

Friday, July 15: Read [Joshua 24](#)

Like Moses, Joshua's tenure as leader of Israel has come to an end. What is the main point of Joshua's convocation? After reminding Israel of all that God has done for them, what is his charge to them in [verses 14-15](#)? How do they respond? Notice they reaffirm their commitment to God three times in [verses 16-24](#). According to [verse 31](#), how did they do?

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola Africa), **Ivan & Kim Hoyt** (Argentina), **David & Miriam Trott** (Cochabamba, Bolivia), **Mario Bloise** (Argentina), **Nate & MaryBeth Brace** (Kentucky), **Dan & DeAnn Gerard** (San Antonio, TX), **Robert Newkirk** (Jesus Film), **Craig & Shelly Shafer** (Sentani, Indonesia), **Randy & Kari Ash**, **John Smith** (CEF), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (leaving in September), **Andrew & Sara Williams**.

Specific Concerns:

Katie deAraujo going to Brazil for 50 days. Please pray that God will work in and through her; to blanket her in peace, love and safety.

Madelyn Albright is going to Tijuana, June 27. She will serve where Spectrum needs her.

Robert Newkirk (Jesus Film) asked for both prayers and additional financial support. He had funeral expenses for his brother's death to suicide and unexpected dental problems (\$8,000 additional costs).

Pray this weekend:

- Review of the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for the week.
- Praise God that He is working in your life. You are growing in your faith.



Spiritual Disciplines

Reading Assignments

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters of the Bible according to the date.
- Underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advice or wisdom gleaned from your reading.
- Note any unclear passages or teaching and seek insight, answers or help.
- Think about what you're reading. Ask:
 1. How does this apply to me?
 2. Are there any temptations to avoid, sins to confess, commands to obey or promises to claim?
 3. What insight do I gain on God, myself, others, or life?
- Ask God to show you any specific action you need to take as you read.

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 11: Read [Deuteronomy 32](#)

This chapter records one of the saddest songs of the Bible. It is similar to some of David's Psalms or some of the lament chapters of the Old Testament prophets. It presents both the greatness and balance of God's nature with the fickleness of mankind. It predicts future failures of Israel and the awful consequences of sin. There is also a fair dose of hope and redemption. Read it pensively. Note the final admonition in [verses 46-47](#). How might this apply to you?

Pray for personal growth:

1. My relationship with God.
2. My life roles
3. My personal needs/weak areas
4. Goals and objectives

Tuesday, July 12: Read [Deuteronomy 33](#)

These are Moses' final words to his flock before his death. Notice here the blessings and admonitions given to each Tribe of Israel. Why is more said about some than others? What evidence of rewards do you see for certain tribes due to their ancestor's obedience? What kinds of future blessings does God picture for His faithful people? Finally, what can you learn about God's nature from reading this passage?

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday July 13: Read [Joshua 5:12-6:27](#)

This is the familiar story of the conquest of Jericho. The Manna has stopped; Israel has crossed the Jordan into the Promised Land. It's time to act. How does this chapter encourage Israel's army? What does it do for Joshua as their leader ([verse 27](#))? Read [Joshua 10:1-15](#). Here in another battle, God proves himself as Israel's protector. How did answered prayer affirm God's involvement with the nation? How should this encourage us today as well?

Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

(Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace & guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for the Youth and children's ministries here at BGCC.
- b. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise, and thanksgiving.
- c. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers.
- d. Discipleship: ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people.
- e. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ.
- f. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future Pray for God's clear leading in 2016 and beyond.

Thursday, July 14: Read [Joshua 7](#)

In the middle of great successes is a major failure at Ai. What went wrong? How was the root sin discovered and finally dealt with? What can we learn about the seriousness of sin and its consequences? How might Achans sin relate to private sins within a congregation? How should we address sin as a church body? Ask God to keep us humbly connected to Him as His people.

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People at Work • Others God bring into my life
- Pray for the upcoming community-wide prayer service (THE CALL), [Sunday July 24](#) at the fair grounds.
- Pray for our nation and the upcoming elections.

