



### **MONDAY, OCTOBER 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Read Jeremiah 31:18-20, a prophecy of God's love to Israel (Ephraim).

What impresses you most about God in this verse?

Replace the word Ephraim with your name and read the passage again.

How does it make you feel to be a child in whom God delights?

What reasons do you have to be ashamed and humiliated before the Lord?

Spend some time in prayer, bringing your sins to the Lord and repenting of those sins.

### **TUESDAY, OCTOBER 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Read the Parable of the Two Sons in Matthew 21:28-32.

What is the difference in behavior between the two sons?

What lessons can you draw from the parable?

Why was it easier for prostitutes and tax collectors to repent than religious people?

Humble yourself before the Lord and repent of the presence of pride in your life.

### **WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>**

Read Revelation 2:1-5, the letter of Jesus to the church at Ephesus.

What good things does Jesus say about this church?

What criticism does Jesus have for the church?

Explain how it is possible to be a hard worker for the Lord, yet to have fallen out of love with Him.

What are the things that you did at first? Think about a time when your love for Jesus was fresh. What types of things did you do?

Close your eyes and spend some quiet time with the Lord. Repent and renew your love for Him. Vow to serve Him from a motive of love rather than obligation.

### **THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25<sup>th</sup>**

Read Romans 2:1-5.

What is true of you when you pass judgment on the sins of another person?

Why has God been so kind and patient with us sinners (compare verse 4 with 2 Peter 3:9)?

Are there any sinful areas of your life where you have become stubborn and unrepentant? Name them. Write them down.

Now bring your stubborn sins to the Lord and ask Him to chisel away at the hardness of your heart. Pray for a spirit that does not judge others, but judges self.

## **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 26<sup>th</sup>**

Read Proverbs 28:13.

We have a tendency to hide our sin. What happens to those who hide their sins according to this verse? What reasons do you have for hiding your sin?

What is the difference between confessing your sin and renouncing your sin?

What sins have you confessed but not renounced?

John the Baptist called for “fruitful repentance.” Consider a way that you can confess, renounce and reverse a sin in order that you might produce fruit.

Talk to the Lord about any sin that remains in your life. Ask Him to reveal these hidden sins to you. Confess and renounce these sins before the Lord. Ask Him for a strategy to avoid them in days to come.

## **SATURDAY, OCTOBER 27<sup>th</sup>**

Review your thoughts from the devotions of the past week.

Write down:

A reason to praise God.

A sin to confess.

An observation to share at your Cottage Meeting.

A goal for the coming week.

Pray for spiritual awakening – for yourself and for our church body.