

The Remedy
October 25, 2020
Reading Plan

Day 1

READ: [Romans 3:23](#) and [Romans 5:8](#)

REFLECT: Sin has been a part of human history since the fall in Genesis 3. As long as sin a part of the human experience, pain, chaos, hurting, confusion, and division will exist. But when Jesus came and died for our sins, it changed the course of history. What do you learn about sin in these two passages? When you consider that Jesus chose to die for you knowing full well that you'd continue to sin and let him down, how does the weight of that reality shape how you feel about Him?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: Confession is a crucial part of following Jesus. As Romans 3:23 reminds us, we are all sinners. Jesus offers us forgiveness when we come to him. Use some time today to come to God in a spirit of confession. Offer up to Him your transgressions, and allow Him to forgive you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "[How Salvation Brings Freedom](#)" by author Jen Wilkin.

REFLECT: What stands out the most to you about this article? How can you live more freely in the freedom you have from your salvation?

PRACTICE: Write down these words in a place you'll see throughout the week: "It was. It is. It is to come." as a reminder of your freedom in salvation. You can live FREE because of Jesus Christ.

Day 2-

READ: [John 14:25-31](#)

REFLECT: When Jesus ascended back into Heaven after His resurrection, He didn't leave his disciples alone. Just as we aren't alone today. He is here with us in a very tangible way. What does Jesus say in this passage about what will happen when he's no longer physically on earth? How does Jesus describe the Holy Spirit? How have you seen evidence of the helper in your life?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In your prayer time this week, practice thanksgiving in your prayers by thanking God for leaving the helper with us. Thank Him for the ways that you are protected and carried on a daily basis. Thank Him that you don't go through life alone.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

LISTEN: "[Goodness of God](#)" by Bethel

REFLECT: As you listen to this song, ponder the words and be reminded of the goodness of God in your life. Live in the goodness of God!

Day 3-

READ: [Psalm 51:10](#) and [2 Corinthians 5:17](#)

REFLECT: In the passage from Psalm, the author is asking to be made new. He's asking to God to create in him something new because he knows what's in there now needs restoration. In the passage from 2 Corinthians, we find the promise of what salvation means through Jesus. How do these passages show our need to be made new? How does the scripture from the NT (2 Corinthians) point to Jesus as the remedy for the world given to us by God?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In a quiet moment today, turn Psalm 51:10 into your prayer. Open your heart up to God and allow Him to reveal to you where you need to be made new. Then, reread 2 Corinthians 5:17 and receive the truth and promise found in that scripture – let the old pass away and let the new come.

Day 4-

READ: [2 Corinthians 5:20](#) and [Ephesians 1:11-14](#)

REFLECT: In this week's sermon, Pastor Sarah taught that God has the remedy to the ravages of sin, and it begins in you. In order for the work to begin we need to know and understand who God is. We also have to know and understand ourselves. How do these two passages lead you to a greater understanding of God? After reading these verses what do you now know about yourself as a child of God? As your reading and reflecting, write down the different words that stand out to you as descriptors of who God is, and you are in Him.

PRAY/ PRACTICE: In your quiet time today, turn the descriptive words or phrases that you wrote into prayers by saying: "You are" statements about God and "I am" statements about yourself. End each statement with thanksgiving by saying, "Thank you Jesus!"

Day 5-

READ: [Psalm 23](#)

REFLECT: God offers us a hope and peace that we won't find in anything else in this broken world. He loves us and created us full of purpose for such a time as we find ourselves in right now. How do verses 5 and 6 remind you of what God is offering you? How does this help you put into perspective the state of the world around us with the truth of a life of following Jesus? What happens when we follow Jesus?

PRAY/ PRACTICE: When you pray today, use Psalm 23:5-6 as your prayer. As you read the passage again, put your hands out, palms facing out, so to be in a posture of receiving. As you pray, receive the goodness and mercy of God and let His truth wash over you.

TAKE IT FURTHER!

READ: "[New Every Morning, New Every Moment](#)" from Desiring God

REFLECT: What insight does it give you about God's mercy and steadfast love? Thank God throughout today for His mercy, love, and faithfulness.