

It's a privilege, honor, and joy to be able to put our focus on Jesus. Hold onto a grateful heart this week as we walk through stories of God's faithfulness in the face of our failure. We serve a good God!

Grab your notebook and Bible, and let's get started.

Parents: There can be a difference between what's most important to you and what your kids think is most important to you. Let's make sure we get that straight this week. [Parent Prompt](#)

Week 10 Memory Verse | Lamentations 3:22-24

Monday, March 9

Read: 1 Kings 11:1-13

Reflect: Solomon began with wisdom, but over time his heart was pulled away from the kind of devotion to God that his father David had. These verses repeat the problem clearly: his heart was not fully devoted to the LORD. This is the deeper issue beneath all the visible compromise.

A divided heart rarely appears overnight. It forms gradually when love for God is divided with competing loyalties—success, comfort, approval, pleasure, control. We may still say the right things, still do a lot of the right things, but our attention and affection begin drifting.

This passage is a warning, but it's also an invitation. God is showing us where seemingly small compromises lead so we can turn back sooner, not later.

Jesus does not ask for just some of your heart. He is worthy of all of it. The good news is that His grace meets us when we recognize division in our hearts. Today is a great day to return with honesty.

Act: Ask yourself: “What (or who) competes most for my affection and attention right now?” Write one answer. Ask: “Where is that leading me to compromise my devotion to God?”

Pray: Lord, I don’t want a divided heart. Show me where my love has been pulled away from You. Draw me back into wholehearted devotion and teach me to follow You fully. Amen.

Tuesday, March 10

Read: 1 Kings 18:16-39

Reflect: Mere generations after Solomon, the entire nation has been led away from God. Human leaders fail them time and time again. But God continually calls them back.

Elijah’s question confronts Israel with a choice: “How long will you waver between two opinions?” (verse 21). They wanted the benefits of belonging to God while also clinging to false sources of comfort and security. Elijah forces the issue—not to shame them, but to restore them.

This is a powerful question for you to consider too. Wavering drains spiritual strength. A divided allegiance creates confusion and weakness. We are not made to live with Jesus as one option among many. He is Lord.

Perhaps you think you don’t struggle with this. Ask yourself: “What am I afraid of in life? What’s causing me to feel anxious?” If you’re honest, you’ll find that where you aren’t trusting God, you are trusting something or someone else to provide your comfort and security.

As Easter draws near, ask the Lord to expose wavering in your own life. Where are you hesitating to trust Him fully? Where have you been living spiritually “in-between” opinions? Jesus invites you out of wavering and into wholehearted faith.

Act: Complete this sentence in writing: “I have been wavering in trusting God with my _____” Then make one commitment of obedience today in that area (conversation, boundary, prayer, confession, next step).

Pray: God, forgive me for wavering. I want to trust You fully. Reveal what needs to change and give me courage to respond in obedience. Turn my focus wholly toward Jesus. Amen.

Wednesday, March 11

Read: 1 Kings 19:9-13

Reflect: Elijah has just experienced a dramatic victory, yet he is exhausted, afraid, and discouraged. When God meets him, the encounter is not in the wind, earthquake, or fire, but in a gentle whisper. God’s presence comes personally, not performatively.

The whisper does not mean God is weak. It means He is near. He knows how to reach us in the state we’re actually in. Elijah needed more than spectacle; he needed the presence of God.

There is comfort here for anyone who feels spiritually tired. We often assume God is only at work in the dramatic moments, the visible breakthroughs, the mountaintop experiences. But Jesus meets us in the quiet—through Scripture, prayer, conviction, comfort, and simple obedience.

Don’t overlook the quiet ways Jesus is drawing your attention. A verse that lingers. A conviction you cannot ignore. A peace that returns in prayer. They may just be the whisper of God in your life.

Act: Create a “noise fast” for 15 minutes today (no phone, music, podcasts, screens, multitasking). Read this passage again slowly and ask, “Lord, what are You wanting to say to me that I have been too busy to hear?”

