

Friday, July 14: Read [*Psalms 62-63, Matthew 28*](#).

Note how David sees God in these Psalms -- as his rock, refuge, fortress, deliverer. His view of God's power and love puts his soul at rest. The same could be true for you if, like David, you remind yourself who God is, what he has already done, and what you are trusting him to yet do in your life. David's experience of peace could be ours as well, even in the face of adverse situations and difficult circumstances.

Notes:

Pray for Our Missionaries

Juan & Adriana Palacios (Angola, Africa), **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), **Mike & Fran VanBruggen** (S. Africa), **Sue Sanders** (Detroit, MI), **Matt Kooi** (Tijuana), **Daniel Jezonski** (Wycliffe), **Danielle Tucker** (YWAM), **Andrew & Sara Williams** (New Tribes).

Specific Concerns:

Pray this weekend:

- Review the week (Thank God for answered prayer)
- Note any ongoing concerns to pray for next 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 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.*

Weekly Readings

Monday, July 10: Read [*Psalms 55-56, Matthew 25*](#)

The Psalms of David reflect the heart of a man who sincerely loves God and yet is troubled by the hardships and dangers of a warrior's life. Both Psalms rehearse why David believes he can trust God and just how he will do that. He counters fear with faith and is able to give God ultimate glory for battles yet to be fought and victories yet to be won.

Notes:

Pray for:

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

Tuesday, July 11: Read [*Psalms 57-58, Matthew 24-25*](#)

Matthew 24 and 25 deal with eschatology -- events to come in the last days. Jesus answers the disciples' two part question in 24:3 with "sign posts" of the end and then parables to illustrate what the Kingdom's coming would be like. Our generation is not far from what Jesus referred to a "the days of Noah". We would do well to be ready and alert to the "signs of the times".

Notes:

Pray for family and friends by name.

Wednesday July 12: Read [*Psalms 59, Matthew 26*](#)

Matthew spells out the details of Jesus' last supper with his disciples in chapter 26. What an important meeting for all of them -- though the disciples didn't sense the urgency of the hour until afterwards. Jesus' agony in prayer at Gethsemane mirrors our human struggle with yielding to God in the face of suffering. Luke records that an angel came to comfort and strengthen Jesus for the coming hours of his passion. Note [*2 Corinthians 1:3-11*](#).

Notes:

Pray for Bethel Gilead Community Church (Consider fasting one, two, or all meals this day.)

- a. Pastors: Pray for God's grace and guidance in Pastor Jim and Pastor David's ministries and families. Pray for Linda Penn in her new position 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. Pray for the children and youth ministries here at BGCC.
- 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 2017 and beyond.

Thursday, July 13: Read [*Psalms 60-61, Matthew 27*](#).

Psalms 60 and 61 continue the record of David's prayers to God in the heat of the battle. Both ask God for victory and then trust him for it, even before the battle is won ([*Mark 11:24*](#)).

Matthew 27 is one of the longest chapters of the New Testament. Here the author lingers over the terrible events of the day Jesus died. We are left with the emptiness death brings to Jesus' closest and most loyal followers -- a group of women and Joseph of Arimathea. Together they bury their savior, unaware of what God is about to accomplish in dramatic fashion just a few days later.

Notes:

Pray for "My World"

- Neighbors • People who live around me.
- People at Work • Others God brings into my life. Begin to take note of specific needs around you and ask God what he wants you to do to help.
- Ask God to bring revival and a spiritual awakening to Branch County. Pray for the area churches and "The Call" prayer gathering coming on July 16.
- Continue to pray for the nation, our national leaders and a revival in America.