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DAILY STUDY GUIDE

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"NEED TO KNOW"

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- 1 Samuel 12:24,
- Ecclesiastics 12:13,
- Acts 17:27,
- Ephesians 2:10,
- Colossians 1:17,
- Revelation 4:11

What about Suffering?

- Psalms 34:19
- John 16:33
- Romans 5:3-5
- 2 Timothy 3:12
- James 1:2-4
- 1 Peter 4:12-19
- Revelation 21:4

kNOw Rules

- Matthew 28:18
- Acts 5:29
- Romans 13:1
- Philppians 2:10-11
- 1 Timothy 5:17
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- 1 Peter 2:18-20
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Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

Week 1: Why Am I Here?

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27

So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

(Day 1) April 2: Colossians 1:16-23

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 16 what are some things that Jesus created?

Question for Journaling: In verse 17 the apostle Paul says, "He existed before anything else, and he **holds** all creation **together**." In other words, without Jesus, the world and everything in it could not exist and without Jesus everything would cease to exist. How does knowing that Jesus created all things, including you, change the way you see your life?

KEY CONCEPT

HOLDS TOGETHER:

1. PRESS TOGETHER
2. CONFINE
3. PRESS ON EVERY SIDE

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 1 Notes (Colossians 1:16-23)

Week 1: Why Am I Here?

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27

So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

(Day 2) April 3: Psalms 139:1-24

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 17 how often does God think about you? Why do you think this is?

Question for Journaling: In verse 16 King David says, "You saw me before I was born. Every day of my life was recorded in your book. Every moment was laid out before a single day had passed." There is no other person that knows you more than God does. God knows everything about you, such as your worries, desires, emotions, etc., and yet He wants to be a part of your life. How does this verse encourage you to allow God to walk with you through every moment in your life?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 1: Why Am I Here?

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27

So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

(Day 3) April 4: Ephesians 2:1-10

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 3, what is God angry over? Why do you think this is?

Question for Journaling: In verse 10 the Apostle Paul says, "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago." In other words, God created you to do good things for Him and He has specifically laid those plans down for your life as it pleases Him. However, it is up to you to walk in the plans God has established for your life. Given this, what are some of the plans that God has given to you now that you should walk in? How have these plans shown you the godness and kindness of God?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

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(Day 4) April 5: 1 John 4:7-21

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 8, who is someone that truly knows God?

Question for Journaling: In verse 19 the Apostle John says, " We love each other because he loved us first." In other words, God created us for a love relationship with Him. God has loved us from the day we were born and will continue to show His love throughout our entire lives. In addition, we were not only created for a love relationship with God, but for each other. We are to love others because God loves us. Given this, what are somethings you can to do to grow your relationship with Jesus? Further, what is one thing you can do to show someone how much you love and care for them?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 1: Why Am I Here?

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27

So God created human beings in His own image. In the image of God He created them; male and female He created them.

(Day 5) April 6: Romans 8:18-30

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 19, what is God waiting to do?

Question for Journaling: In verse 28 the Apostle Paul says, "And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to His purpose for them." Not only were we created to be loved by God, but we were also created to love God. Given this, what are somethings you can do to show God you love Him?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 1 Notes (Romans 8:18-30)

Week 1: Why Am I Here?

Memory Verse: Genesis 1:27

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(Day 6) April 7: Ecclesiastics 12:8-13

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 14, what will God do each person?

Question for Journaling: In verse 13 King Solomon says, "That's the whole story. Here now is my final conclusion: **Fear** God and obey his commands, for this is everyone's duty." In other words, because we are the created and not the creator, we are to respect and honor God as the creator. One way we can do this is by obeying His commands for our life. Given this, which one is more important to you in your relationship with Jesus, your love for Him, or your respect to Him?

KEY CONCEPT

FEAR:

1. REVERENCE
2. RESPECT

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 2: What About Suffering?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

(Day 1) April 9: 2 Corinthians 1:3-11

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 4, why does God comfort us?

