteous people differently? ([11:7](#))
15. What characteristics did David ascribe to the Lord? ([11:7](#))
16. What is God like? ([11:7](#))
17. What does God love? ([11:7](#))
18. What special hope encouraged David to seek the Lord? ([11:7](#))

## Get It

19. When have you felt like there was no solution to a problem you faced?
20. What gives you hope when your problems seem overwhelming?
21. When has the Lord saved you from a hopeless situation?
22. How does remembering God's faithfulness in the past encourage you about the future?
23. \*What challenges are you facing at this point in your life?
24. \*How does this psalm encourage you to handle the challenges you are facing?
25. What people or actions help you entrust your fears and problems to the Lord?
26. In what way does the last line of this psalm influence your perspective on life?
27. What have you learned from this psalm about God's character?
28. How can what you have learned about God's character change your attitude toward your circumstances?

## Apply It

29. How can you demonstrate your thankfulness to God for His faithfulness to you?
30. \*What challenges in your life can you entrust to God?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for May 29th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 12**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

## Open It

1. \*What character traits do your friends and co-workers value most?
2. Why do people lie?
3. In what ways do you think Christians should be different from non-Christians?

## Explore It

4. \*What was on David's mind? ([12:1-2](#))

5. How did David describe the problem that concerned him? ([12:1-2](#))
6. What spiritual problem unifies this poem? ([12:1-8](#))
7. What evidence did David give to prove that the "faithful have vanished"? ([12:2](#))
8. What attitude do the wicked have toward themselves and God? ([12:3-4](#))
9. Of what sins were the wicked guilty? ([12:3-4](#))
10. \*What attitudes and behavior did David ask the Lord to put a stop to? ([12:3-4](#))
11. What motivates the Lord to take action on behalf of His people? ([12:5](#))
12. \*What reassuring word from the Lord follows David's plea for help? ([12:5-6](#))
13. How did God reassure David? ([12:5-6](#))
14. How did David describe the word of the Lord? ([12:6](#))
15. What are God's words like? ([12:6](#))
16. How did David demonstrate his trust in the Lord? ([12:7](#))
17. How did David show his belief and confidence in God? ([12:7](#))
18. In what way was David's expression of confidence in God an act of faith? ([12:8](#))
19. Why did David need faith? ([12:8](#))

### **Get It**

20. What does the image David uses to describe the Lord's words reveal about David's view of God?
21. When have you ever had to step out in faith to trust in the Lord?
22. Why do you think God leaves us in difficult circumstances instead of rescuing us from our problems immediately?
23. What circumstances or people has God used in your life to stretch your faith?
24. In light of what you have learned from this passage, what new perspective should you have about the challenges you face?
25. When are you most tempted to lie?
26. In what ways do people twist the truth to manipulate others?
27. \*According to this passage, what attitudes and behaviors do we need to guard against?
28. \*How can we show respect for the truth?

## Apply It

29. What action can you take this week to demonstrate your respect and appreciation for God's words?
30. \*What specific steps could you take to guard against lying?
31. How can you encourage a friend who is going through a difficult time?

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## **(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for May 30th, 2020**

### **Open in Prayer**

#### **Read: Psalm 13**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

## Open It

1. What emotions do you feel when you are sick at home?
2. What techniques do you use to combat discouragement when you are sick?
3. \*In what ways have your friends or family helped you through a time of illness or discouragement?

## Explore It

4. \*What questions went through David's mind as he waited for the Lord's answer to his prayer? ([13:1-2](#))
5. Why did David cry out to the Lord? ([13:1-6](#))
6. Why did David question the Lord in this prayer? ([13:1-6](#))
7. \*What emotions did David reveal in this psalm? ([13:1-6](#))
8. What did David ask God to do? ([13:3](#))
9. For what reason did David want the Lord to save him? ([13:4](#))
10. What impact did David think his death would have on his enemies? ([13:4](#))
11. What two character traits of the Lord's encouraged David in his despair? ([13:5](#))
12. How did David's illness affect his relationship with God? ([13:5-6](#))
13. How did David's emotions change when he reminded himself of God's character? ([13:5-6](#))
14. What expression of confidence concludes this poem? ([13:5-6](#))