Pray: Jesus, thank You for meeting me gently. Quiet the noise in and around me so I can hear You more clearly. Help me notice Your presence in ordinary moments today. Amen.

Thursday, March 12

Read: 2 Kings 5:1-17

Reflect: Naaman came to Elisha desperate for healing, but he almost missed his miracle because he expected God to work differently. He wanted something dramatic, impressive, and mystical. Instead, the instruction was simple: wash in the Jordan.

Sometimes our greatest obstacle to receiving from God is not unbelief in God's power, but resistance to God's way. We want God to move on our terms, in our timing, according to our preference. Naaman's pride had to be confronted (verse 13) before he could be healed.

This is having wholehearted devotion to Jesus—surrendering not just the outcome, but also the method. Jesus is not only Savior; He is Lord. He gets to define the path of obedience. (Psalm 37:23) Jesus' commands are simple, but that does not mean they are easy.

Where is your pride shaping your expectations of Jesus? Is there a simple act of obedience you have delayed because it feels too small, too humbling, or too ordinary? Don't despise the simplicity of God's instruction. Grace will meet you there.

Act: Ask, "What simple act of obedience have I been resisting?" Do it today if possible (apologize, confess, forgive, pray, stop, begin).

Pray: Lord, forgive my pride and my resistance to Your ways. Give me a humble heart that responds to Your voice, even when Your instructions seem simple. I want to obey You fully today, even in the simple things. Amen.

Friday, March 13

Read: 2 Kings 22:3-13

Reflect: The saddest detail in this story from Josiah's reign is that the Book of the Law had to be "found." It had been neglected, forgotten, and functionally lost among God's own people. When it was finally read, Josiah was deeply moved because he realized how far they had drifted.

This passage is a wake-up call and a gift. God's Word does not just inform us and teach us; it reveals us. Perhaps you've heard it said, "The Bible is the only book that reads you." It reveals both who God is and who we are. Josiah's response to revelation is not defensive—it is tender. He listens, grieves, and repents.

As part of your Year of the Bible journey, this is especially important. It is possible to read our Bibles, attend church, and still slowly lose touch with the living voice of God through His Word.

Let this be a day of renewed reverence. Not guilt-driven reading, but eager listening. God speaks to restore, not merely to expose.

Act: If you're having difficulty meeting with God consistently, choose a regular place/time for the next two weeks to meet with God. Mark it down in your calendar and protect it like you would an appointment with a friend.

Pray: Father, thank You for Your Word. Forgive me where I have neglected it. Renew my hunger for you, Jesus, and turn my heart towards you. Amen.

Saturday, March 14 – Sunday, March 15

Read: 2 Kings 25:1-15 & Lamentations 3:22-26

Reflect: The repentance of Josiah was short lived, followed by the utter rebellion against God of subsequent kings. The consequences should not have been a surprise.

2 Kings ends in devastation. Jerusalem falls. The temple is burned. The people are carried away. It is a painful reminder that generations of unfaithfulness produce catastrophic results. The failure of human kings to lead the people of Israel is now impossible to ignore.

And yet, even here, hope is not gone. The story may feel shattered, but God's mercy is not exhausted. That is why pairing this reading with Lamentations (written around this time) is so powerful: "Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed... his mercies are new every morning." Even in ruins, hope can rise.

This weekend, let the ending of Kings deepen your longing for Jesus. Earthly leaders fail. Human kingdoms collapse. Sin devastates. But God's covenant love remains. The work of Jesus at Easter is the announcement that God's rescue plan does not end with our failure, but with His faithfulness.

Act: Bring one "ruin" (loss, regret, failure, disappointment) before the Lord. Pray honestly, then write one sentence of hope rooted in God's love and mercy.

Pray: God of mercy, when I see brokenness in the world and in my own life, help me remember Your faithfulness. Anchor my hope in Jesus, the King who does not fail. Amen.