



WEEK SIX DEVOTIONS

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 12th

Read the calling of Jeremiah the Prophet found in Jeremiah 1:5-10

What impresses you about God in this passage?

How would you describe Jeremiah's response to the Lord's call? Have you ever felt this way in response to a task or position?

What does the Lord do in order to increase Jeremiah's confidence?

Reflect on the calling the Lord has placed on your life. What are the responsibilities he has given you that require His power?

Read verse 8 again, and apply it to your situation. What are you afraid of? Why do you need the Lord to rescue you?

Bring your fears to the Lord in prayer, and ask Him to give you the strength to fulfill your calling.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 13th

Read John 15:1-8.

What are the implications of your identity as a branch attached to the vine of Christ?

What is required in order for you to bear fruit as a productive branch?

What are you doing in order to remain in Christ? What have you done that separates you from the vine?

Verse 8 teaches us that fruitfulness is our main form of testimony as followers of Jesus. What fruit have you been producing that might lead others to know you are a follower of His?

Praise God for the life that flows from Him through you. Ask Him to make you more fruitful, that others may know you are His. Think of someone in your life who needs to know Jesus better. Pray for them by name.

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 14th

Read 2 Timothy 2:20-26.

What items in your home are used only on special occasions?

Verse 21 teaches that those who cleanse themselves of evil behavior are comparable to a valuable item used on special occasions? What types of special tasks does the Lord have for those who are set apart to Him?

Verses 22-25 list a number of behaviors, some positive, some negative. Mine this information for behaviors you should take seriously. Is there anything in particular that catches your attention? What can you do today to put this behavior into action in your life?

What attitudes are necessary when we get into disagreements with others? What difference might the proper attitude make according to the passage?

Think about how the Lord might be leading you to be His special instrument. In what areas is He leading you to serve Him? What attitudes and behaviors are needed for you to be His effective servant?

Pray for strength to be God's special instrument – set apart for His use.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15th

Read Philippians 2:12-16.

Verses 12 and 13 contain a paradox. We are told to work out our salvation in verse 12. Verse 13 tells us that God works in us in order to fulfill His purpose. We are to live as if it all depends on us, recognizing in the end that the Lord is the one doing all the work. Recall a time when you knew the Lord was working through you.

Why does Paul single out grumbling and arguing as negative responses to doing God's will? When have you been guilty of grumbling about the Lord's work? Why did you feel that way?

What allows believers to shine like stars in this world? How do your attitudes differ from those of others around you?

Verse 13 refers to the fulfillment of the Lord's good purpose through you. What do you understand to be the Lord's good purpose in your life?

Thank the Lord for including you in the accomplishment of His purposes. Pray that your actions and attitudes might cause you to shine like a star in this generation.

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16th

Read Isaiah 29:13-16.

This passage contains a strong indictment against Israel. The Lord accuses them of surface worship rather than heart worship? How can you tell the difference between someone who worships from the heart and someone who pays lip service? What motivation is there for lip worship?

Have you been guilty of worshiping with your lips? What will it take to truly worship the Lord from the heart?

The one who hides his plans from the Lord is also warned in this passage. Why do we hide our plans from the Lord or pretend that He cannot see? What is there to gain from living in darkness?

Verse 16 uses the metaphor of the potter and the clay to warn us that we should not try to tell God what we should do, but we should be pliable and formed by God. In what ways are you currently allowing the Lord to shape you? How have you changed form over the years due to the work of the Potter on your life? How do you anticipate Him changing you in the future?

The Lord has a purpose for your life that fits perfectly into His purpose for eternity. What are you doing to fulfill that purpose? Ask the Lord to reveal His plan to you, and submit yourself to Him as clay to the Potter.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17th

Review your thoughts from the devotions of the past week.

Write down:

A reason to praise God.

A sin to confess.

An important or interesting observation.

A goal for the coming week.

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