15. \*How did David's memory of the past change his perspective on the present? ([13:6](#))

### **Get It**

16. When have you ever questioned the Lord?

17. What role should honesty play in our prayers to the Lord?

18. What negative emotions do you struggle with when you find yourself in a difficult situation?

19. How do your emotions change when you remind yourself of God's character and what He has done for you in the past?

20. How does your memory of the past change your perspective on the present and future?

21. \*In what specific ways do you think we should follow David's example of questioning God about difficult circumstances?

22. How do difficult circumstances in your life usually affect your relationship with the Lord?

23. \*How should life's challenges impact our Christian walk?

### **Apply It**

24. What is one step you can take this week to protect yourself from doubt and discouragement?

25. \*What past acts of God's goodness to you can you write down as reminders to trust Him today?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for May 31st, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 14**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. \*In what ways have you seen peer pressure influence people?

2. Under what circumstances can peer pressure be a positive influence?

3. What role has the influence of other believers played in your own Christian walk?

### **Explore It**

4. According to the psalm writer, what do foolish people fail to recognize? ([14:1](#))

5. What characterization does this poem give of the wicked? ([14:1-4](#))
6. \*What does this psalm teach about the wicked? ([14:1-7](#))
7. What does God look for? ([14:2](#))
8. What conclusion can be drawn about all humanity? ([14:3](#))
9. What two mistakes of the wicked did David point out in this psalm? ([14:4](#))
10. How do evildoers treat the poor? ([14:4, 6](#))
11. What are wicked people unable to learn? ([14:4-5](#))
12. Why are wicked people "overwhelmed with dread"? ([14:5](#))
13. \*Who protects the poor from the evil plans of the wicked? ([14:6](#))
14. What did the psalm writer want for Israel? ([14:7](#))
15. When will Israel's deliverance come? ([14:7](#))
16. \*What should people do when the Lord restores His people? ([14:7](#))

### **Get It**

17. What does this passage teach us about God's view of the poor?
18. How do you think you should change your attitude toward the poor?
19. When have you seen God's presence "in the company of the righteous"?
20. How should we respond when God helps us?
21. How did you respond the last time you experienced God's help?
22. What is one of the most serious sins of the wicked, as described in this psalm?
23. \*How can we guard against our own self-reliance drawing us away from the Lord?
24. What does it mean to seek God?
25. \*In what ways can you seek God?
26. What can we do to encourage others to seek the Lord for themselves?

### **Apply It**

27. In what way can you depend more on the Lord and less on yourself?
28. \*What is one new, creative way you can pray, think about Scripture, or develop your faith this week?



29. How could you have a positive influence in someone else's life this week?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 1st, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 15**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

**Open It**

1. \*What's your definition of customer service?
2. Under what circumstances (if any) do you think it is good to go back on your word?
3. What is one promise you made that you found difficult to keep?

**Explore It**

4. What question opens this poem? ([15:1](#))
5. To whom is this psalm directed? ([15:1](#))
6. \*How does a blameless person treat others? ([15:2-5](#))
7. How did the psalm writer answer his own question? ([15:2-5](#))
8. According to the psalm writer, what gives a person access to God? ([15:2-5](#))
9. \*What can prevent a person from dwelling in God's presence? ([15:2-5](#))
10. How did David describe the person who dwells with God? ([15:2-5](#))
11. What is a person like who dwells with God? ([15:2-5](#))
12. What characteristics did David ascribe to the person who has access to God? ([15:2-5](#))
13. What actions and attitudes did David recommend? ([15:2-5](#))
14. According to David, how should we treat others? ([15:3-4](#))
15. Who should righteous people honor and who should they despise? ([15:4](#))
16. Under what circumstances should a person keep his or her oaths? ([15:4](#))
17. What advice did the psalm writer give regarding money? ([15:5](#))

