

Read Through The Bible  
Week 2 – Feb. 11-17, 2024  
Gen. 7-30, Matt. 7-11, Psalms 7-9, Proverbs 1:8-33

**Icebreaker**

Would you have been classified as an obedient child or a rebel?  
What has been the best plan you were a part of?  
Who do you trust more than anyone else?

**Step 1 - GET REAL**

What are you thankful for from the past week?  
What struggles did you face?  
What can you share from your personal Bible reading this week?  
Where did you see God in your daily life?

**Step 2: GET FED**

**Scripture**

**Genesis**

**Genesis 17:7-8 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> *And I will establish my covenant between me and you and your offspring after you throughout their generations for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.* <sup>8</sup> *And I will give to you and to your offspring after you the land of your sojournings, all the land of Canaan, for an everlasting possession, and I will be their God.*”

**Genesis 17:26-27 (ESV)** <sup>26</sup> *That very day Abraham and his son Ishmael were circumcised.* <sup>27</sup> *And all the men of his house, those born in the house and those bought with money from a foreigner, were circumcised with him.*

**Genesis 18:13-14 (ESV)** <sup>13</sup> *The LORD said to Abraham, “Why did Sarah laugh and say, ‘Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?’* <sup>14</sup> *Is anything too hard for the LORD? At the appointed time I will return to you, about this time next year, and Sarah shall have a son.*”

**Genesis 18:19 (ESV)** <sup>19</sup> *For I have chosen him, that he may command his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing righteousness and justice, so that the LORD may bring to Abraham what he has promised him.*”

**Genesis 18:32 (ESV)** <sup>32</sup> *Then he said, “Oh let not the Lord be angry, and I will speak again but this once. Suppose ten are found there.” He answered, “For the sake of ten I will not destroy it.”*

**Genesis 19:29 (ESV)** <sup>29</sup> *So it was that, when God destroyed the cities of the valley, God remembered Abraham and sent Lot out of the midst of the overthrow when he overthrew the cities in which Lot had lived.*

**Genesis 22:7-8 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> *And Isaac said to his father Abraham, “My father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “Behold, the fire and the wood, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?”* <sup>8</sup> **Abraham said, “God will provide for himself the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.”** *So they went both of them together.*

**Matthew**

**Matthew 7:7-8 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> *“Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you.* <sup>8</sup> **For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened.**

**Matthew 7:12 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup> *“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for **this is the Law and the Prophets.**”*

**Matthew 7:19-22 (ESV)** <sup>19</sup> *Every tree that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.* <sup>20</sup> *Thus you will recognize them by their fruits.* <sup>21</sup> *“Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.*

**Matthew 8:24-27 (ESV)** <sup>24</sup> *And behold, there arose a great storm on the sea, so that the boat was being swamped by the waves; but he was asleep.* <sup>25</sup> *And they went and woke him, saying, “Save us, Lord; we are perishing.”* <sup>26</sup> *And he said to them, “Why are you afraid, O you of little faith?” Then he rose and rebuked the*

winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. <sup>27</sup> And the men marveled, saying, “What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”

**Matthew 9:12-13 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup> But when he heard it, he said, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. <sup>13</sup> Go and learn what this means, ‘**I desire mercy, and not sacrifice.**’ For I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.”

**Matthew 9:21-22 (ESV)** <sup>21</sup> for she said to herself, “If I only touch his garment, I will be made well.” <sup>22</sup> Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, “Take heart, daughter; **your faith has made you well.**” And instantly the woman was made well.

**Matthew 10:28 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup> And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. Rather **fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell.**

**Matthew 10:37-39 (ESV)** <sup>37</sup> Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. <sup>38</sup> And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Whoever finds his life will lose it, and **whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.**

**Matthew 11:2-6 (ESV)** <sup>2</sup> Now when John heard in prison about the deeds of the Christ, he sent word by his disciples <sup>3</sup> and said to him, “Are you the one who is to come, or shall we look for another?” <sup>4</sup> And Jesus answered them, “**Go and tell John what you hear and see:** <sup>5</sup> the blind receive their sight and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised up, and the poor have good news preached to them. <sup>6</sup> And blessed is the one who is not offended by me.”

**Matthew 11:28-30 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup> **Come to me,** all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. <sup>29</sup> **Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,** for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and **you will find rest for your souls.** <sup>30</sup> For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

## Psalms

**Psalm 7:8-11 (ESV)** <sup>8</sup> The LORD judges the peoples; **judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.** <sup>9</sup> Oh, let the evil of the wicked come to an end, and **may you establish the righteous—you who test the minds and hearts,** O righteous God! <sup>10</sup> My shield is with God, who saves the upright in heart. <sup>11</sup> God is a righteous judge, and a God who feels indignation every day.

**Psalm 7:12 (ESV)** <sup>12</sup> If a man does not repent, God will whet his sword; he has bent and readied his bow;

**Psalm 7:17 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> I will give to the LORD the thanks due to his righteousness, and I will sing praise to the name of the LORD, the Most High.

