THE GOSPEL OF

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- Week 14 -



DAY 1: SELAH

Think on These Things

READ:

John 4:43-54 (ESV): After the two days he departed for Galilee. (For Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own hometown.) So when he came to Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him, having seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the feast. For they too had gone to the feast.

So he came again to Cana in Galilee, where he had made the water wine. And at Capernaum there was an official whose son was ill. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee. he went to him and asked him to come down and heal his son, for he was at the point of death. So Jesus said to him, "Unless you see signs and wonders you will not believe." The official said to him, "Sir, come down before my child dies." Jesus said to him, "Go; your son will live." The man believed the word that Jesus spoke to him and went on his way. As he was going down, his servants met him and told him that his son was recovering. So he asked them the hour when he began to get better, and they said to him, "Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him." The father knew that was the hour when Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." And he himself believed, and all his household. This was now the second sign that Jesus did when he had come from Judea to Galilee.

DAY 1: SELAH

Think on These Things

PREPARE:

Practice silence and solitude for a few minutes; reflect on the passage.

JOURNAL:

1. What word or phrase stands out to you in the passage today? Why does the word or phrase stand out to you?

2. Tell God what you're thankful for today and what you're thankful for about Him.

PRAY:

What from this week's passage can you pray for yourself and for others?

DAY 2: COMMUNION

Growing Closer to Jesus

READ:

John 4:43-54 (CSB): After two days he left there for Galilee. (Jesus himself had testified that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) When they entered Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him because they had seen everything he did in Jerusalem during the festival. For they also had gone to the festival. He went again to Cana of Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a certain royal official whose son was ill at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had come from Judea into Galilee, he went to him and pleaded with him to come down and heal his son, since he was about to die. Jesus told him, "Unless you people see signs and wonders, you will not believe."

"Sir," the official said to him, "come down before my boy dies."

"Go," Jesus told him, "your son will live." The man believed what Jesus said to him and departed. While he was still going down, his servants met him saying that his boy was alive. He asked them at what time he got better. "Yesterday at one in the afternoon the fever left him," they answered. The father realized this was the very hour at which Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." So he himself believed, along with his whole household.

Now this was also the second sign Jesus performed after he came from Judea to Galilee.

DAY 2: COMMUNION

Growing Closer to Jesus

PREPARE:

Practice silence and solitude for a few minutes.

The parable of the Sower teaches us that the quality of soil impacts harvest. Silence and Solitude prepares the soil of our hearts so that the Word can take root in our lives.

JOURNAL:

1. What word or phrase stands out to you in the passage today? Why does the word or phrase stand out to you?

a. Is there something that you noticed that you didn't the day before by rereading the passage in a new translation?

2. How does this passage speak to your current day to day circumstances?

3. Keeping in mind what you have learned about God, how can your communion with God grow? What habits in your life hinder growth in your relationship with God?

PRAY:

Ask God to help you develop habits that foster intimacy with God.

DAY 3: CHARACTER

Who I Am

READ:

John 4:43-54 (NLT): At the end of the two days, Jesus went on to Galilee. He himself had said that a prophet is not honored in his own hometown. Yet the Galileans welcomed him, for they had been in Jerusalem at the Passover celebration and had seen everything he did there. As he traveled through Galilee, he came to Cana, where he had turned the water into wine. There was a government official in nearby Capernaum whose son was very sick. When he heard that Jesus had come from Judea to Galilee, he went and begged Jesus to come to Capernaum to heal his son, who was about to die. Jesus asked, "Will you never believe in me unless you see miraculous signs and wonders?" The official pleaded, "Lord, please come now before my little boy dies." Then Jesus told him, "Go back home. Your son will live!" And the man believed what Jesus said and started home.

While the man was on his way, some of his servants met him with the news that his son was alive and well. He asked them when the boy had begun to get better, and they replied, "Yesterday afternoon at one o'clock his fever suddenly disappeared!" Then the father realized that that was the very time Jesus had told him, "Your son will live." And he and his entire household believed in Jesus. This was the second miraculous sign Jesus did in Galilee after coming from Judea.