18. What promise is given to the person who fits the description in this psalm? ([15:5](#))
19. \*What reward is there in speaking the truth, respecting people, and being charitable with money? ([15:5](#))

### **Get It**

20. What does it mean to be blameless?
21. \*In what ways should Christians be different from others?
22. What is an attitude or action mentioned in this psalm that you would like to see more evident in your own life?
23. \*In light of this psalm, what changes do you need to make in the way you treat others?
24. What have you learned from this passage about handling money?
25. How do you need to change the way you use money?
26. What does this psalm teach about keeping one's word?
27. What's easy about making promises?
28. What's difficult about keeping promises?
29. What guarantees our access to God?

### **Apply It**

30. What is one way you can be more generous with money?
31. What steps could you begin to take in the next few days to treat others with greater respect?
32. \*What can you do for a friend, coworker, neighbor, or relative to treat him or her in a more respectful way?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 2nd, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 16**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. \*To whom do you usually go for advice and why?

2. How have you experienced God's guidance in your life?

### Explore It

3. With what request did David open this psalm? ([16:1](#))
4. What unifying prayer is the focus of this psalm? ([16:1-11](#))
5. How did David demonstrate his dependence on the Lord? ([16:2](#))
6. In what way did David benefit from the Lord? ([16:2](#))
7. How did David feel about the "saints who are in the land"? ([16:3](#))
8. What happens to people who "run after other gods"? ([16:4](#))
9. What did David refuse to do, despite the example of those around him? ([16:4](#))
10. From where did David gain his sense of security? ([16:5](#), [8](#))
11. In what specific ways did God provide for David? ([16:5-8](#))
12. What did God do for David? ([16:5-8](#))
13. What attitude did David have toward what God had given him? ([16:5-8](#))
14. How did David describe his inheritance? ([16:6](#))
15. How did David react to the Lord's blessings? ([16:7-8](#))
16. \*In what specific ways did David experience the Lord's guidance? ([16:7-8](#))
17. \*What reasons did David give to explain his sense of security? ([16:9-11](#))
18. How far did David's confidence in the Lord extend? ([16:10](#))
19. Who is the "Holy One"? ([16:10](#))
20. \*What did David expect of his future? ([16:11](#))

### Get It

21. How can remembering God's guidance in the past encourage you about the present or future?
22. How was this psalm fulfilled not only in the life of David, but also in the life of Jesus Christ?
23. \*In what areas of life do we often need wisdom beyond what we have?
24. \*In what ways can we turn to God to guide us?
25. In what ways do people run after other gods?

26. What activities, possessions, or people sometimes influence you more than God does?
27. How can we guard against putting activities, possessions, or people before the true God?
28. What action can you take to "set the Lord always before" you?
29. What inheritance has the Lord given you?
30. What attitude should you have toward the blessings God has given you?
31. How does your hope in the Lord extend beyond your earthly life?

### **Apply It**

32. What is one way you can remind yourself of God's supreme place in your life this week?
33. How can you say thank You to God for the good things you enjoy?
34. \*For what problem or need can you ask God to guide you this week?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 3rd, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 23**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. What sometimes threatens your peace of mind or sense of security?
2. What do people usually take for granted?
3. \*When do you most want peace and quiet?

### **Explore It**

4. How did David describe the Lord? ([23:1](#))
5. What is God like? ([23:1](#))
6. What mental picture did David use to describe his role in relationship with the Lord? ([23:1-3](#))
7. \*What comforted David? ([23:1](#))
8. How does the Lord provide for His people? ([23:1-3](#))

9. How did God help David? ([23:1-3](#))
10. What motivates God to guide His people? ([23:3](#))
11. What gave David the confidence to face death? ([23:4](#))
12. How was David comforted in difficult times? ([23:4](#))
13. What were David's fears? ([23:4-5](#))
14. \*How far does the guidance and protection of the Lord extend for His people? ([23:4-5](#))
15. How does God provide for His children, even in the face of death? ([23:4-5](#))
16. How does God honor those He loves? ([23:5-6](#))
17. \*What did the Lord give to David? ([23:5-6](#))
18. How did David feel about his future? ([23:6](#))

