

Summer Psalms: Psalm 84

Life Steps | September 3 & 4, 2016

Day 1

Psalm 84:1-2: 139:7-12

While God is everywhere, sacred spaces still play an important role in our spiritual life. Do you have a physical space that gives you a sense of connectedness with God? If so, go to that place today, physically or mentally, and spend time with God in prayer. If not, try dedicating a space for prayer and study that you can return to regularly.

Day 2

1 Corinthians 12

In your prayer time today, consider the people in your life and think of those who are closest to you-- those you know you can be yourself with and those who accept you as you are. How do you experience God through them? Write this down, and use today to plan a time when you can share with them the way you see how God uses them.

Day 3

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

To experience God is to experience love. As you experience God through the love of others, people also experience God through you. Who in your life could use a dose of God connection this week? Connection with you might be what makes that happen. Are you sharing Godly love?

Day 4

Luke 6:27-42

Judgmentalism is corrosive to relationships. Reflect upon your openness to friendship and loving relationships. Do you meet people where they are, or do you carry a list of conditions for friendship? Do you embrace others who are different than you, or do you only associate with those who meet your standards? How can we all work to be more accepting of others?

Day 5

Psalm 84:5-7

What makes you get up in the morning? What drives you to do the things you do? When we are fueled by God's purposes, we find our strength in him. List the ways you most desire to glorify God in your work, in your play, in your home, and when you are alone.

Day 6

Matthew 18:20

As we prepare to launch a new small group series, we have an opportunity to gather with others to grow deeper in our connections to one another and to God. If you've not connected in this way yet, commit today to be part of a small group of some type by either joining one or starting one. If you're already in a small group. Line up the schedules and sync your calendars.

Day 7

Luke 5:17-26

The paralytic is one who is stuck. While he thought just physically, Jesus saw his stuckness as spiritual. We all need new beginnings from time to time— physically, emotionally, and spiritually. Define what a healthier life looks like for you in all these ways. Hit the "reset" button today and begin again, for our God is the God of new beginnings.