

Bethany Scripture Reading

Verse of the Week: John 15:7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

January 1

Scripture: John 15:1-17

Abide: to bear patiently, tolerate. To endure without yielding, withstand. To accept without objection.

Observation:

What do you notice about prayer in this scripture?

How is prayer connected to a relationship with God?

According to vs. 7 & 10, what do you need to do to remain in Jesus?

Application:

What will you do to remain in connection with Jesus? Can you think of two ways to do that?

What role has prayer played in shaping your relationship with God?

How would you like to grow in your relationship with God in the next 40 days?

Close in prayer. This is where you turn your thoughts into a prayer. It can be gratitude, or praise, confession, or request. Write out a response to God from what you read and think.

January 2

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If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Scripture: Philippians 4:4-9

Observation:

What do you notice about prayer in this passage?

How does praying with thanksgiving address anxiety?

Where are we commanded to put our focus?

Describe how you feel in mind & heart when you are anxious.

Application: What is causing anxiety for you today?

How might Paul pray about what causes our anxiety?

What part of our inner disposition are we to present ourselves to God in prayer?

Give your anxious thoughts to God through prayer.

Pray! Present your requests to God. Ask Him to change your inner disposition to His desire.

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Scripture: Psalm 145:1-21

Observation: How does the Psalmist start his prayer in this passage?

What does he praise God for?

According to David, who besides himself will extol, bless and praise the Lord?

Of the things the Psalmist prays for, what can you most relate to?

Application:

Remember how God has been good to you! Write out three of His blessings from this past year.

Psalm 145:11 invites us to tell of the glory. Tell someone of the glory of God.

Ask God to lift you up in the areas you have fallen down (Psalm 145:14)

Pray. Praise God for three things he has done for you. Thank Him for his provisions, grace & mercy.

January 4

Verse of the Week: John 15:7

If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.

Scripture: Psalm 37:1-28

Observation: Why do the righteous not need to fret?

The righteous are to do what? (Psalm 37:3) What are ways that the righteous show they trust God?

We are invited to take delight in the Lord (vs. 4), and commit everything to Him (vs. 5). We can do this by getting to know Him better. How do we commit things to the Lord?

What is God's response? (vs. 23)

Application:

What are the things you are fretting about?

How can thinking of grass and its short lifespan free us from worry?

Delight in the Lord leads to firm steps. Commit to following, trusting, and doing God's will. God will watch over you and make firm your steps. (Psalm 37:23)

Pray. Write out a prayer of three specific things you will ask him to take care of that cause you anxiety.

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Scripture: Matthew 7:7-12

Observation:

What did God say to you as you read this passage?

What is the overall theme of this portion of Scripture?

The “Therefore” in vs. 12 connects this verse to Jesus’ prior remarks.
What point is Jesus making?

Why does God ask us to come to Him if he knows everything?

What kind of gifts are we promised?

Application:

Come to God with your “asks”. Go ahead and ask for what is on your heart!

What do you think about when you see the statement, “Treat others as you would have them treat you”? Put God’s name in place of “others”.
Are we treating God how He is treating us?

Pray! This is where you turn your thoughts into a prayer. It can be gratitude, or praise, confession, or request. Write out a response to God from what you read and think.

January 6

Verse of the Week: 1 Peter 5:6-7

Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Scripture: Romans 8:18-39

Observation:

What signs of aging or weathering are you starting to feel in your bones?

With what you know of the Roman persecution, how would Paul's words in this passage bring comfort?

What does the Holy Spirit do for us when we do not know how to pray?

Application:

In what ways do you see the Holy Spirit conforming you to Jesus' image?

What confidence can we have with events in our life from what we read in vs. 28? When has it been hardest for you to believe Romans 8:28?

How could the forces in verses 38-39 disrupt your trust in God's love?

Pray:

Ask God to help you see your circumstances from His perspective.

January 7

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Scripture: 2 Timothy 2:1-13

Observation:

What is the one thing Paul tells us to be strong in (vs. 1)? How can we be strong in that?

What is your definition of "Grace"?

How are soldiers, athletes & farmers good pictures of our faith journey? How are they humble in their own way?

What promises of vs. 11-13 mean the most to you?

Application:

How will you strive to act like a good soldier?

Like a good athlete?

Like a good farmer?

How has God remained faithful despite our lack of faith? (vs. 13)

Pray!

Invite the presence of God into your life to live up to what He has commanded.

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Scripture: Hebrews 13:1-16

Observation:

In just one or two words, describe the relationship you had with your siblings growing up.

In what areas should “brotherly love” define Christians?

Name three types of people to pray for:

What help is offered to believers in vs. 5-6?