### **Get It**

19. How has the Lord guided you through difficult times?
20. What do you think David meant when he said that his cup overflowed?
21. David spoke of a shepherd and sheep—how would you picture your relationship with the Lord?
22. In what ways does God "restore our souls"?
23. What are some of your fears?
24. \*How can you follow David's example in dealing with your fears?
25. How has God provided for your needs in the past?
26. How have you experienced God's comfort?
27. In what way has God made your "cup overflow"?
28. What good things in life do you find it easy to take for granted?
29. How can we thank the Lord for the many blessings He has given us?
30. \*How does this passage encourage you to face the future?
31. How has this psalm changed your perspective of the challenges you are facing?

### **Apply It**

32. \*What can you do to celebrate God's goodness and provision?

33. How could you comfort or encourage a friend who is struggling with fear or grief?

34. What good things, experiences, and people do you want to thank God for now?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 4th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 24**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. Where do people turn for ultimate answers and solutions today?
2. \*What are some of the good things in our world that can distract us from serving God?

### **Explore It**

3. What does the beginning of this psalm reveal about God's character? ([24:1-2](#))
4. \*Why is God worthy of worship and praise? ([24:1-2](#))
5. What is the purpose of this psalm? ([24:1-10](#))
6. What does this psalm celebrate? ([24:1-10](#))
7. Who may enter God's presence? ([24:3-4](#))
8. \*What should a person do who wants to enter God's presence? ([24:3-6](#))
9. What specific character traits do we need in order to enjoy God's presence? ([24:4-6](#))
10. What do the righteous receive from the Lord? ([24:5](#))
11. How does this psalm use gates and doors to tell us about the Lord? ([24:7, 9](#))
12. \*How does the psalm writer welcome the victorious King into His sanctuary? ([24:7-10](#))
13. How is the "King of glory" described? ([24:8, 10](#))

### **Get It**

14. What difference does it make that the earth and everything in it belongs to God?
15. In light of this psalm, what view should we have of ourselves? of the world? of God?



16. What does it mean to have clean hands and a pure heart?
17. What does this passage tell us about God's character?
18. In your mind, why is God worthy of worship and praise?
19. What is an idol?
20. What's wrong with worshipping things, people, or ourselves instead of God?
21. What offerings of praise can you give to the Lord?
22. How does this psalm affect your attitude toward church?
23. How do we need to prepare for entering God's house each week?
24. \*Why is it good to go to church?
25. \*What changes do you need to make in your schedule or activities to make worship a top priority?
26. How can we guard against the temptation to serve things, other people, or ourselves instead of the Lord?

### **Apply It**

27. \*What is one thing you can do this week to prepare yourself for the next time you go to church?
28. What do you have that you want to "give back" to God?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 5th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 27**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. How do you feel when you have to wait a long time for something you really want?
2. \*What are some events, people, or things that are worth waiting for?

### **Explore It**

3. What did David mean when he said, "The Lord is my light"? ([27:1](#))

4. \*Why was David able to trust God in the face of danger? ([27:1-3](#), [5-6](#))
5. How was the king's faith in the Lord challenged? ([27:1-3](#), [12](#))
6. How is faith shown in this passage? ([27:1-6](#), [10](#), [13](#))
7. What main attitude permeates this psalm? ([27:1-14](#))
8. What dangers did the king face? ([27:2-3](#),[12](#))
9. \*How was God's house a comfort to David? ([27:4-5](#))
10. Where did David find safety and strength? ([27:4-6](#))
11. How did David plan to respond when the Lord exalted him above his enemies? ([27:6](#))
12. From what did David pray for deliverance? ([27:7-12](#))
13. What did David's own conscience encourage him to do? ([27:8](#))
14. To what extent did David depend on the Lord? ([27:9-10](#), [13-14](#))
15. What did David expect of his future and why? ([27:13-14](#))
16. How did David conclude this prayer for deliverance? ([27:13-14](#))
17. \*What gave David courage while he awaited God's deliverance? ([27:13-14](#))

