

PLAN 1: Making your faith more consistent/daily

21 days (roughly 25 minutes per day)

In this plan we will be looking at making your faith more consistent and daily. We will look at a few various verses at the beginning that illustrate the importance of an everyday faith that we participate in and don't lose sight of. After looking at the stories, we will take you through the story of the New Testament to see what Jesus and His followers (disciples and apostles) did in their daily lives and then you can apply these things to your daily life.

Day 1: Luke 9:23/Psalm 118:24/1 Thessalonians 4:12/Luke 11:3 then read the following COMMENTARY on the text: Luke 9:23: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me." - so it's whoever "wants" to be His disciples (by the way, He said this quote TO His disciples, which goes to show that being "saved" is worthless if you're not doing what He said and living for Him "daily"). The operative words here are "wants," "follow me," and "daily." Think about it. THIS is what it looks like to follow Christ and be His disciple. Psalm 118:24: "Today is the day that the Lord has made, I will rejoice and be glad in it." - so we are called to be glad, and that's nice, but notice the wording. "In it." Whatever EACH AND EVERYDAY brings, we are "in it." So be in "it," in that day. Don't focus on yesterday (the past) or tomorrow (the future) - you're not in it. You're in this day, each day that we face. And we are called to live "in" each day with gladness and Godliness, which we will look at in the reading in this plan. 1 Thessalonians 4:12: "Let your daily life may win the respect of outsiders." - so we are called not just to believe, but to live an everyday life that reaches others for Christ not by being loud or preachy, but by winning their respect, again through how we live our everyday lives, which we will look at in the reading in this plan. Luke 11:3: "Give us each day our daily bread." - so we are called to receive from God (whether it be the things He has for us, the things He wants us to do, whatever) on a "daily" basis. Not only this, but in this verse we are actually the ones asking God for daily bread. So take this approach. Reach out to Him daily and live for Him daily. We now turn to the Gospel of Matthew to see the life of Jesus and the things that He taught, in hopes that this will help you to live them out daily.

Day 2: Matthew 1-6

Day 3: Matthew 7-12

Day 4: Matthew 13-18

Day 5: Matthew 19-24

Day 6: Matthew 25-28 then read the following COMMENTARY on the text: Here we see the life of Jesus and the things He taught. I wanted to encourage you to follow through with the things that Jesus taught us in this reading - for example to "put the Word of God (the Bible) into practice" when we face hardships or temptations (the "storms of life", Matthew 7:24-27), or to

"not look lustfully at a (presumably spoken for, otherwise it wouldn't be adultery) woman" (likely goes both ways, Matthew 5:28). These are the things that the Bible teaches. Live them out and hopefully we'll meet in Heaven. Thanks for reading.

Day 7: Romans 1-8

Day 8: Romans 9-16

Day 9: 1 Corinthians 1-10

Day 10: 1 Corinthians 11-16

Day 11: 2 Corinthians 1-10

Day 12: 1 Corinthians 11-13, Galatians 1-6

Day 13: Ephesians 1-6, Philippians 1-4

Day 14: Colossians 1-4, 1 Thessalonians 1-5, 2 Thessalonians 1-3

Day 15: 1 Timothy 1-6, 2 Timothy 1-4, Titus 1-3, Philemon

Day 16: Hebrews 1-10

Day 17: Hebrews 11-13, James 1-5

Day 18: 1 Peter 1-5, 2 Peter 1-3, 1 John 1-2

Day 19: 1 John 3-5, 2 John, 3 John, Jude, Revelation 1-3

Day 20: Revelation 4-13

Day 21: Revelation 14-22 then read the following COMMENTARY on the text: Here we see the things taught by the followers of Jesus. The context is that Jesus had just died and rose from the grave, but there's 1 problem with all that (and we still face this problem today): we're still here, so now what? Someone had to take charge. God filled these authors with the Holy Spirit and instructed them in what they should teach and in what we should all follow. Paul wrote Romans-Philemon, the author of Hebrews is unknown (possibly Paul and certainly a New Testament Christian), James and Peter and John and Jude all wrote the books named after them, with John writing Revelation. These things that are written (for example to do everything - no matter what it is - to the glory of God, 1 Corinthians 10:31) are Biblical commands that we must follow in our everyday lives, just like with the things that Jesus taught us. So, between what Jesus taught, what these other books in the New Testament taught, and the other things in the Bible, I wanted to encourage you to live them out in your everyday life because, as

Revelation 20:15 points out, anyone that isn't written in Jesus's Book of Life will be thrown into the lake of fire eternally. Our names are in that Book because of what Jesus did on the cross, but now what? The way we live the rest of our lives, according to what we have read here in the Bible, will determine if our names are still there on that fateful Judgment Day. Remember: Jesus died to forgive ALL your sins, but you have to live for Him and not for sin. It's not a contradiction - He can forgive all your sins and you can still be thrown into Hell if you make no effort to live for Him in the daily. Let Revelation serve as a stern warning - live for God in everything. Thanks for reading.