Friday, January 11: Read Psalm 119:89-176

Finish the week with the second half of Psalm 119. Verse 105 has always been a highlight verse from this Psalm. What other verses stand out for you personally and why? What could you take away from your study and which verses might you want to commit to memory for personal encouragement or future reference? **Notes:**

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), David & Miriam Trott (Cochabamba, Bolivia), Mario Bloise (Argentina), Dan & DeAnn Gerard (San Antonio, TX), Robert and Kailey Newkirk (South Sudan), Craig & Shelly Shafer (Sentani, Indonesia), Sue Saunders (Bosnia), Matt and Becky Kooi (Tijuana), Daniel Jezowski (Wycliffe), Andrew & Sara Williams (Ethnos 360), Brad and Christa Babjack (University of West Virginia), Salomon and Megan Guzman (Tijuana), Alvaro and Rachel Garriga (Central Asia), William and Salma Garcia (Tijuana)

Thru the New!

(Reading through the New Testament)

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters and underline any meaningful verses and take note of specific advise 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.

Monday, January 14 Read 2 John

Second John has a similar feel to the first Epistle -- walking in truth; walking in love; being on guard against deception. No one is sure just who "the chosen lady" and "your chosen sister" are, possibly churches. John's second letter climaxes in verse 6. His command is that you walk in love, reminiscent of 1 John chapters 3-4.

Notes:

Pray for: ---My relationship with God

- ---My life roles
- ---My personal needs/weak areas
- --- My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, January 15: Read 3 John

Third John is addressed specifically to Gaius, a faithful and true brother who apparently had housed ministers sent from John. It affirms Gaius and Demetrius, but decries Diotrephes, who is slandering, usurping church authority and causing havoc. True believers will demonstrate it by their good deeds (*1 John 3:7-10*)

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday January 16: Read <u>Jude</u>

Jude, traditionally believed to be one of Jesus' half brothers, writes to address the issue of apostasy (false teaching) and its impact on the church. Christians are warned to beware, to contend earnestly for the faith and to avoid false teachers. The concluding doxology is one of the great declarations of God's sovereign care for believers who trust in his protection and providence.

Wednesday: Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church

- 1. <u>Leadership</u>: 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.
- 2. <u>Worship</u>: Ask God to strengthen our devotion to Him, in prayer, praise and thanksgiving. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
- 3. <u>Fellowship</u>: Pray that God would deepen our love and commitment to one another as a family of believers. Pray that we incorporate newcomers into our church fellowship.
- 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.
- 5. <u>Outreach</u>: 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, especially through the upcoming Kingdom Initiative.
- Future Faith Goals: Ask God to give our congregation a united vision for the future.
 Pray for God's clear leading in our 2020 plan as we call our members to a greater love and commitment to the Lord and his service.

Thursday, January 17: Read <u>Psalm 119:1-88</u>

We will finish out the week looking at the longest Psalm in the Bible, Psalm 119. The theme of the Psalm is simply The Word of God. Each section begins with a word from the Hebrew alphabet, Aleph - Beth - Gimel, etc. (Although it doesn't translate into English). Today let's read the first half of the Psalm. Pay close attention to the authors' attitudes towards God's word, the synonyms he employs to describe God's word, the attributes of scripture and what it can do for us. Check your own attitude toward the Bible as you study this Psalm. There's probably room for us to grow here!

Notes:

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 this Sunday?
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and a greater spirit of unity and cooperation.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.