

Stretched Thin: Donkey Sense

Life Steps | September 17 & 18, 2016

Memory Verse: "Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything."
- James 1:2-4

Monday

Numbers 22:1-8

What did Balak fear? What do you fear about the future? Who was Balak's go-to-guy and who is yours? God is the only one who knows the future, how can you seek his peace and counsel? Describe a time when you sought human help, but ultimately God was your provider.

Tuesday

Numbers 22:9-35; 2 Peter 2:15; Jude 1:11

Despite Balaam's God directions, why did he try to go his own way? When have you sensed God's direction, yet still made your own way on your own time? Pray for direction and God's sovereignty in your life. Memory Verse work.

Wednesday

Deuteronomy 23:3-5

What is your attitude in greeting others and providing for their needs? What was God's motivation recorded here? How can your behaviors relationally, spiritually, financially and vocationally more clearly reflect a motivation of love? Pray for your attitude in these four areas.

Thursday

Review Numbers 22:36-24:25

What was the result of your having cursed someone, even in passing, because you were upset? How do you obey God so you can be blessed rather than cursed? What have you learned about God from the past two messages? How will you change behaviors related to blessing and cursing others? Memory verse work.

Friday

Micah 6:1-8; Revelation 2:14

How were you warned relationally, spiritually, financially or vocationally in the past? How did your responses affect your present? How is acting justly, loving mercy and walking humbly counter-cultural? Pray for obedience regarding warnings and Micah 6:8's call.

Saturday

Joshua 24

In the Israelites' journey, how is their human struggle real? How did God repeatedly respond faithfully to his covenant? Acknowledge your struggling journey and recommit to your covenant with God. In reading verses 29-33, pray for a lifetime of faithfulness and fulfilled promises. Record James 1:2-4 in your journal from memory.

Sunday

Review Numbers 22-24

Acknowledge God's superior destination to which you feel called. How is connection with God and others essential to that journey? What significant idea was redefined for you this week through study? Share how will you stop "kicking your donkey" with someone today.