

Day One: Exodus 33:7-17

1. What was the purpose of the “tent of meeting” (7)? What appeared when Moses went into the tent (9)? How did the people respond (10)? Describe Moses’ interactions with the Lord (11). What were Moses’ petitions to God (12-13)? How did the Lord reply (14)? What did Moses want to accompany them (15)? Why (16)? What was the Lord’s response to Moses’ questions (17)?
2. Is there a special place that you go to in order to seek the Lord? Does your prayer life look similar to how a “man speaks to his friend?” If not, what steps can you take to have a more open and conversant relationship with God? When has God done “the very thing you have asked?” How can you alter your prayer language to vividly reflect the reality that the Lord often moves in response to our requests to Him?

Day Two: Matthew 12:22-29

1. What plagued the man whom Jesus healed (22)? How did the people react to the healing (23)? How did the Pharisees react (24)? In Jesus’ retort, what is said about divisions (25-26)? In verse 27, what question does Jesus ask the Pharisees? How did Jesus describe his ability to cast out demons (28)? Who does the “strong man” represent (29)? What are his possessions (29)?
2. When have your attempts to magnify Christ been met with opposition? How did you respond? When have you felt the kingdom of God come upon you? What must you do to more often experience God’s kingdom? How can you see to it that God’s kingdom also comes upon others? Ask the Holy Spirit how He wants to use you to bring God’s healing and truth to people.

Day Three: John 11:1-16

1. Who is Lazarus (1)? Who is Mary (2)? What message did she send to Jesus (3)? What did Jesus say about Lazarus’ illness (4)? Describe the puzzling paradox in verses 5-6. What do the daylight and the night represent in verses 9-10? What did Jesus mean when he says “Lazarus has fallen asleep” (11, 13-14)? What was the disciples’ understanding of his statement (12-13, 16)? Why do you think Jesus allowed Lazarus to die (15)?
2. In verse 3, Mary expresses a concern to God without demanding action. Do you approach the Lord with similar humility? Do you need to repent of any times you have acted as though God is no match for the dangers of this world? When have you questioned the Lord’s timing? Do you struggle to accept the truth that God’s delay is not always an outright denial? How would it help you to have the robust faith of Thomas, who followed the Lord even when he did not fully understand His actions?

Day Four: John 11:17-44

1. Where was Lazarus and what was happening when Jesus arrived (17-20)? Describe the conversation between Jesus and Martha in verses 21-27. Summarize Mary’s actions in verses 28-33. How would you describe the sisters’ feelings towards Jesus? What was Jesus’ emotional state (33, 35, 38)? How did the Jews respond (35-36)? What does faith allow us to see (40)? What did Jesus say to God (41-42)? What happened to Lazarus (43-44)? How is victory over death the ultimate expression of God’s glory?
2. Have you ever lost hope only to find that God comes through in even greater ways than you asked? How often do you share about these times? Ask the Holy Spirit for strength to remain faithful even when you cannot sense God’s presence. When do you sense that Jesus is “deeply moved” and troubled by the heartache you face in this life? If the Lord asked you to pray for someone to be raised from the dead, would you obey?

Day Five: Acts 14:8-18

1. Describe the condition of the man in Lystra (8). How did the Lord heal the man (9-10)? How did the crowds and the priests respond to the healing (11-13)? How did Paul and Barnabas’ react (14)? Summarize what they told the crowds in verses 15-17. What are the qualities of the living God (15-17)? Even without knowing Jesus, how does a person sense God’s goodness (17)? Why do you think the people persisted in believing that a source other than Jesus was responsible for the healing?
2. Instead of giving glory to God, when are you tempted to take credit for the good in your life? What do you do when others fail to identify Jesus as the source of healing and goodness? How does the Lord want to use you to proclaim the truth of God to someone?