

LIFE OF JESUS READING PLAN

Our Video Devos are on summer break until Labor Day. Instead, join as we read through the life of Christ! Download the bookmark with daily readings at tlc.org/LifeOfJesus or pick one up at the Info desk. This week's readings:

Reading 11: John 3:1-26. What is the way to eternal life, according to verses 15-18? How is this simpler than many people think?

Reading 12: John 4:1-42. What do you learn about sharing your faith from Jesus' example?

Reading 13: John 4:45-54. When has God answered a prayer for you in an astounding or miraculous way?

Reading 14: Mark 1:16-39. If Jesus needed to go off to a solitary place to pray, even if it meant not meeting everyone's expectations of him, what does this imply for you?

Reading 15: Luke 5. What do you learn about the heart of Jesus in these stories?



BRINGING OUT THE BEST IN OTHERS

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People I'd like to build up:

Therefore **encourage** each other... 1 Thess. 4:18

Therefore **encourage** one another and build each other up...
1 Thess. 5:11

We urge you, brothers and sisters, **encourage** the timid...
1 Thess. 5:14

Seven habits of highly encouraging people:

1. Expect _____

For what is our hope, our joy, our crown in which we will glory in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ when he comes? Is it not you? Indeed, **you are our glory and joy!** 1 Thess. 2:19-20

"I have great confidence in you; I take great pride in you. I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds." 2 Cor. 7:4

"I am glad I can have complete confidence in you!" 2 Cor. 7:16

Question: Am I expecting the _____ or the _____ from the people in my life?



2. Explain _____

We sent Timothy... to encourage you... **so that no one would be upset by these trials**. You now quite well that **we were destined for them**. In fact, when we were with you, **we kept telling you that we would be persecuted**. And it turned out that way, as you well know. 1 Thess. 3:2-5

3. Expose _____

Timothy has just now come to us from you and has brought good news about your **faith and love**... therefore, brothers, in all our distress and persecution we were encouraged about you because of your **faith**. 1 Thess. 3:6,7

4. Express _____

For now we really live, since you are standing firm in the Lord. How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy we have in the presence of God because of you? 1 Thess. 3:8,9

Why don't we do this?

- We're _____
- We're _____
- We're _____

Three keys to praise practiced here by Paul:

- Be _____
- Be _____
- Put it _____

5. Excel _____

Night and day we **pray** most earnestly that we may see you again... 1 Thess. 3:10

6. Excite _____

May the Lord strengthen your hearts so that you will be **blameless and holy** in the presence of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus comes with all his holy ones. 1 Thess. 3:12a, 13

7. Exhibit _____

May the Lord make your love increase and overflow for each other and for everyone else, **just as ours does for you**. 1 Thess. 3:12

RESOURCES

Many messages and books I've read on the power of encouragement have contributed insights to this sermon, including sermons by Rick Warren and John Maxwell.



NEXT WEEKEND

BASIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR LIFE

If you had to communicate the most important things to know about living a great life in 22 words or less, what would you say? Don't miss next weekend as we look at Paul's instruction!

IN 2 WEEKS

HOPE FOR LIFE AFTER DEATH... AND BEYOND!

What happens when we die? What does it mean to believe "Jesus will return"? How does the Christian view of the future and the afterlife encourage you in your daily life?