### **Get It**

18. When has your faith in the Lord been challenged?
19. When have difficult times strengthened your relationship with the Lord?
20. What role should faith play in our everyday lives?
21. \*How could you strengthen or renew your dependence on the Lord?
22. When have you found comfort or a renewed sense of security in church?
23. What dangers or problems are you facing?
24. How can you follow David's example in handling your fears?
25. How can you plan to respond when God does answer your prayers?
26. What does it mean to "wait for the Lord"?
27. \*What action can you take to show your faith while you wait for the Lord to answer your prayers?

## Apply It

28. What is one step you could take right now to renew your faith in the Lord?
29. \*About what concern do you need to continue praying, confident that God will answer in His own time and in His own way?

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## **(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

### **Devotional Study for June 6th, 2020**

## **Open in Prayer**

### **Read: Psalm 32**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

## Open It

1. \*What feelings do you associate with repentance?
2. What's something you got blamed for when you were a kid?

## Explore It

3. What joyful proclamation opens this psalm? ([32:1-2](#))
4. What gift from the Lord did David celebrate in this psalm? ([32:1-11](#))
5. \*How did David describe the person who receives God's forgiveness? ([32:1-11](#))
6. How did David feel when he had unconfessed sin in his life? ([32:3-4](#))
7. \*What personal testimony did David offer regarding God's forgiveness? ([32:3-5](#))
8. How did David respond to the Lord's "heavy hand" on him? ([32:4-5](#))
9. How did God motivate David to confess his sin? ([32:5](#))
10. What did David experience after he confessed his sin to God? ([32:5](#))
11. How did God respond to David's confession? ([32:5](#))
12. What assurance do we have when we pray? ([32:6](#))
13. \*What conclusion did David draw from his experience? ([32:6-7](#))
14. How does the Lord protect His people? ([32:6-7](#))
15. What specific advice does this psalm offer to God's people? ([32:8-11](#))

16. What did David advise people to avoid? ([32:9](#))
17. What promise did David offer to those who trust in the Lord? ([32:10](#))

### **Get It**

18. What kinds of things prevent us from confessing known sin in our lives?
19. Why do you think we are sometimes hesitant to repent of sin, even when we know God will forgive us?
20. \*Why should we confess our sins to God?
21. What personal testimony can you give about God's forgiveness?
22. How do you feel when you have un-confessed sin in your life?
23. What has motivated you in the past to repent of selfish behaviors or attitudes?
24. When have you ever felt the "heavy hand" of the Lord on you?
25. How do you feel when you repent and experience God's forgiveness?
26. How does God always respond to our repentance?
27. \*How does God's faithfulness in forgiving us encourage you for the future?
28. On what specific advice in this psalm would you like to focus your attention?

### **Apply It**

29. What behavior or attitude do you need to confess to the Lord today?
30. \*What is one creative way you can remind yourself of God's forgiveness over this next week?
31. When can you take time for prayer each day?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 7th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 37**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. \*What are some of the dangers in trying to get rich?

2. What do you think are some of the blessings of not being rich?
3. Why do you think more people seek wealth than righteousness?

