

# Weekly Bible Readings

May 24-30

Sunday – Read Genesis 12:1-6

What did God's presence in his life mean for Abraham? What adjustments would be happening in their lives?

But pay particular attention to the last half of verse 3. Someone from Abraham's line would be a blessing to *all* of the nations of the earth. Who is the final fulfillment of that promise?

Has there been a time in your life when you have *not* spoken of God or His will because you were worried how it might affect your relationship with people? Looking at how God used Abraham and Sarah, how might their story affect how you handle those times when God calls you to do something uncomfortable?

Monday – Read Exodus 3:1-12

What did God's presence in his life mean for Moses? How would his life be different from now on? What *had* he been doing, compared to what he *will* do?

Has God ever asked you to give up a seemingly settled, comfortable life? If He does, He has *His* purpose in mind. For what purpose was God using Moses (verse 7)?

What does this say about our own attitude regarding our discomfort for the sake of others?

Tuesday – Read Joshua 1:1-9

What did God's presence in his life mean for Joshua? How had Joshua's life just changed?

Has your life ever thrust you into taking on a new role? Perhaps an uncomfortable one?

What resource does God give Joshua in verses 3 and 5?

What resource does God give His people in verse 8?

How might you remind yourself to meditate and pray on the Word of God in trying times?

Wednesday – Read Judges 6:1-16

What did God's presence in his life mean for Gideon? Why might this word have been difficult for him to believe?

What does God call you? Is this always easy to believe?

Yet, Who really has the final word on who we are and what we will become?

Thursday – Read Jeremiah 1:1-10

What did God's presence in his life mean for Jeremiah? What was Jeremiah's specific concern about his abilities?

What areas of service have you put off trying, because you were worried it just wouldn't work? What areas might you be able to help?

Jeremiah's call was to bring some really bad news to God's people... But note the final two purposes for Jeremiah (at the end of verse 10). Sometimes what we have to say seems like bad news to our hearers at first. But what is God's *final* word to those who believe in Jesus?

Friday – Read Luke 1:26-38 and Matthew 1:18-25

What did God's presence in their lives mean for Mary and Joseph? How was life going to be different?

In what areas has God called you to trust in Him?

In what way would following Jesus require you to give up a 'normal' life? In what way does God call your life to look a little different from everyone else's? Where does such strength come from?

Saturday – Read Philippians 2:1-15

What does the Church look like when God's presence is active (read especially verse 3)? How is life different?

Challenge yourself this week to encourage one brother or sister. Give them a "great job," or a message of appreciation (We're not keeping score. But if we were, you would get bonus points if it's someone you've never encouraged before!).