

Emmanuel Prayer List - January 15th

Ministry in Niger - Ron Gerwing

- Pray that the people of Niger will persevere and come out of this difficult time victorious in keeping all oppressors out and with the hand of God create a better country and life for their children and their children's children.
- The junta government has been oppressed for 125 years and kept the people poor and starving.
- Pray that the citizens can overcome and create and build their country
- Ron needs prayer to go to Zimbabwe in November for an agricultural course. When the Niger border is open Ron would return and teach the people what he has learned to end food insecurity.

Study Continued

7. Read 1 Kings 17:19-23. Lesson #3 tells us to let suffering draw us closer to God and in Him we find the strength to carry on. Where does that strength come from and how do we live by it? (Also read Romans 8:11)
8. Elijah went to his 'upper room.' Why is it important to have a place where we can call on God?

Note: There was another upper room, where a group of people called on God, and their lives were changed forever (Read Acts 1:12-14 and 2:1-4)

9. Read 1 Kings 17:24. It took this tragedy and resulting miracle, to bring this widow to the place where she believed the Word of the Lord. What did it take in your life? How can we make sure to live by the Word of the Lord always?



CHOOSE LIFE

“See, I set before you today life and prosperity, death and destruction. For I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him....

Now choose life, so that you and your children may live”

Deuteronomy 30:15-16,19

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CHOOSE LIFE - 1 Kings 17:17-24

No one is immune to tragedy - when it comes, what do we do with it?

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FEEDING ON THE BREAD, AND OIL, OF LIFE

Background:

When Jesus comes into our life, He...

John 6:35 Jesus declared, _____ the bread of life

Oil =

Romans 8:11 If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, He who raised Christ from the dead will _____

FINDING JESUS IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING

v.17 The death of the son:

- Sometimes we are only following Jesus because...

- Having Jesus with us doesn't make us _____ to suffering

Lesson #1 God understands our suffering - _____

Lesson #2 Suffering is our teacher - _____

v.18 ...Did you come to remind me of my _____ and kill my son?"

v.19-23 We must learn to give our suffering to God

Lesson #3 Let suffering draw you closer to God - _____

1. Have a place where you can _____ to God

2. Fill yourself with the _____ of God.

Jesus is the bread of life - we need to learn to live by the truth of God's Word

1. Read Deuteronomy 30:15-16 and v.19. From these verses, what were the requirements for the Jewish people to find 'life' in the promised land?

2. Knowing and serving God are central to finding true life. Jesus said, "I am the bread of life..." (John 6:35) What did he mean by that statement?

3. Read 1 Kings 17:17-18. Elijah had been staying with a widow and her son. God had blessed them by miraculously providing food every day. But then one day the boy died. Try to express what you think she was going through.

4. Sometimes we find ourselves following Jesus simply because of what He does for us, His blessings, eternity etc. But God ultimately wants us to love Him for who He is and not just for what He does for us. What do you think is necessary for us to see this change take place within our lives?

5. Even when we know Jesus, and are blessed by His presence every day, we can still experience great suffering and tragedy. Lesson #1 said that God understands our suffering, Jesus suffered and died for us, He defeated death and brings us hope. When we put our trust in Jesus, He sends us the Holy Spirit. In what ways does the Holy Spirit give us hope? (Also read Romans 15:13)

Read Revelation 21:1-5. How can we learn to focus on eternal things rather than the things of this world? (Also read Colossians 3:1-3)

6. Lesson #2 said that suffering is our teacher, through suffering we see our need of a Saviour. In 1 Kings 17:18 we see that this widow became very aware of her sinfulness. Has God ever used hardship in your life to reveal something that needed to change in you?