### Explore It

4. What advice does this psalm give concerning evil people? ([37:1-2](#))
5. Why should the righteous not envy the wicked? ([37:1-2](#))
6. What comparison is the dominant theme of this psalm? ([37:1-40](#))
7. \*What did David expect to happen to the wicked? ([37:1-40](#))
8. What did David say people should do instead of worrying about the success of evildoers? ([37:3-7](#))
9. \*What specific list of actions did David advise God's people to take? ([37:3-8](#), [27](#), [30-31](#), [34](#))
10. What are the consequences of worrying? ([37:8](#))
11. \*What will be the results of trusting in the Lord? ([37:3-40](#))
12. What reasons did David give to motivate his listeners to take his advice? ([37:3-40](#))
13. What can God's people expect? ([37:10](#), [20](#), [35-36](#))
14. What does the psalm say about the meek? ([37:11](#))
15. How are the wicked described? ([37:12](#), [14](#))
16. Why does the Lord laugh at the wicked? ([37:13](#))
17. How will the schemes of the wicked backfire? ([37:15](#))
18. When is having "a little" better than being wealthy? ([37:16-17](#))
19. How does God show His delight in people? ([37:23-24](#))
20. What did David learn from his long life of experience? ([37:25-26](#))
21. What blessings do the righteous enjoy? ([37:27-31](#), [33-34](#), [39-40](#))

### Get It

22. What can we learn from David's observations of the wicked and the righteous?
23. What lessons have you learned from other mature Christians?
24. \*How is David's comparison of the righteous and wicked in this psalm relevant to us today?
25. What does this passage teach us about envy of others?

26. What does this psalm teach us about worry?
27. \*What are the benefits of trusting in the Lord and seeking righteousness?
28. What is more important than trying to get rich or financially secure?
29. How can we guard against greed?
30. What blessings from the Lord do you enjoy?
31. What advice in this psalm about trusting God would you like to work on following?

### **Apply It**

32. What concern of yours can you entrust to the Lord in prayer?
33. How can you make sure your priority lies in seeking to please God rather than in seeking wealth?
34. \*What is one thing you can do to entrust your life, family, and future to God?

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**Devotional Study for June 8th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 42**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. \*What do you enjoy most about going to church?
2. What are some of the sacrifices you make in order to be with other believers?

### **Explore It**

3. \*What images did the psalm writer use to describe his longing for God? ([42:1-2](#))
4. What sentiment introduces this poem? ([42:1-4](#))
5. How did the psalm writer feel about not being able to worship God in His sanctuary? ([42:1-4](#))
6. What main idea unifies this psalm? ([42:1-11](#))
7. How is the Lord described in this psalm? ([42:2](#), [5](#), [9](#))

8. What questions did the psalm writer ask? ([42:2](#), [5](#), [9](#), [11](#))
9. What did the psalm writer remember with fondness? ([42:4](#))
10. How had the psalm writer been involved in corporate worship in the past? ([42:4](#))
11. How did remembering the past encourage the psalm writer? ([42:4-6](#))
12. \*Where did the psalm writer turn for comfort? ([42:5](#))
13. \*How did the psalm writer counter his depression? ([42:6](#))
14. What imagery did the psalm writer use to describe God's involvement in his suffering? ([42:7](#))
15. How did the Lord protect the writer? ([42:8](#))
16. Why did the psalm writer feel deserted by God? ([42:9-11](#))
17. What final advice concludes the psalm? ([42:11](#))

### **Get It**

18. What are the benefits of worshiping with other Christians (over worshiping by yourself)?
19. When have you felt deserted by God or friends?
20. When have you questioned God?
21. What is the right attitude to have when venting your doubts and frustrations to the Lord in prayer?
22. How can we guard against a rebellious spirit?
23. \*How can we follow the psalm writer's example in dealing with our doubts and depression?
24. What advice does this psalm give to us about dealing with negative feelings?
25. Where do you usually turn for comfort?
26. What does this psalm teach us about prayer?
27. How do you think you could improve your prayer habits?
28. What are the benefits of remembering the past?
29. \*What has God done for you in the past, and how do those memories encourage you?

### **Apply It**

30. What steps could you take the next time you feel doubt or disappointment in God?

31. \*How can you remind yourself to turn to the Lord with your problems instead of allowing them to anger or frustrate you?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 9th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 46**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. What comes to mind when you think of a fortress?
2. \*What makes you feel safe and secure?
3. What makes it so scary to experience a natural disaster such as a tornado, hurricane, or earthquake?

