

Friday, September 29: Read [\*Matthew 27:11-54; Psalm 22\*](#)

Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***Friday: Pray for Our Missionaries***

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## Spiritual Disciplines Guide

Week of September 24, 2023

As we finish out the month of September, we are also finishing our summer series on the Sufficiency of Faith. Our focus the last three months has been to ask “*is faith enough to carry us through life’s greatest difficulties and challenges?*” As a result, we’ve looked at some of those challenges and thorny issues and sought to relate our faith in God to these difficult topics. To parallel this, we’ve also read the book of Job, Ecclesiastes and select Psalms to see how David, Solomon and Job wrestled through their own issues and adversity. Let’s finish our daily Bible readings by looking at Jesus’ life and highlighting several passages where he himself was under fire and going through trials and tests of faith. Read each account, paying attention both to the conflict and to Jesus’ responses. What can you glean from him and the ways that he dealt with conflict? Note our instructions in [\*Hebrews 12:1-3\*](#). With God’s help we too can endure hardship and opposition. Our faith in him is sufficient to bring us through everything life can dish out. Keep your faith fresh daily!

Monday, September 25 Read [\*Matthew 4:1-11, Luke 4:1-13\*](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

***Monday: Pray for yourself:***

My relationship with God  
My life roles and responsibilities  
My personal needs/weak areas  
My goals and objectives for the season.

**Tuesday**, September 26: Read [Luke 4:16-30](#)

\*Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

**Tuesday: Pray for Family by Name.**

**Wednesday**, : September 27: Read [John 5:16-47; 8:12-59](#)

Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

**Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church**

1. Leadership: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her work at BGCC. Pray for the church council and the various ministry team leaders. Ask the Lord of the harvest to raise up more workers for the harvest ([Matthew 9:38](#))
2. Worship: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for more musicians to help lead the church in worship, including a pianist. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. Fellowship: Ask God to deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship. Take some time to pray through this past Sunday's congregational prayer requests.
4. Discipleship: Ask God to develop the faith, dedication, and leadership of our people. Pray for the children and youth ministries at BGCC. Ask God to bless our small group ministry, to raise up new groups, new teachers and more leaders.
5. Outreach: Pray that God will use Bethel Gilead to make a positive impact on our community so that many would come to Christ. Ask God to embolden our people to intentionally reach out to others through the Kingdom Assignment "*Dare to Care*".
6. Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future.

Pray for God's clear leading in our future plans as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

**Thursday**, September 28: Read [Matthew 26:20-75](#)

Chapter highlights:

\*A key passage for me:

\*One point of application from today's reading:

**Thursday: Pray for "My World"**

(Write down names as God brings people to mind.)

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help. Who can you invite to church?
- Community -- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County, even through time of crisis.
- Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation, especially as churches reunite after the pandemic.
- Pray for the community parachurch ministries serving our county, including Beginnings Care for Life Center, Branch County Right to Life, Joppa Recovery/Celebrate Recovery, Coach Eby Center, Family Promise, Forgotten Man Ministries, Freedom Recovery Center, God's Choice Church, Jacob's Well Ministry, Presbyterian Free Health Clinic, Shelterhouse, Tommy's House, the Gideons and the Bronson Food Pantry.
- America: Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America. Pray that God would use the pandemic, the economy and world events to lead people to faith in Jesus Christ. Pray for God's guidance and protection for our nation in the coming weeks and months.