Question for Journaling: In verse 3 the Apostle Paul says, "All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all **comfort**." No matter

KEY CONCEPT

COMFORT

1. ENTREAT
2. ENCOURAGE
3. A CALL FOR

what mistakes we make or struggles we might face, Jesus is always merciful to forgive us of our sins, and comfort us back into his will and plans for our life. It is through the comfort of Jesus where we find true endurance, which leads us to become

more like Jesus and also causes our faith in Him to grow. Given this, how has the comfort of Jesus helped you to know Him better?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 2: What About Suffering?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

(Day 2) April 10: Romans 5:1-11

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 3-5, what do trials produce in our lives?

Question for Journaling: In verse 3 the Apostle Paul says, " We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance." Often times rejoicing seems like the last thing any person wants to do in midst of a trial, however, if it were not for trials, your relationship with Jesus could not grow. Per this, how have trials changed your life?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 2: What About Suffering?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3

All praise to God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is our merciful Father and the source of all comfort.

(Day 3) April 11: Romans 8:31-39

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 37, where does victory come from? What do you think this says about how much God loves you?

Question for Journaling: In verse 35 the Apostle Paul says "Can anything ever separate us from Christ's love? Does it mean he no longer loves us if we have trouble or calamity, or are persecuted, or hungry, or destitute, or in danger, or threatened with death." Paul answers his own question in verse 39 when he says, "No power in the sky above or in the earth below-indeed, nothing in all creation will ever be able to separate us from the love of God that is revealed in Christ Jesus our Lord." The things Paul mentions in verse 35 are to never keep us from Gods love but rather draw us to His love. When we are faced with trouble of any kind, Gods love is ready and willing to help us overcome it, but we must respond to it. Given this, how have you faced trials in the past? What can you do differently when new trials come your way?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

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(Day 4) April 12: 1 Peter 3:13-22

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 18, how did Jesus suffer when he was here on earth?

Question for Journaling: In verse 17 the Apostle Peter says, "17 Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong!" In other words, we never want to create our own suffering by sinning against God or someone else. Sin should never be done intentional and must be avoided at all costs. Given this, what are some things you can do to guard your heart from sin, so that you do not bring about the wrong kind of suffering?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



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Week 2 Notes (1 Peter 3:13-22)

Week 2: What About Suffering?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3

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(Day 5) April 13: Galatians 6:1-10

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 1 how are we to bring another believer back onto to the right path if they are overcome by sin?

Question for Journaling: In verse 2 the Apostle Paul says, "Share each other's **burdens**, and in this way obey the law of Christ." The law that Paul is referring to here is the law of loving our neighbor as ourselves. In

KEY CONCEPT

BURDEN

1. THE FREIGHT OF A SHIP

other words, when we see another believer who is burdened by trials or temptations, etc., we should not ignore it, but should do everything we can to help them not stumble in sin but remain faithful to God. Given this,

what are some things you can do to help someone who is faced with trouble? **(Cross Ref: Matthew 22:37)**

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



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Week 2 Notes (Galatians 6:1-10)

Week 2: What About Suffering?

Memory Verse: 2 Corinthians 1:3

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(Day 6) April 14: Philippians 3:1-11

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 9, how is one to become righteous from their sins?

Question for Journaling: In verse 10 the Apostle Paul says, "I want to know Christ and experience the mighty power that raised him from the dead. I want to suffer with him, sharing in his death." In other words, first, to know Jesus and experience His Holy Spirit, we must be saved. For instance, we receive the Holy Spirit when we ask Jesus to forgive our sins, repent from the sins of our life, and put our faith in trust in Jesus Christ. Second, to share in Christ's death, we must be willing to put to death our sinful nature in the same way Christ was crucified on the cross for the sins of the world. We must be willing to surrender our will for God's will, just as Jesus did. Given this, how have the trials of your life helped you to relate to the sufferings of Jesus in a way that you might know Him better?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 3: kNOw Rules

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

(Day 1) April 16: Matthew 9:1-7

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Why were the teachers of religious law calling blasphemy on Jesus?

