

Day 1

Hannah Scanlon - WCC

Read

Psalm 145:7-13 They celebrate your abundant goodness and joyfully sing of your righteousness, the Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, He has compassion on all He has made. All your works praise you, Lord; your faithful people extol you. They tell of the glory of your kingdom, and speak of your might, so that all people may know your mighty acts, and the glorious splendor of your kingdom. Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and your dominion endures through all generations.

Think

- Have you found yourself feeling like you “deserve” to feel a certain way recently?
- Has anger, stress, anxiety or sadness been taking over?
- Is there something about yourself that normally you can kinda “hide” from yourself, that is very apparent since you can’t just stay busy during this season?

Reflect

In seasons where we find ourselves not being able to just be busy, we might find ourselves realizing that being slow to anger or being rich in love is harder to find. I don't find myself praising Him for His good works in this season. I don't find myself speaking of His might and the splendor of His Kingdom, but rather how upset or confused I am. Some of those personality traits that we can hide from ourselves when we are busy are more present in this time. God wants to use this season to grow you and prune your branches. How can we start to not get frustrated about those personality traits we don't like. Instead, we can ask God to help us be less angry, have less self pity, or even ask for Him to help show us the ways He wants to grow us during this time. What feelings do we need to start to validate, but not turn into “deserving” to feel a certain way? Let's be a generation of people who see our attitude and feelings as valid, but not deserved. We truly don't deserve anything, Jesus chose to give us what we don't deserve. Which was himself.

Pray

Lord, thank you that you paid the ultimate price for me. I want to lean into what you might be teaching me in this season. Would you help me have an open heart to what you might be trying to show me? Help me to be slow to anger, and rich in love. Lord, help point out those characteristics or personality traits that I don't like, help me not feel insecure or ashamed of those. But instead replace that with a desire to change. I am so thankful for you this season.

Day 2

Dayne Scanlon - WCC

Read

Ephesians 2:12-13

Remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

Think

Paul is reminding the church in Ephesus of the meaning of the resurrection, and their calling in light of the cross. Because of what Jesus has done ALL people are allowed to participate in the life changing work of the gospel. Through Jesus, we all have a claim to the throne of God, and the Holy Spirit can live freely within us.

My worry for myself is, I often do not live like this is true in my life. I often live in a way that would indicate that I think I deserve what Jesus did on the cross, rather than responding gratitude for God's gift of salvation, through obedience and submission to His will for me. For me this means I often want grace for myself, but judgement for others. Entitlement breeds arrogance in our lives, and when we view ourselves as better than others, we are unable to serve them like Jesus is calling us to.

Apply

My challenge for you today is to take some time to reflect on God's goodness- and that he would reveal to you how to glorify him today.

Spend some time reflecting on your life, and how you've been living this past week in light of what God had done for you.

If you need to, write a prayer of repentance to God, and ask that he would reinvigorate you with the purpose he's given you to live out His mission.

Pray

God,

While I was far from you, you came near to me. Even in my rebellion, you made a way for me. Thank you for trusting me, for loving me, and for sending your son Jesus to die for me. I have not earned your grace, but you give it freely. Help me live today in a way that honors what you've done for me, and help that lifestyle spread to those around me. Amen.

Day 3

Jacqui Miranda - BCC

Read

James 1:3-5 NLT *For you know that when your faith is TESTED, your endurance HAS A CHANCE TO GROW. SO LET IT GROW, for when your endurance is fully DEVELOPED, you will be perfect and complete, needing nothing. IF YOU NEED wisdom, ASK our generous God, and HE WILL GIVE it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking.*

Think

I was encouraged that in all of my internal struggles I battle with: my struggle with my flesh, the weakness of my faith, the battle in my mind and the demands of my circumstances... God is growing and maturing character and fruitfulness in me and helping me know Him more and more.

I am not alone in the battle and struggle of my body and mind. God is WITH ME and he lives IN ME.

He is my company. He is my victory. He is power, grace and peace.

And He wants me to SPECIFICALLY and honestly ask, using the name of Jesus, for what I need, believing that He cares for me and will give me what I need.

Reflect

You are not alone. You are empowered. You are led. It is hard. It appears to be never ending. It is stretching. It is breaking... But it's also building and growing. And our Heavenly Father wants to give you what you need today so that YOU CAN overcome, endure and grow.

Pray

God, thank you that you are with me and in me. Thank you that when I feel alone, tested, stretched and overwhelmed, you give me what I need to overcome, endure, grow and know you more. Help me be aware of what I need, so I can specifically ask and receive from you, in Jesus name.

Day 4

Chrissy Davis - HCC

Read

Romans 5:8 *God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

Think

God loved you so much that he sent Jesus to rescue you when you were at your lowest point.

Reflect

In this stay at home season, our relationships with others and with ourselves has been put under a microscope. Things that we may find unlovely about ourselves are becoming very obvious. Remember Jesus came to redeem those unlovely things. So when you start to feel less than lovely, confess that sin to Jesus and ask Him to transform your heart.

Pray

Jesus thank you for loving me when I was unlovely. I confess my sin to you and ask that you would change my heart and my behaviour to be more like you. I love you. Amen.

Day 5

Dan Self - WCC

Read

Psalm 37:37

“Consider the blameless, observe the upright; a future awaits those who seek peace.”

Think

Here, this Psalm compares blamelessness (righteousness) with the desire to seek peace. If you’ve ever heard the term “burning bridges”, you know it refers to the idea that someone sowed enough discord in a relationship that there is now no way for that person to make things right.

As followers of Jesus, we are not ones who burn bridges but we are ones who build, mend, and repair bridges.

Those who seek peace in relationships have a future because they have spent their time and energy *building*, and therefore they will have roads and bridges to travel in the future.

Reflect/Apply

“Seeking peace” doesn’t just mean making things right in relationships when things are haywire, but it means *constantly* cultivating peace in all relationships.

What does peace look like in your closest relationships?

Are you actively seeking peace, or are you letting things fester until it gets bad enough?

Who can repair/build/rebuild a relational bridge with this week? I’d imagine that it starts with your family.

Pray

Lord, you have shown us what building bridges looks like, because we deserved death and you came to us anyway and made a way for us to have peace in our relationship with you. We humbly ask that you guide us and lead us to do the same.