WAIT FOR IT....

Easter 2020

Reading Plan

Day 1-

READ: John 20

REFLECT: Make a list of all the different emotions revealed in this chapter and then try to imagine yourself in one of these scenes. How would you feel? How would you respond to those feelings? Now reflect on your current situation. How are you feeling? How have you been responding?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In this chapter Jesus offers PEACE, PURPOSE and His PRESENCE to His followers. Choose one of those words as your word for this week and spend some time in prayer, asking the Lord to fill you then wait for it... He is going to do a good work in you!

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WORSHIP: Celebrate Christ's victory using Amena Brown's spoken word video, <u>Resurrection</u>, on RightNow Media. [If you don't yet have a *free* RNM account, sign up here.]

Day 2-

READ: John 14:26-27; John 20:19-21; Philippians 4:4-7

REFLECT: Jesus spoke to His disciples about His PEACE before His death and after His resurrection. How do these two passages compare/contrast? Paul encourages the Philippian church that the peace of Jesus is available to them- what instruction does He give them?

PRAY: Use Paul's instructions to pray- bring your everything to the Lord with thanksgiving. Put it all at His feet and ask for His peace to guard your heart and mind in His Name.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: Learn more about the Biblical word peace through the Bible Project word study teaching video, "Shalom: Peace."

Day 3-

READ: John 20:21; Matthew 28:18-20; Ephesians 2:10

REFLECT: What purpose does Jesus declare for His disciples in John 20:21? What are the details of that command given in Matthew 28? Collectively, as His disciples we are to live in light of this purpose. How does Ephesians 2:10 reinforce the personal nature of His purpose for your life?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: When our illusion of control is suddenly gone, our sense of purpose and identity can be shaken. Rather than be overwhelmed by tomorrow, stop and ask the Lord to show you your purpose for today. What "good works" is He leading you into?

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REFLECT: Matthew 28:18-20 is called the Great Commission and it is our central purpose as Christ-followers- to take the gospel, the good news, of Jesus to the world.

WATCH: Learn more about the Biblical word <u>gospel</u> and what it means to be a <u>witness</u> from these Bible Project word studies found on RightNow Media. [If you don't yet have a *free* RNM account, sign up here.]

PRACTICE: How can you share the good news of Jesus with someone this week?

Day 4-

READ: John 20:21-22; Genesis 2:7; 2 Timothy 3:16

REFLECT: Compare and contrast these verses and their references to the breath of God/Jesus. What do you learn about the Lord's presence in your life from these verses? How does the truth of God's presence bring calm to your storm? Bring peace to your fear? Bring assurance to your doubt?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: You are in the presence of the Lord! Consider finding something that will remind you of that truth throughout the day. For example, put a small object in your pocket or set hourly alarms on your phone. When you are reminded of His presence, take a breath and allow Him to steady you in that moment.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

WATCH: Learn more about the third person of the Trinity, the Holy Spirit, through <u>this theme video</u> from the Bible Project.

Day 5-

READ: Romans 5:1-5; Psalm 100

REFLECT: Which word did you choose on Day 1? What has the Lord taught you this week about His peace, purpose or presence? How do Paul's words in Romans 5 encourage you in your pursuit of Him?

PRAY: Use Psalm 100 to write your own prayer of praise and thanksgiving to Jesus for all He has done for you.