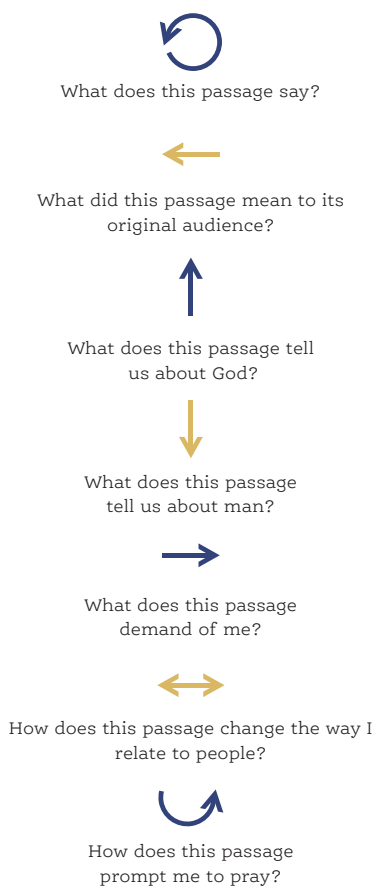




DAILY DEVOTIONS

THE 7 ARROWS OF BIBLE READING



DAY 01

ISAIAH 22:8-14

Isaiah said of the people of Judah, “You did not look to the one who made it, or consider the one who created it long ago” (v. 11). How often do we fail to look to our Maker? In a time of need, Judah did not turn to God. They busied themselves with what they could do in their own might, without even looking to the Lord. If we aren’t careful, we will scramble to fix things ourselves while failing to consider the One who made us. Every day this week, look to the Lord. He is able to do more for you and through you than you could ever do on your own.

WHAT SITUATIONS DO YOU NEED TO LOOK TO THE LORD FOR HELP IN?

WHAT MIGHT BE KEEPING YOU FROM THINKING YOU NEED TO LOOK TO GOD’S HELP?

HOW CAN YOU HELP OTHERS LOOK TO THE LORD?

DAY 02

ISAIAH 25:1-8

WHAT BRINGS YOU SORROW AND STRUGGLE?

HOW HAS GOD BEEN FAITHFUL TO YOU THROUGH DIFFICULT TIMES?

WHY CAN YOU PRAISE THE LORD EVEN IN PAINFUL SEASONS?

There is coming a day when the Lord will destroy “death once and for all, the LORD God will wipe away the tears” (v. 8). On that day we will see that God has done wonders, been perfectly faithful (see v. 1), and been our refuge (see v. 4). We will praise Him and exalt His name (see v. 1). Life is hard. It is full of sorrows and fears and struggles. But God will be victorious over it all. Live with hope and praise, for our God is a great and faithful Savior.

DAY 03

ISAIAH 25:9-12

It is always hard to wait, isn't it? When my toddler wants a piece of candy, he has almost no capacity to wait patiently. He'll say repeatedly, "I want it! I want it!" Sometimes we want something so badly, but God says wait. We don't always understand why or for how long. But take heart, for one day you will say: "We have waited for him, and he has saved us. This is the LORD; we have waited for him. Let's rejoice and be glad in his salvation" (v. 9).

WHAT ARE YOU WAITING FOR THAT YOU CANNOT HAVE RIGHT NOW?

WHAT ARE YOUR EMOTIONS LIKE THROUGH YOUR WAITING PERIOD?

HOW CAN YOU HAVE HOPE EVEN AS YOU WAIT?

DAY 04

ISAIAH 30:18-19

WHAT ARE YOU DOING TO LISTEN TO THE LORD'S VOICE IN YOUR LIFE?

ARE YOU DELAYING DOING WHAT GOD SAYS? IF SO, WHY?

WHAT MIGHT BE KEEPING YOU FROM CALLING OUT TO GOD FOR MERCY?

One of my pet peeves is when you call or text someone and they never reply. It is frustrating when you need help or have something important to say, but the person isn't responding. The Lord is calling out to us. He has an important message: He has mercy and compassion for you (see v. 18). But so often we aren't listening. However, the moment you call out to God He will answer (see v. 19). Just ask for His mercy and forgiveness and He will give it to you today.

DAY 05

ISAIAH 30:20-22

So many people lack direction in their lives. They are unsure about how to handle different relationships, unclear about the future path they want to take with their career goals, and are indecisive about their aims in the present. How do we break through all the confusion and noise? We must be still and listen to God. He is the great Teacher. He will show us the way as we walk faithfully with Him. It's okay that you don't have your whole future figured out. God does, and He invites you to walk with Him just one day at a time.

ARE YOU STRUGGLING TO FIND DIRECTION IN LIFE? HOW SO?

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO SEEK GOD'S GUIDANCE?

HOW CAN YOU FOCUS MORE ON BEING FAITHFUL RATHER THAN FIGURING OUT YOUR FUTURE?