**Psalm 8:1 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Psalm 8:3-4 (ESV)** <sup>3</sup> When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, <sup>4</sup> what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

**Psalm 9:1-2 (ESV)** <sup>1</sup> I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. <sup>2</sup> I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.

**Psalm 9:7-8 (ESV)** <sup>7</sup> But the LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, <sup>8</sup> and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.

**Psalm 9:9-10 (ESV)** <sup>9</sup> The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. <sup>10</sup> And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.

**Psalm 9:17 (ESV)** <sup>17</sup> The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God.

## Proverbs

**Proverbs 1:10-16 (ESV)** <sup>10</sup> My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent...<sup>15</sup> my son, do not walk in the way with them; hold back your foot from their paths, <sup>16</sup> for their feet run to evil, and they make haste to shed blood.

**Proverbs 1:19 (ESV)** <sup>19</sup> Such are the ways of everyone who is greedy for unjust gain; it takes away the life of its possessors.

**Proverbs 1:20-21 (ESV)** <sup>20</sup> Wisdom cries aloud in the street, in the markets she raises her voice; <sup>21</sup> at the head of the noisy streets she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

**Proverbs 1:28-31 (ESV)** <sup>28</sup> Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently but will not find me. <sup>29</sup> Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD, <sup>30</sup> would have none

of my counsel and despised all my reproof,<sup>31</sup> therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way, and have their fill of their own devices.

**Proverbs 1:33 (ESV)** <sup>33</sup> but whoever listens to me will dwell secure and will be at ease, without dread of disaster.”

## Questions

### Genesis

(17:7-8) What was the crowning quality of God’s covenant with Abraham?

(17:6-7) When did Abraham begin to obey God’s command? How do we compare in obeying God once we learn His commands?

(18:14) Sarah laughed when she heard God say she would have a child. What is the answer to God’s question:” Is anything too hard for God?” Are we like Sarah and don’t believe God’s pronouncements?

(18:18-19) What was Abraham to do with his children and household? Why?

(18:32) Abraham asks God to not destroy the city if only 10 righteous people are found. Sodom and Gomorrah are destroyed. How could any city or people be so wicked that not even 10 righteous people could be found? How close are we to that situation?

(19) Chapter 19 relates the destruction of Sodom. Lot wanted to have his cake and eat it, too. His wife looked back and was turned to salt. God remembered righteous Abraham and saved Lot. Do we want to have our cake and eat it, too? Can we be a friend to God like Abraham?

(20) Isaac is born. What does this teach us about God? How can we apply this today?

(22:7-8) *“God will provide”* Abraham believed God would provide the lamb for the burnt offering. Do we believe God will provide? How can we achieve this type of faith? What type of tests has God given you?

(24) The story of Rebekah, wife of Isaac. Why would Abraham seek a wife for Isaac from his kinsmen and not from Canaan? How is God’s plan shown in this chapter?

Jacob tricked Esau into selling his birthright and then tricked Isaac into giving him Esau’s blessing. Do you think these actions were justified by God? Are we ever justified in acting this way?

### Matthew

(7:7-8) *“Ask and it will be given you.”* Do we have this confidence? Are we afraid to ask? Does this mean anything we ask or is it limited?

(7:12) *“whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them”* This is the Law and prophets. How often do we act in this manner? Are we more likely to act in our own behalf than for others?

(8:24-27) *“What sort of man is this, that even winds and sea obey him?”* How have we answered this question for our lives?

(9:12-13) *“I desire mercy, not sacrifice.”* What does this mean for us? How long has God felt this way? (see Hosea 6:6)

(9:22) *“Your faith has made you well.”* How does your faith compare?

(10:28) *“fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell”* Who do we fear?

(10:37-39) *“whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me.”* How devoted are we? Are we worthy of God?

(11:2-6) In answering John, Jesus is claiming to be the Messiah, the Promised One, He is the One to Come. What does this claim mean for the world? Have we realized what this means for us?

(11:28-30) How are we to find rest? Have you found rest for your souls?

### Psalms

(7) Who is the judge of both the righteous and the wicked? If a man does not repent, what will God do? What should we give to the LORD?

(8) What is David’s praise to God at the beginning and end of Psalm 8? What is David’s question to God in verses 4 and 4? What is the answer? Why should this be important to our concept of self and our place in God’s world?

(9) What will David do for God? How long will God sit on His throne? What does He do from that throne? What is God to the oppressed? What will God not do to those who seek Him? What will happen to the wicked

### **Proverbs**

(Proverbs 1:8-19) What would a wise person do when sinners entice them? (vs 10, 15) What does being greedy for unjust gain do to a person? (vs 19)

(Proverbs 1:20-33) Why will God not answer the simple, those who won't listen? What will be the reward of those who listen to wisdom?

### **Step 3: GET ACTIVE**

Assess your level of obedience to God. Where do you excel? Where are you falling short?

Jesus promises to give rest to our souls, but we must come to Him and take His yoke upon us. Do you have rest? If not, what can be done to obtain that rest?

"I desire mercy, not sacrifice." Meditate on what this means in your life. Write two ways you can show mercy.