Application:

Vs. 5 applies to money. How can you live this verse out in your financial situation?

How can we be strengthened by Grace (vs. 9)?

What is the weakness of ceremonial foods? (vs. 9)

Plan one way this week to offer the sacrifice of sharing. (Vs 15)

Pray:

Ask God to give you the faith to step out in confidence that the Lord is our helper, to not be afraid, to put man in their proper perspective.

January 9

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Scripture: Psalm 139

Observation:

How does David feel about the Lord’s total knowledge of him?

David believes God knows his every word, completely! Why do you think he continues to pray?

What thoughts & feelings does vs.16 give you?

Application:

In our most helpless, desperate situations, God knows and can speak into (vs. 11-12). Ask God to speak into your most difficult circumstances.

Where do you need God’s guidance? His firm hand of protection? (Vs. 10)

Have you ever tried to hide from God? What made you come back?

Pray!

David realizes that God formed him and knows him, so David praises him. Praise God for who he is to you!

January 10

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Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, ⁷ casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you.

Scripture: Matthew 7:7-11

Observation:

What is Jesus stressing about God in this passage?

Tying in the verse of the week with verses 7-8, how should we approach God when we bring our requests to Him?

What kind of gifts does a good father give?

Application:

When have you not given to God in prayer your needs? How did that work out for you?

What is the promise God gives if we give to him in prayer our needs?
What will you give him?

Pray:

Give confidently to the Lord what is weighing on you and ask Him to give you what you need in that area.

January 11

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Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:1-2:16

Observation:

What does Paul bring to the Corinthians?

Why does Paul limit his words' wisdom and persuasiveness?

How is God's wisdom different than the world's?

Application:

How is your outlook on life affected by what verse 9 says?

How would you like the Spirit to teach you?

If we learn by the Spirit, what should you do with that learning?

Pray:

Ask God to give you His wisdom by His Spirit to understand and live His way.

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Scripture: John 1:1-18

Observation:

Why does the Gospel begin in "the beginning", rather than at Jesus birth? (vs. 1-3)

What are the most significant facts about "the Word", from vs. 1-5?
Vs.10-18?

Application:

When Jesus comes to us, some recognize and receive him in every area of life (vs. 10-12). What areas of life have you received Jesus completely in? What areas still need to be opened to Him?

If we are filled with "grace & truth", how will we treat others? vs. 14

Pray:

Ask God to make available the farthest reaches of your life to Him.
Ask God to live out grace & truth with your family.

January 13

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 107:15

*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Observation:

What three concerns related to God did Jesus pray about first?

Why is it important to follow Jesus' layout for prayer in order?

What is the relationship between forgiveness & prayer?

Application:

If our Father knows what we need before we ask, why pray? Why do you think Jesus prayed?

Pray:

Ask God to help you know how holy he is, and to trust in him for a specific, daily need.

January 14

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 107:15

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Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Observation:

What is Paul asking God to do?

In this passage, who is being loved?

What does the promise in vs. 20 mean?

Application:

When have you felt overwhelmed by the love of God? If God can do more than we ask or think, what is holding you back from receiving this?

If a person has only known rejection and pain in relationships, how could that person learn to know the love of God in a personal way?

Pray:

Pray for one specific person to know the love of God like Paul describes.

January 15

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*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

Scripture: Psalm 107:1-22

Observation:

Who is invited to thank God? (vs. 1-3)

How should each group respond to God's unfailing love? (vs. 8, 15, 21, 31)

What is the plight of prisoners? (vs. 10-16) OF what time in Israel's history does that remind you?

Application:

How can this passage give hope to a hopeless person?

Give thanks to God for 4 things.

How have you found yourself wandering from God? How does it feel to be a wanderer?

Tell at least one person how God saved you from despair

Pray: Give thanks to God for His unfailing love. List your top 3 things His love means to you.

January 16

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 107:15

*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

Scripture: Psalm 107:23-43

Observation:

What are people noticing in vs. 24?

How is stress described in these verses? (vs. 25-27)

How does God work through stress?

What does God want from His people? (vs. 31-32)

Application:

How are you feeling stress today? How could God be working in you to draw you to Himself?

How good are you at asking for help? (Scale of 1-10, with 1 meaning you never ask for help, 10 for anything!)

What is God asking you to give to him today?

Think about your personal "storms". How did God calm them?

Pray:

Confess how you have not turned to God in your life. Ask God to move in 3 specific ways in your heart.

January 17

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 107:15

*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

Scripture: Romans 11:33-12:8

Observation:

What is something about the character of God that amazes you?

What is special about God's mercy?

Considering God's mercy, what are we called to do?