Question for Journaling: In verse 6 Jesus says, "So I will prove to you that the Son of Man has the authority on earth to forgive sins." Then Jesus turned to the paralyzed man and said, "Stand up, pick up your mat, and go home!" If Jesus did not have the authority to forgive sins on earth, then there is no way this paralyzed man could get up and walk. Jesus validates His authority by showing the world who He is, in this example, as the forgiver of sin, and the healer. Jesus is willing to cleanse us from the sins that we have committed and give us a new life, if we are willing to repent from the sins of our life, ask His forgiveness, and put our trust in Him, but we have to be willing to come to Him by faith as these men did. Given this, how does knowing that Jesus will forgive you for all of your sins, encourage you to surrender your life to Him?

My Prayer



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(Day 2) April 17: Matthew 8:5-13

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Why didn't the Roman officer want Jesus to come over to his house?

Question for Journaling: In verse 8 and 9 we find out what the Roman officer believes in Jesus, when he says, "Just say the word from where you are, and my servant will be healed. I know this because I am under the authority of my superior officers, and I have authority over my soldiers. I only need to say, 'Go,' and they go, or 'Come,' and they come. And if I say to my slaves, 'Do this,' they do it." The Roman officer was identifying himself with Jesus as a man of authority, because he too is a man of authority. The Roman Officer understood and believed that Jesus could heal his servant with just a word because He has the authority to do so. Here we discover that Jesus words are of authority and power. How you respond to Gods authority in your life says everything about what you believe about Him. Per this, when you read God's word over your life, how do you respond to Him?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



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Week 3 Notes (Matthew 8:5-13)

Week 6: kNOw Rules

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

(Day 3) April 18: John 11:1-43

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 15, why was Jesus glad that He was not there to heal Lazarus from his illness?

Question for Journaling: In verses 25-27, Jesus says, "Jesus told her, "I am the **resurrection** and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" "Yes, Lord," she told him." Jesus makes it very clear that He is the resurrection and the life. He has the power to raise the dead from the grave and give them life. The resurrection of Lazarus proves Jesus authority over the grave. In what ways has Jesus resurrected your spiritual life?

KEY CONCEPT
RESURRECTION
1. A RISING AGAIN

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



Forgiveness for:

Week 3 Notes (John 11:1-43)

Week 6: kNOw Rules

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

(Day 4) April 19: 1 Peter 2:13-17

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 13-14, what is the purpose for human authority?

Question for Journaling: Throughout this passage we discover that human authority is provided and appointed by God and we must submit to the authority He has chosen. Given this, what are some ways you can show honor and respect to your government, cities, boss, supervisor, etc.?

My Prayer



Praise for:



Request for:



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Week 3 Notes (1 Peter 2:13-17)

Week 6: kNOw Rules

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

(Day 5) April 20: Acts 5:17-42

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: Per verse 25 what were the disciples doing?

Question for Journaling: In verse 29 Peter says, "But Peter and the apostles replied, "We must obey God rather than any human authority." In other words, the only time we are not to submit to the authority of man is when it puts us in a place where we are asked to violate Gods law and will for our lives. Given this, have you ever had to resist authority because it violated Gods law? What did you learn and how can you better prepare for the next time this happens?"

My Prayer



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Week 3 Notes (Acts 5:17-42)

Week 3: kNOw Rules

Memory Verse: Matthew 7:28-29

When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law.

(Day 6) April 21: Matthew 7:24-29

I learned from my reading today:

Going Deeper: What is the difference between the wise person and a foolish person?

Question for Journaling: In verse 28-29 Matthew says, "When Jesus had finished saying these things, the crowds were amazed at his teaching, for he taught with real authority—quite unlike their teachers of religious law." Given this, how have the words of Jesus changed your life?

My Prayer



Praise for:



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Week 3 Notes (Matthew 7:24-29)
