

Paul's Mission

Day One – Difficult Mission

Today's reading: Page 407 through break on page 416

This reading covers: Acts 13-18

Summary: Misunderstood and jailed God promises to be with Paul.

Consider this:

Paul's sufferings brought greater ministry, and his ministry came with greater sufferings. Note the sufferings of Paul as he continued on his missionary journeys.

What sufferings have you endured since receiving Jesus Christ? What does Paul say helped him endure, which can also help you endure?

For further reading: 2 Corinthians 11:23-28; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10

Prayer:

Father, I know that life is not going to be easy. I understand that there will be difficult times. But thank you that you will be with me through all things. Use difficult situations help me grow. I pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Two – Living and Waiting

Today's reading: Break on page 416 through break on page 423

This reading covers: Acts 18-19; 1 Thessalonians 1-5

Summary: 1 Thessalonians helps us know how to live today as we wait for Jesus' return.

Consider this:

The church of the Thessalonians was a baby church but already had displayed itself as a model for others. What main points did Paul bring out in his praises of this church? How can we emulate those same qualities in our own ministry? What words of Paul comfort you when he speaks of the return of Christ? What are the various instructions Paul gives as we await Christ's return?

For further reading: 2 Peter 3:10-18

Prayer:

Thank you for your word. Thank you that it shows me how to live day-to-day. Give me a desire for your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Day Three – The Teacher

Today's reading: Break on page 423 through end of chapter

This reading covers: Romans; 1 Corinthians; Galatians

Summary: Paul was a great teacher God used to help his people know how to live.

Consider this:

As Paul addressed each church, he focused on different areas that needed instruction or encouragement. Consider the following themes in his writings and relate them to your own life and service in the church:

Flee from sexual immorality (1 Corinthians 6:18)

Find your gift and use it (Romans 12:4-8)

Be wary of those preaching another gospel (Galatians 1:6-9)

Stand firm in your faith (1 Corinthians 16:13-14)

Be led by the Spirit of God (Galatians 5:16-26)

Offer yourself as a living sacrifice (Romans 12:1-2)

For further reading: Colossians 3:15-17

Prayer:

Jesus, use your word to change my life. Keep me close to you as I spend time in the Bible. May your truth sink deeply into my heart. In Jesus' name, Amen.