Why does renewing your mind lead to understanding God's will?

Application:

How will you offer your body as a sacrifice to God?

In what ways do you conform to the World?

What is the hardest part of "not conforming to the World" to you?

How do you renew your mind? What helps you get your mind on track?

Pray:

Confess how you have thought too highly of yourself. Invite God to conform your mind to His will.

January 18

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 107:15

*Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,
for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

Scripture: Mark 14:32-42

Observation:

Who does Jesus invite to pray with him? Why do you think others were left behind?

What is Jesus going through that "overwhelms" him?

Why did Jesus pray three times?

Application:

What overwhelms you?

How can you turn to God in prayer like Jesus did, and invite His will to be done? (even if it isn't what you desire!)

What is a prayer that you repeat (vs. 39)?

How did you overcome a time when your spirit was willing, but your body was weak?

Pray: Give God your greatest concerns. Invite God to take over those concerns for you, and trade that for His peace.

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for his wondrous works to the children of man!*

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Observation:

The "therefore" in vs. 25 points to earlier words. What does Jesus want to be considering?

What is it about birds that Jesus wants us to notice?

What 5 things does Jesus say not to worry about?

Notice how verses 31-32 resemble modern advertising. How does the "got to have it" attitude affect your life?

Why is worry brought up by Jesus so much in this passage?

Observation:

Name your top three worries.

How does worrying shorten a person's life?

How can a person seek God's kingdom first?

Pray:

Confess your worries to the Lord. Ask God to help you seek Him first, and not your concerns.

January 20

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 115:1

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Scripture: Matthew 6:9-13

Observation:

How is the difference in the character of God from humans highlighted in the prayer?

What are three characteristics of God that stand out to you in Jesus' prayer?

How is God's will limited on earth?

Application:

Where is a time or place that it is easier for you to be reverential to the Lord? How can you help yourself get into that mindset?

In vs. 11 Jesus tells us to ask for daily bread. How does having a daily mindset help us with our prayer life?

Jesus ended his prayer with "deliver us from the evil one". How would this be significant for the disciples/us?

Pray: Ask God to give you a fuller grasp of His holiness.

January 21

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 115:1

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for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Scripture: 1 John 1:1-10

Observation:

A group in the early church had claimed that Jesus had not really died. If Jesus had not really died, what could not be proclaimed?

What does John promise in vs. 9 if we bring to God this prayer?

Application:

What about Jesus' resurrection is most significant to you?

Joy is completed when we live out our fellowship with God (vs. 3-4). What are two things you could do to help your fellowship grow with the Lord? How can that help our fellowship with one another?

What entails walking in God's light and not in darkness?

Pray:

Ask God to help you understand relationship with Him better. Share what you are learning about fellowship with another believer.

January 22

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Psalm 115:1

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Scripture: Psalm 32:1-11

Observation:

What is the source of blessedness or happiness in this Psalm?

Vs. 3-5 the psalmist kept silent about his sin. When we hold back from confession, what can happen to us?

Notice in 6-7, 10 the blessings God bestows on the godly who confess their sins.

Application:

How has confessing sin helped renew your life?

How does forgiveness from God spill over into other relationships in your life?

Pray:

Confess your sin. Ask God to bring to light, then confess to him your sin. Invite God to be glad and bring a song to your heart because He has made you upright (vs. 11)!

January 23

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for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:17-32

Observation:

How does the mind, heart, and conscience influence the actions of non-believers? How are Christians to deal with these realities?

How does Paul describe the behavior of the old self? The new self?

How do you “put on” or “put off” spiritual things?

Application:

What are two positive and two negative motivations for living a Christian life?

What of the vices Paul mentions is a continuing problem for you?

What is an area of your Christian life you believe you are making progress in?

Pray:

Of the challenges you face in the Christian life, ask God to give you growth in your top two. Ask God to give you wisdom on how to be kind to a family member today.

January 24

Verse of the Week:

Psalms 115:1

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Observation:

Describe what you think of when you think of Agape, unconditional, love.

The people of Corinth were known to be seeking spiritual gifts and power. What is Paul emphasizing in vs. 1-3?

What is the value of religious acts done without love?

Application:

As you read this chapter, how have you experienced God's love for you?

In your opinion, what is a way to develop love for others?

Vs. 13 Love abides (remains/endures/permanent). How is this significant for your life of faith?

Pray:

Ask God to power you to love patiently, without envy, without pride, and with no record of wrong. How will you be kind today?

