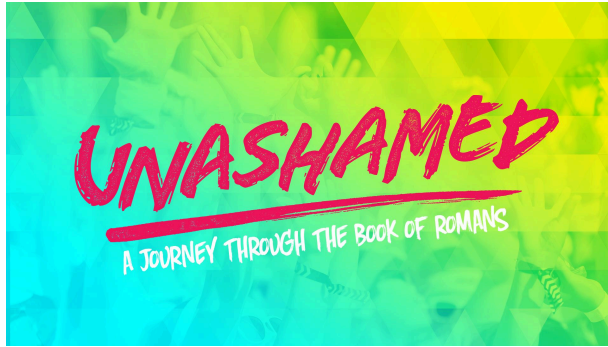




Day 1: The Promise of the Gospel

Reading: Romans 1:1-3, Isaiah 7:14

Devotional: God's plan for our salvation wasn't an afterthought—it was promised from the very beginning. Even in the midst of humanity's fall in Eden, God was already setting in motion His redemptive plan. As you read today's passages, reflect on the faithfulness of God across generations. How does knowing that Jesus' coming was prophesied centuries in advance strengthen your faith? Consider how God's promises in your own life, even those yet unfulfilled, are part of His greater plan. Take time to thank God for His unwavering commitment to humanity's redemption.

Day 2: The Humanity of Jesus

Reading: Luke 1:26-38, Hebrews 4:15-16

Devotional: Jesus, fully God, became fully human. This profound truth allows us to approach Him knowing He understands our struggles intimately. As you meditate on these verses, consider the implications of Christ's humanity. How does it comfort you to know that Jesus experienced human emotions, temptations, and physical limitations? Reflect on a current challenge you're facing. How might Jesus' experience as a human inform His compassion towards you in this situation? Take a moment to pray, approaching God's throne with the confidence that Jesus truly understands and sympathizes with your weaknesses.

Day 3: The Fulfillment of Prophecy

Reading: 2 Samuel 7:12-13, Matthew 1:1-17

Devotional: God's Word never returns void. The fulfillment of prophecy in Jesus' lineage demonstrates God's sovereign control over history. As you read about Jesus' ancestry, consider how God worked through generations of imperfect people to bring about His perfect plan. How does this encourage you about God's ability to work in your own life, despite your flaws? Reflect

on a time when God fulfilled a promise in your life. How can this memory strengthen your trust in His ongoing work? Spend time in prayer, surrendering your doubts and embracing God's faithfulness.

Day 4: The Perfect Sacrifice

Reading: John 1:29, 2 Corinthians 5:21

Devotional: Jesus, the spotless Lamb of God, became sin for us. This substitutionary atonement is the heart of the Gospel. As you ponder these verses, let the weight of Christ's sacrifice sink in. How does the reality of Jesus taking your place affect your view of your own sin? Of God's love for you? Consider areas in your life where you might be holding onto guilt or shame. How does the truth of Christ's complete atonement speak to these areas? Take time to confess any lingering sin, accepting the full forgiveness and righteousness that Christ offers.

Day 5: Our Sympathetic High Priest

Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16, John 15:12-14

Devotional: Jesus is not a distant deity, but a compassionate High Priest who invites us into intimate relationship. His command to love others as He loved us is grounded in His own sacrificial example. As you reflect on these passages, consider the depth of Christ's love demonstrated on the cross. How does this challenge your own definition of love? Think about a difficult relationship or situation in your life. How might Jesus be calling you to demonstrate His kind of sacrificial love in this context? Spend time in prayer, asking for the strength and courage to love others as Christ loves you, and approach God's throne with confidence, knowing Jesus understands your every need.