### **Explore It**

4. What words of hope introduce the poem? ([46:1](#))
5. \*What imagery did the psalm writer use to describe the threats God's people face? ([46:1-3](#))
6. What does this psalm celebrate? ([46:1-11](#))
7. How does this psalm describe the city of God? ([46:4-6](#))
8. How will the city of God be protected? ([46:4-6](#))
9. How do the people of God respond to His deliverance? ([46:7](#))
10. What did the psalm writer invite his listeners to do? ([46:8](#))
11. \*What benefits do God's people enjoy? ([46:8-10](#))
12. How does this psalm describe the final victory the Messiah will bring? ([46:9](#))
13. When does God's voice break through? ([46:10](#))
14. \*What specific instruction does the Lord give to His people? ([46:10](#))
15. What will be the result of God's mighty acts on behalf of His people? ([46:10](#))
16. What comforting promise concludes this psalm? ([46:11](#))

### **Get It**



17. How are the promises in this psalm meaningful to you?
18. What kinds of threats do believers face today?
19. \*How has God been like a fortress to you?
20. What does this psalm teach us about God's power over the nations and governments of the earth?
21. How should we handle our fears?
22. \*What does it mean to "Be still, and know that I am God"?
23. How can we practice being still before the Lord?
24. How do you feel the Lord's presence in your life?
25. How can we thank the Lord for His presence in our lives?

### **Apply It**

26. What is one way you can remind yourself of God's presence with you each day?
27. \*In what ways could you be still before the Lord?

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**(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

**Devotional Study for June 10th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 51**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

### **Open It**

1. \*What character traits are most valued among your coworkers?
2. What are some Christian characteristics that our culture looks down upon?
3. What Christian traits do you think are the most difficult to cultivate because of pressure from your non-Christian friends?

### **Explore It**

4. What attributes did the poet ascribe to God in this psalm? ([51:1](#))
5. Why was the psalm writer able to ask for forgiveness from God? ([51:1](#))

6. What common experience does this psalm typify? ([51:1-19](#))
7. \*What was the psalm writer's attitude toward his sin? ([51:3-5](#))
8. What main picture of forgiveness is highlighted in this psalm? ([51:2](#), [7](#), [9](#))
9. What does the picture of forgiveness used in this poem reflect about the psalm writer's attitude? ([51:2](#), [7](#), [9](#))
10. To what do the "inner parts" and "inmost place" refer? ([51:6](#))
11. Where does God desire truth? ([51:6](#))
12. \*What did the author of this psalm desire? ([51:10-12](#))
13. How would the psalm writer's own experience of God's forgiveness affect others? ([51:13](#))
14. \*What did the psalm writer expect to be the outcome of God's forgiveness? ([51:13-15](#))
15. What does God not require of His people? ([51:16](#))
16. What does the Lord want from His people? ([51:17](#))
17. How does the prayer for Jerusalem serve as a fitting conclusion for this psalm? ([51:18-19](#))

### **Get It**

18. What does this poem tell us about God's character?
19. \*How should we respond to our sin and God's forgiveness?
20. What do you think it means to have a broken and contrite heart?
21. \*How do you need to change your own attitude toward your sin and God's gift of forgiveness to you?
22. What should we do in response to God's forgiveness?
23. How can you teach God's ways to others?
24. With whom can you share your experience of God's forgiveness?
25. In what ways would you like your desires to match those of the psalm writer's in this poem?
26. If you have lost the joy of your salvation, what can you do to regain it again?

### **Apply It**

27. \*What can you do to cultivate a broken and contrite heart before God?
28. What do you need to do about confessing sin?

29. Who is one person you can make a conscious effort to teach God's ways over the next month?

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## **(Daily In the Word with Pastor K. Cunningham)**

### **Devotional Study for June 11th, 2020**

#### **Open in Prayer**

#### **Read: Psalm 52**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

#### **Open It**

1. \*How does a person's beliefs about life after death impact the way he or she chooses to live?
2. What expectations do you have of life after death?

