

is rampant among all ages, but especially among the newer generations who have no idea where to put their trust.

I am grateful that You, Lord God Almighty, who created this earth long, long ago, have not abandoned it. You have not abandoned us either, although at times it may feel like it. You, Lord, are with us till the end because You are God, and it all leads back to “thy kingdom come.” Long after we are dust, God Almighty will be here. If we seek You, You will answer us and walk through our days with us, especially the really horrible ones.

Numbers 11:16-17, 24-29; Psalm 87; Ephesians 2:11-22; Matthew 7:28—8:4

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### **Sunday, May 10**

Luke 12:13-21 *Speaking to the people, he went on, “Take care! Protect yourself against the least bit of greed. Life is not defined by what you have, even when you have a lot.”* (v.15 MSG)

I was chatting with some women recently about our summer vacations. I mentioned that we were in Paris for a few days. She asked if we went to the luxury handbag store and what I bought. I disappointed her by saying we didn’t go. I was happy to share my moving spiritual experience at the newly repaired Notre Dame Cathedral. Standing in that majestic structure, in the presence of our Lord, I was humbled.

I don’t write this to show my piety or self-righteousness because I eschewed the designer shops for the cathedral. I write this because the passage spoke directly to me. It could have easily been me patronizing the shops, happy with my purchase for a short while. But my heavenly perspective wouldn’t have grown. I may have missed out on that sweet time in the cathedral with the Lord, and those are the moments that I want to define my life.

Leviticus 25:1-17; Psalms 93, 96; James 1:2-8, 16-18

### **Monday, May 11**

Colossians 1:9-14 *For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding.* (v.9 NASB)

A while ago, I read about praying for your girlfriends. It’s a great idea! Life is hard, and we all need support. Jesus-loving women need to take care of our sisters. I pick one girlfriend each week and lift them in prayer. I don’t tell them I am doing it, so I don’t always know what their needs are.

Paul didn’t know the folks of Colossus he was writing to, but he prayed anyway. I’m using this Scripture as a guide as I pray for my girlfriends, whom I am so blessed to have in my life.

Pray for them to: Trust God’s will; gain spiritual wisdom; please and honor God; be a blessing to those around them; grow in their knowledge of God; be filled with God’s strength; have great patience and endurance; stay full of Christ’s joy; give thanks continuously.

I would love someone to pray for me that way, too.

Leviticus 25:35-55; Psalm 80; Matthew 13:1-16

## **Tuesday, May 12**

1 Timothy 2:1-6 *Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation.* (v.2 MSG)

I find it challenging to follow Paul's words about praying for leaders. I am happy to pray for my pastors. However, praying for government leaders, especially those with whom I disagree, is almost impossible for me.

And yet, I am called to do it just like I am called to tithe and fast. It will have to be an act of obedience, just as those other acts are.

So, I've decided that whenever I hear or read something that infuriates me or with which I disagree, I'm going to try to pray for those leaders. Not only does it put my frustrations to better use, but it also reminds me that God is in control, and I should trust Him. Everyone needs prayer, especially those whose actions affect my tranquility and ability to lead a quiet life.

Leviticus 26:1-20; Psalm 78:1-39; Matthew 13:18-23

## **Wednesday, May 13**

Psalm 119:97-120 *Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light to my path.* (v.105 NASB)

Shout out to Amy Grant for ensuring that we sing this verse whenever we see it!

In the Bible, God provides us with laws but also guidelines for how to live. Not only does He give us the Ten Commandments and Proverbs to illuminate our walks, but the New Testament is full of Jesus' teachings and wisdom nuggets by Paul and Peter on how live and be in relationship with others.

Jesus says the greatest commandment is to "Love your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind" (Matthew 22:37), and the second most important commandment is to "Love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:39). These are what we as lovers of Jesus should lead with. But the next verse is vital to how we execute it. "On these two commandments depend the whole Law and the Prophets" (Matthew 22:40). Start with love and follow with the law. Unfortunately, we as humans tend to focus more on the laws and not the love.

Lord, we want to light our paths with Your word which tells us to first love You, and others, then consider Your laws. Forgive us when we get it mixed up.

Leviticus 26:27-42; Ephesians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:41-46

## **Thursday, May 14**

Psalm 8 *O LORD, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!* (v.1)

We just returned from a vacation in France. It is always a blessing to see other parts of the world that the Lord created. The rolling hills, vineyards,

endless fields of sunflowers and lavender were just gorgeous. God paints in bright colors.

The trip ended in Paris and the only thing we wanted to see was the restored Notre Dame Cathedral, which had recently re-opened. A fire almost destroyed Notre Dame in April 2019.

We tried for weeks to get the free entry tickets, but none were available. So we took a chance early Sunday morning and went to the cathedral. It was a grey, rainy morning but inside the softly lit cathedral, there were bright vibrant stained-glass windows, paintings of biblical stories and saints, candles, sculptures, and art pieces. It was breathtaking and beautifully restored. The impressive cathedral reflected the magnificence and splendor of the Lord.

Oh Lord, our Lord, how majestic is Your name in all the earth! All honor and glory are Yours, Father. I hope such as resplendent cathedral blesses and honors You.

Daniel 7:9-14; Psalm 47; Hebrews 2:5-18; Matthew 28:16-20

## **Friday, May 15**

Psalm 86 *All nations whom You have made shall come and worship before You, O Lord, and they shall glorify Your name.* (v.9)

As we wandered through the interior of Notre Dame Cathedral, awestruck and moved to tears by the preciousness of the moment in glorifying our Lord, we heard the organ begin to play. You couldn't help but be aware that you were on Holy Ground.

As it was Sunday morning, mass was beginning. The chairs in the center of the cathedral started to fill up. I looked around and saw people from every nation, culture, speaking every language, old, young, wearing burqas, and covered in piercings and tattoos. Although mass was in French, it didn't matter. Everyone gathered to sit and worship in the presence of the Lord. The only English words spoken were from the priest who welcome everyone.

Thank You, Lord, for enabling this cathedral to be restored. Thank You for blessing the hands and creative genius of all the artisans who worked on it. And finally, thank You for the experience of worshiping You in your great and magnificent cathedral. I imagine heaven will be like this.

1 Samuel 2:1-10; Psalm 85; Ephesians 2:1-10; Matthew 7:22-27

## **Saturday, May 16**

Psalm 90 *Long before the mountains were born, long before you brought earth itself to birth, from "once upon a time" to "kingdom come"—you are God.* (v.2 MSG)

The world is a scary place these days—from wars, famine, unnecessary violence, disease, and financial crises. Let's not forget we are just a few short years out of a plague that shut down the entire world for a while. Anxiety