DAY 3: CHARACTER

Who I Am

PREPARE:

Practice silence and solitude for a few minutes. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

JOURNAL:

1. What word or phrase stands out to you in this passage today? Why does the word or phrase stand out to you?

a. Is there something that you noticed that you didn't the day before by rereading the passage in a new translation?

2. What character traits do you see in Jesus?

a. Take a few moments to thank Jesus for being so (fill in the character trait).

b. Spend a few moments thinking of how important/ relevant the character trait(s) you see in Jesus are to your life and your current circumstances and relationships.

3. What might this passage reveal about your spiritual maturity or how does it speak your character (in contrast to Jesus' character)?

PRAY:

1. Thank God for how he has changed you more into who He is.

2. Ask God to help you develop habits that foster transformation of your character (aligning your character to that of Jesus).

DAY 4: COMMUNITY

Those Around Me

READ:

John 4:43-54 (NKJV): After the two days he left for Galilee. (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there. Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

"Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

"Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed.

This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee.

DAY 4: COMMUNITY

Those Around Me

PREPARE:

Practice silence and solitude for a few minutes. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

JOURNAL:

1. What word or phrase stands out to you in this passage today? Why does the word or phrase stand out to you?

a. Is there something that you noticed that you didn't the day before by rereading the passage in a new translation?

2. What might this passage reveal about your relationship to your community? (Church, friends, colleagues, classmates, teammates, family members, neighbors, the lost, etc.)

3. With this in mind, how might you strengthen your Community with others?

PRAY:

Ask God to help you develop habits that foster transformation in how you relate to your church family, friends, work, school, home, and neighbors (feel free to pray about specific relationships).

DAY 5: COMMISSION

To Go and Be Salt and Light

READ:

John 4:43-54 (NIV): After the two days he left for Galilee. (Now Jesus himself had pointed out that a prophet has no honor in his own country.) When he arrived in Galilee, the Galileans welcomed him. They had seen all that he had done in Jerusalem at the Passover Festival, for they also had been there. Once more he visited Cana in Galilee, where he had turned the water into wine. And there was a certain royal official whose son lay sick at Capernaum. When this man heard that Jesus had arrived in Galilee from Judea, he went to him and begged him to come and heal his son, who was close to death.

"Unless you people see signs and wonders," Jesus told him, "you will never believe." The royal official said, "Sir, come down before my child dies."

"Go," Jesus replied, "your son will live." The man took Jesus at his word and departed. While he was still on the way, his servants met him with the news that his boy was living. When he inquired as to the time when his son got better, they said to him, "Yesterday, at one in the afternoon, the fever left him." Then the father realized that this was the exact time at which Jesus had said to him, "Your son will live." So he and his whole household believed. This was the second sign Jesus performed after coming from Judea to Galilee. DAY 5: COMMISSION

To Go and Be Salt and Light

PREPARE:

Practice silence and solitude for a few minutes. Invite the Holy Spirit to guide your time.

JOURNAL:

1. What word or phrase stands out to you in this passage today? Why does the word or phrase stand out to you?

a. Is there something that you noticed that you didn't the day before by rereading the passage in a new translation?

2. How might this passage encourage you to live on mission for God (Commission)?

PRAY:

1. Ask God to help you develop the habit of dependence on the Holy Spirit (His power and direction) in the great commission.

2. Ask the Holy Spirit to give the church a passion for the mission of God/making disciples.

3. Ask the Holy Spirit to transform your heart to be more like Jesus, full of compassion and love for the lost.

LOOK BACK

Reflect on This Past Week

1. Express your thankfulness for who God is - His love and Care for you.

2. Information without application will never produce transformation. What is your main takeaway this week that God wants you to apply in your life?

3. How did you encounter, meet, or hear from God this week?

4. Share your encounter with someone.