



## **BIBLE READING & PRAYER GUIDE**

*November 27-December 3*

### **SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

#### **Deuteronomy 4:9**

<sup>9</sup> Only be careful, and watch yourselves closely so that you do not forget the things your eyes have seen or let them slip from your heart as long as you live. Teach them to your children and to their children after them.

### **BIBLE READING PLAN AND GUIDE**

#### Daily Reading Schedule

**Day 1** – Psalm 78

**Day 2** – Judges 2:6-14

**Day 3** – Deuteronomy 4:9; 6

**Day 4** – Exodus 10:1-2; Joel 1:2-3

**Day 5** – Romans 1:16-17

**Day 6** – 2 Timothy 1:3-2:2

#### Bible Reading Guide

As you read these passages each day, ask yourself the corresponding questions:

**Day 1** – After re-reading our foundational passage from Sunday, summarize the principles found in verses 4-8. (Try to do it without referring to any notes you may have taken).

**Day 2** – This description of God's people should strike great concern within us as we look to future generations. What concerns do you see (within you or culture) that would result in generations who follow after you turning away from God.

**Day 3** – Moses is preparing the Israelites to enter the Promised Land. Whose responsibility is it to pass along the principles of God to the next generation? How are you doing? Since you are still breathing (I hope), what will you do today carry it out?

**Day 4** – The focus is for multiple future generations to have confidence in and to trust in God? What decisions do you foresee our church needs to make, and you need to make for your family, to best position future generations to glorify God?

**Day 5** – Could it be said of you that you are ashamed of God because you have not passed on the torch of God's word to your children? Have you hidden God's word from this? What now?

**Day 6** – Timothy gives a great example of how to pass along one's faith. Since you have a responsibility to make disciples, who can you begin with to pass your faith along to intentionally, clearly, passionately, and boldly?

### **PRAY FOR LIVES AND CHURCH**

In part 3 of our study, "Learning to Be a Courageous Father," we discovered our responsibility to pass along our faith to following generations. Pray this week that God would deepen a selfless attitude in us so that we continually pass our faith on to future generations. Pray that we would do whatever it would require so that our great-grandchildren who trust in and glorify God.

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for **the Cold Weather Shelter**. It is the CWS season that is loaded with countless opportunities to BE the church. Pray for our church family to seize every opportunity God has for us the next three months, and pray for our coordinators (Tom, Julie, and Scott)

## PRAY FOR LOCAL

**Focus: Ray of Hope Ministry – wheelchair ramp ministry of Northwest Florida**

**Local Church:** Midway Baptist Church; Pastor Dennis Brunet

**Day 1:** Praise God that RoH was able to complete their 300<sup>th</sup> ramp this past July.

**Day 2:** Pray that donations would continue to be supplied so they can serve more needy individuals in Northwest Florida.

**Day 3:** Pray for additional volunteers and groups to step up to reach the demand for ramps.

**Day 4:** Pray for Midway Baptist Church that they would continually seek appropriate means to reach their community for Christ.

**Day 5:** Pray for MBC's *Upward* Recreation Program as it uses Basketball and Cheerleading to reach families in Gulf Breeze/ Navarre.

**Day 6:** Pray today for Pastor Dennis and also for his wife Rebekah.

## PRAY FOR GLOBAL

**Partner:** This week we are praying for the country of Turkey

The barriers of intense prejudice, mistrust and dislike of Christianity can appear insurmountable, as a deep resistance toward Christian influences persists and even grows. Pray for the following negative elements to be broken down:

**Day 1: Historical.** Turkey's long association with Islam and more than a millennium of bitter wars with "Christian" Europe make conversion appear almost an act of treason.

**Day 2: Cultural and legal.** To be a Turk is to be a Muslim, even if only nominally so. Family pressure, police intimidation and threats from Turkish nationalists and Muslim extremists keep many from coming to Christ, while forcing others to remain secret believers. It is illegal to "insult Turkishness", a law with hazy definitions and therefore subject to abuse. A few Christian converts from Islam now involved in evangelism have been legally tried for such "crimes".

**Day 3: Fixed attitudes.** Among the general public, a deep-seated resistance to all things Christian makes any form of witnessing difficult. Pray for radical change in public attitudes and in press coverage of Christians.

**Day 4: Biased understandings and deliberate disinformation.** Evangelical Christians are associated with the Crusades, the Inquisition, marginal cults such as the JW's, imperialistic policies and the moral compromises of Western nations. Sensational articles in the press and biased television programs spread untruths about Christians, further inflaming public opinion. Muslim misconceptions about Christian life and teaching present another major barrier.

**Day 5: The historical legacy of harsh suppression of the Armenian minority.** Turbulence and political instability during the collapse of the Ottoman Empire before and during World War I brought about widespread violence, including the massacre and deportation of the majority of Armenians. Millions of Armenians suffered and perished during that time. Pray that the cloud of prejudice and darkness might be lifted and that many might find joy and peace in the forgiveness offered by the Lord Jesus. Turkey's handling of the historicity of these events continually affects its image and relations abroad.

**Day 6: The ancient churches** survived until the beginning of the 20th Century, but have since been nearly wiped out by massacres (Armenians), severe persecution (Assyrians) and emigration (Greeks, etc). Pray for the remnant that survives – for a re-kindling of faith and a work of the Holy Spirit. Numbers have been reduced to an estimated 130,000 across 12 different traditions.

## URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS

- Continue to pray for Harold Lloyd as he recovers from severe lung sickness.
- Pray for Lee Johnson as he recovers from a heart procedure on 11/23
- Pray for volunteers to continue to sign up for this cold weather shelter season.
- Pray for our Personnel Team as they seek God's direction on our next Music Minister.