

# **Bible Reading & Prayer Guide**

## ***January 23-28***

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### **SCRIPTURE MEMORY**

#### **1 Thessalonians 4:7**

<sup>7</sup>For God did not call us to be impure, but to live a holy life. <sup>8</sup>Therefore, he who rejects this instruction does not reject man but God, who gives you his Holy Spirit.

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

#### **Daily Reading Schedule**

**Day 1** – Colossians 3:1-17

**Day 2** – 1 Thessalonians 4:1-8

**Day 3** – Matthew 5:28-30

**Day 4** – 1 John 2:6-7; Matthew 5:8

**Day 5** – 2 Timothy 4:3-4; James 4:1-3

**Day 6** – Psalm 51

#### **Bible Reading Guide**

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

**Day 1** – Are there areas of your life that you are beginning to see you need to put to death but are still alive?

**Day 2** – How is embracing lust a sign of unbelief?

**Day 3** – God takes lust seriously. Evaluate how you handle lust. Do you allow it to hang around? Rate yourself on an intensity scale of 1-10 (10 being willing to gouge out my eye or cut off my hand).

**Day 4** – This world's appetite (cravings) are not of God. What are some things our world says are natural cravings but are impure before God? Are any of those things in your life needing to be removed? Ask someone this week to help you remove them.

**Day 5** – These two passages reveal how lust can make their way into relationship in the church. What are some specific ways lust (not just sexual) can affect the church and what can we do (you do) beginning

this week to prevent it

**Day 6** – This was the prayer of David after his sin with Bathsheba. Use this as a guide to assist in putting any lust in your life to death.

### **Pray For Lives and Church**

As we journey ahead on our *chiseled* path we come to the topic of lust. Pray this week that FHBC would embrace the holiness of God in a culture that glorifies lust and passion. Pray that all of us would take a hard and practical look at our life to identify any lust or evil desires and then “put it to death.”

In praying for ministries/people this week, pray for our **Courageous Fathers**. On Sunday a group of men chose to give their lives courageously to be men of God – men who will lead their families to honor God. Pray for them to have the courage to make hard decisions and to leverage their life to rise up the next generation to be lovers of God. Pray for them to have daily wisdom and the character that being a courageous father demands.

### **PRAY FOR LOCAL**

**Focus:** Covenant Hospice

**Local Church:** Billory Baptist Church; Pastor Doug Gilmore

**Day 1:** Pray for the nurses and continuous care givers as they serve clients and their families during a sensitive time.

**Day 2:** Pray for the hospice chaplains as they use sensitive opportunities to share the gospel with families – many of who do not know Jesus.

**Day 3:** Pray for hospice administrators to have much wisdom as they coordinate limited resources with large needs.

**Day 4:** Pray that the burden for prayer would increase within the hearts of BBC members.

**Day 5:** Pray for BBC to continually know how to minister in the ever-changing military and tourism community of Navarre.

**Day 6:** Pray for Pastor Doug Gilmore (wife Deborah) as he leads BBC to reach to Navarre community.

### **PRAY FOR GLOBAL**

**Partner:** This week we are praying for Hot Spots within the Americas

**Day 1:** Say a prayer for the growth of evangelicals in Latin America in the last century, especially the last generation, is spectacular. In 1900, evangelicals numbered about 700,000, or 1% of the population (only about 200,000 of these being in Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries). By 2010, they reached 91 million, or 16.8% of the population.

**Day 2:** Pray for Christians to address the environmental degradation and exploitation which have a direct and tragic impact on Amerindian peoples and indirectly on the entire world. Biblical stewardship of natural resources is a theological imperative.

**Day 3:** Among the 21 countries in Central and South America, 97 least-reached peoples remain, from the 50.9% of the population of Guyana in 5 least-reached groups to the 15.4% of Brazil’s population in 46 different

people groups, to the more than 600,000 Jews in Argentina, their remaining least-reached people.

**Day 4:** Ask God that every new believer would exercise the gifts He has given them to encourage other believers and to share the gospel with others who have not yet heard.

**Day 5:** Pray that every new believer immediately shares with those around him the hope within him in Jesus and becomes a disciple-maker.

**Day 6:** Pray for God to place righteous leaders in power that rule justly and that God gives favor to believers trying to minister, that they may live quiet lives in all godliness and see His kingdom coming on earth.

### **URGENT NAMES AND NEEDS**

- Pray for the Pastor and Personnel Team as they prayerfully search for our next minister of music.
- Pray for our students to apply the truths they have just learned in DiscipleNow this past weekend.
- Pray for Barbara Smith, Candace Nall and their family in the passing of their mother/ grandmother Betty McCurley-Work
- Pray for Ashley King (cousin of Tommy Dobbs) with terminal cancer.
- Pray for the homeless and the heatless during the winter and those who are truly seeking to get on their feet.
- Pray for Kohlton James (great-grandson of Red James) who is 2 ½ years old with numerous tumors.
- Pray for Ray Parks (Brother of Julie Griffin)
- Additional People to pray for : Joe Nobles James Beasley, Dana Kaneales, Beverly Roller, Paul Stamount