#### **Explore It**

3. To whom is this psalm addressed? ([52:1-4](#))
4. How did the psalm writer describe the wicked? ([52:1-4](#))
5. How were David's enemies a "disgrace in the eyes of God"? ([52:1-4](#))
6. What did David repeat three times to emphasize his point? ([52:5](#))
7. What is the final destiny of the wicked? ([52:5-7](#))
8. \*What are the consequences of deceit? ([52:5-7](#))
9. In relation to eternity, how beneficial is earthly wealth and power? ([52:5-7](#))
10. How will the righteous react to the downfall of the wicked? ([52:6-7](#))
11. What benefits do the wicked enjoy in their earthly lives? ([52:7](#))
12. \*What causes the downfall of the wicked? ([52:7](#))
13. Why did David compare himself to an olive tree? ([52:8](#))
14. Where did David get his sense of security? ([52:8-9](#))
15. \*In what specific ways was David different from the wicked? ([52:8-9](#))
16. What vow did David make to the Lord in the conclusion of the psalm? ([52:9](#))
17. Where did David promise to praise the Lord? ([52:9](#))

## **Get It**

18. How does your hope of heaven encourage you to live today?
19. What behavior does this psalm advise us to avoid?
20. What are the dangers of seeking after wealth and power?
21. How can we guard against pride and greed?
22. What reasons do we have to seek righteousness?
23. What do you think it means to be righteous?
24. How can a person make God his or her "stronghold"?
25. \*How can we demonstrate our trust in God?
26. \*What is one area of your life in which you need to trust God more?
27. What areas of your life do you like to have under control?
28. What are the benefits of praising the Lord in the presence of other believers?

## **Apply It**

29. What offering of praise could you give to God today?
30. What specific step can you take to remind yourself not to seek after money and status?
31. \*How can you entrust to God one area of your life that you have tried to control yourself?
32. The next time you are with other Christians, how could you praise the Lord together?

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**Devotional Study for June 12th, 2020**

**Open in Prayer**

**Read: Psalm 63**

**(And answer the following questions.)**

## **Open It**

1. What do you like to drink when you're really thirsty?
2. \*If you were to be stranded on a deserted island, what are three things you would want to have with you?

## Explore It

3. How did the psalm writer describe his situation? ([63:1](#))
4. \*What images did the psalm writer use to describe his longing for God? ([63:1](#), [5](#))
5. What is the theme of this psalm? ([63:1-11](#))
6. How did the psalm writer describe his dependence on the Lord? ([63:1-11](#))
7. What did the psalm writer remember from his experience at his place of worship? ([63:2-5](#))
8. How did David describe his experience at the temple? ([63:2-5](#))
9. \*How did the psalm writer's experience in the day encourage him at night? ([63:2-7](#))
10. \*What motivated David to praise the Lord? ([63:2-8](#))
11. Why did David glorify the Lord? ([63:3](#))
12. What did David think about before he went to sleep at night? ([63:6-7](#))
13. What did David expect to happen to his enemies? ([63:9-10](#))
14. What did David expect to happen to those who trusted God? ([63:11](#))
15. What will happen to liars? ([63:11](#))

## Get It

16. What would make a person long for God?
17. How would you like your relationship with God to be like David's?
18. How can we strengthen our relationship with the Lord?
19. What image would you use to describe your present situation?
20. How can we depend on the Lord to help us through the problems we encounter?
21. How would you describe your last visit to church?
22. \*How can our memory of meeting God in worship at church encourage us throughout the week?
23. What steps can we take to make the most of the time we spend in God's house?
24. What attitude does God want us to have toward worshiping Him?
25. What are the benefits of being part of a local church?
26. Why do you think some people hesitate to commit themselves to a local church?

27. What sacrifices do we have to make to commit ourselves to worshipping at a local church?

28. \*What changes do you need to make in your attitudes or actions at church?

**Apply It**

29. In what ways could you remind yourself of God's presence with you throughout the week?

30. \*For what do you want to praise God?

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