

November 1-7

(Monday) Romans 12: Down-To-Earth Problems

Why is the proper response to God's mercy becoming a "living sacrifice?" What does that mean?

What truth prevents us from thinking too highly of ourselves (v. 3-8)?

How would our relationships be transformed if we lived out verses 9-16? Verses 17-21?

What are some ways God has renewed your mind and transformed your heart?

Prayer Focus: Ask God to continue transforming you into a living sacrifice

Family Devotional: Read verses 1-2. What does it mean to offer our bodies to God? What does it mean to have our minds renewed? To be transformed?

(Tuesday) Acts 26: Defending the Faith

What are the main points Paul makes about himself (v. 1-23)? Why does he say he's on trial (v. 6-8)?

Contrast the commission of the Sanhedrin (v. 9-11) to the commission of Christ (v. 15-18).

What characterizes Paul's final interaction with King Agrippa (v. 26-29)?

How does Paul's evangelistic zeal even while under trial (see v. 29) encourage and exhort you?

Prayer Focus: Ask God to help you defend the truth of his gospel

Family Devotional: Read verses 27-29. Paul is praying for the people in the room to be saved and trust in Jesus. Who can our family be praying for regularly?

(Wednesday) Acts 27: Perfect Storm

Most people in Paul's situation would be thinking only of self-preservation. How do you see him instead ministering to others in this chapter (v. 9-10, 21-25, 31-38, 42-43)?

What does it say about Paul that he was freed to go see his friends (v. 3)?

How does Paul display compassion as he ministers?

Are there times when you are tempted to give up on your proclamation of the gospel? How does Paul challenge that tendency?

Prayer Focus: Pray for selfless compassion and love for lost people

Family Devotional: Read verses 21-26. Paul is on a sinking ship. How does he show his faith in God and concern for other people, even in a scary situation? How can we show our concern for the people around us?

(Thursday) Acts 28: Rome at Last

What further evidence do you see of Paul's unquenchable desire to minister to others, at a time when he should be worried about himself (v. 3, 8-9, 17-20, 23-31)?

What do you see of Paul's confidence in God throughout this passage?

How does God fulfill the promise he made at the beginning of the book of Acts (1:8)?

Paul's life is summed up with these words: "proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance" (v. 31). What practical steps would it take for your life to look the same?

Prayer Focus: Ask God for boldness, love, and compassion for lost people

Family Devotional: Read verses 30-31. How can our family be bold in the way we teach others about the Lord Jesus Christ?

(Friday) Ephesians 2: Prison Letter

In verses 2-3, Paul lists three influences that lead us to sin: the world, our own flesh, and the devil. How did each of them lead us to spiritual death (v. 1)?

What does Paul mean when he says we have been made alive, raised, and seated with Christ (v. 5-6)?

What does Paul say about our role in salvation (v. 8-9)?

What good works has God prepared for you to do today (v. 10)?

Prayer Focus: Thank God for his grace, ask to see the good works it was brought in you

Family Devotional: Read verses 8-10. How does God save us? What gifts does he give us? What are we saved to do?