

Friday, March 29: Read [Psalms 59-60, Proverbs 29](#); Sermon text: [Romans 15:1-22](#)

Psalms 59, another miktim, is a call for deliverance from the mortal enemies of David. Notice again the change in focus and the renewal of hope in verses 16-17 when David chooses to praise God and put his confidence in God's loving strength.

Psalms 60 gives its context from a battle in the "valley of salt", recorded in [2 Samuel 8](#) and [1 Chronicles 18](#). The Psalm is a call for national restoration and relief from the regional enemies of Israel. David almost faults God for their losses, but then acknowledges God as the only hope for the armies of Judah.

Read [Romans 15](#) in preparation for this Sunday's sermon.

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

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



Every Member a Minister

Spiritual Disciplines Guide: Reading through Psalms and Proverbs

- Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your reading each day.
- Read the chapters and 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.

Monday, March 25 Read [Psalms 51-52, Proverbs 25](#)

Psalms 51 is the classic confession Psalm of David. The pretext of this passage is found in his committing of adultery and murder in [2 Samuel 11-12](#). Note his admission of guilt, his pleas for mercy and his pledge to do better as a result of God's grace.

Psalms 52 also gives a context for the Psalm based on David's hiding out from King Saul in [1 Samuel 22](#). In it, David calls to God for judgement on his enemies and ends the Psalm with a declaration of confidence and praise to God for his coming deliverance.

*Read through the Proverbs by the date this week, starting today (March 25) with Proverbs 25.

Notes:

Pray for: ---My relationship with God

---My life roles

---My personal needs/weak areas

---My goals and objectives.

Tuesday, March 26: Read [*Psalms 53-54, Proverbs 26*](#)

Psalms 53 portrays the futility of unbelief. Life holds no meaning or hope apart from God. A lack of God leads to a life of corruption, evil and despair. All who reject him will end up in despair.

Psalms 54 supplies the context for the text from [*1 Samuel 23*](#). David, on the run, calls out to God for vindication and deliverance. Notice the change of tone in verses 6-7. In spite of his circumstances, David determines to praise the Lord and declare his triumph in the Lord over all his foes.

Tuesday: pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday March 27: Read [*Psalms 55-56, Proverbs 27*](#)

Psalms 55 is a classic complaint Psalm where David lays out before the Lord his dire circumstances and calls out to God for relief and deliverance. According to verses 20-21, the basis of his grief may be a close friend who has suddenly turned against him in betrayal. Again, notice David's change of tone from despair to hope and praise beginning in verse 16. The tone changes, not because the circumstances change, but because David changes his focus from himself to God, rehearsing his faith in who God is and all that God will do.

In Psalm 56, David calls for help, this time while under the adversity of the Philistines ([*1 Samuel 21*](#)). Twice he reminds himself of who God is and why he trusts in him (verses 3-4, 10-11). He determines to fulfill his vows and trust God for success.

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. Pray for the development of a youth praise team.
3. **Fellowship:** 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.
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, especially through the Kingdom Initiative.

6. **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. Ask God to bless our finances so that we can better accomplish his purposes for our congregation.

Thursday, March 28: Read [*Psalms 57-58, Proverbs 28*](#)

Psalms are songs. The book of Psalms is ancient Israel's hymn book, songs sung at various times throughout their year, marking certain historic events and religious festivals. Psalms 57 and 58 are both songs of deliverance -- calling out to God for help in the face of adversity. Notice that the postscript of both indicate that the type of song is "a miktam", and that the melody, the words would go with, is "do not destroy". And so the director of music could take the words of David and compose a hymn that would be sung "in church", whether with the accompaniment of instruments or a capella. Today we do not have miktams in our musical genre and we don't know the ancient tune -- do not destroy. What we have though is the call of a distressed heart to God, an example to us of how to pray when trouble comes our way.

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.