January 25

Verse of the Week:

Psalms 115:1

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Scripture: Colossians 3:1-25

Observation:

How are you to grow in your spiritual life (vs. 1-4)? Explain the role our minds play in putting on the new self. (Consider Romans 12:1-2)

How much contrast do you see between the "clothes" of the earthly nature (vs. 5-11) and those of God's chosen people (vs. 12-17)?

What practical difference will the new "clothes" make between wives & husbands? Children & parents? Slaves & masters?

Application:

What part of your old earthly nature is hardest for you to take off and leave behind?

What "clothing" do you think you most want to put on?

Pray: Ask God to help you "take off" & "put on" what you should.

January 26

Verse of the Week:

Psalm 115:1

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

Scripture: Psalm 115:1-18

Observation:

Why do nations ask where God is (vs. 2)?

What is the fate of people who try to make God into what they think he is (vs. 8)?

Application:

How would you respond if someone were to ridicule you and say "where is your god"?

Psalm 115 declares God's supremacy over both men/nations and their idols. What is to be our response to this truth?

What are modern idols that you can slip into "worshipping"?

Pray:

Ask God to open your eyes to what you have made into an idol. Confess what you realize. Give praise to God for His greatness!

January 27

Verse of the Week:

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Scripture: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Observation:

What question does Jeremiah answer for the exiles in vs. 5-9, 15?

What seems to be the reason for God extending and ending the exile (vs. 10-14)?

If there is a catch to the promise of vs. 10-14,, what is it?

Application:

How does God use evil to accomplish His plan?

Is there randomness in the life we experience? Why or why not?

What good has God brought out of your bad circumstances?

Pray:

Ask God to give you strength to make of the most of your current circumstances. Ask God to give you the faith to trust in Him in your situation.

January 28

Verse of the Week:

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Scripture: John 15:1-17

Observation:

How many times does Jesus use the word "abide" or "remain"?

What is Jesus trying to emphasize with that word?

How is prayer connected to remaining/abiding in Christ?

Application:

What has it been like for God to "prune" you?

When was a time you were especially close to the Lord?

What were your prayers like in that season?

Pray:

Ask God to pull you in close. Start by asking Him to prune what keeps you from Him. Ask Him to strengthen you to follow His commands.

January 29

Verse of the Week:

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Scripture: Proverbs 8:17

Observation:

Set a timer for 12 minutes. What observations can you make on this verse in that time?

How is love and prayer connected?

Application:

Love is hard to measure, so how do we know we love the Lord? How has God loved you?

What will you do to seek the Lord?

When you find the Lord, what will be going on?

Pray:

Ask God to give you the ability to love Him. Ask Him to desire to seek him.

January 30

Verse of the Week:

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Scripture: Daniel 9:1-6

Observation:

What moves Daniel to pray?

How does Daniel prepare himself for his divine encounter with God?

Who is Daniel speaking for as he prays?

Application:

How could you humble yourself like Daniel before you pray?

What is a prophecy of God's Word you could pray for fulfillment?

Have you ever fasted? How did that impact your mental or physical state? How does fasting affect your spiritual life?

Pray:

If you are able, fast, and invite God to speak through your physical condition this week.

January 31

Verse of the Week:

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Scripture: Daniel 9:7-14

Observation:

How does Daniel contrast God and his people?

What does Daniel attribute the situation the people are in now?

Describe Daniel's prayer in your own words.

Application:

What sins of our nation would you confess?

What struggles do we face as a nation because of our sin?

Pray:

Confess our nation's sins. Invite God to work in our nation to convict of sin. Ask God to make us more sensitive to His law.

February 1

Verse of the Week:

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Scripture: Daniel 9:15-19

Observation:

What attributes of God does Daniel highlight in these verses?

How does Daniel address God's anger and wrath?

Application:

Daniel's understanding of Scripture helped him pray. How could you use Scripture in your prayers?

Judging from the content of your recent prayers, what concerns you most lately?

What aspects of God's character move you to pray?

Pray:

With a humble heart, bring your requests to God. Lean into the character of God to share your prayer.

February 2

Verse of the Week:

Jeremiah 29:13

You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.

Scripture: Colossians 4:2-6

Observation:

In advancing the Gospel, what role does prayer play?

What ways is thankfulness and prayer tied together?

What is Paul's prayer request?

Application:

What requests of Paul's can you most relate to?

How is prayer tied to action in this Scripture?

What part of Paul's words help you grow in your prayers?

Pray:

Ask for an open door and clarity for the gospel.

February 3

Verse of the Week: 2 Chronicles 20:15 *And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.*

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:1-12

Observation:

What caused Jehoshaphat to call for a fast?

What aspects of God's character does Jehoshaphat bring up?

Why do you think Jehoshaphat brings up facts that God already knew of their predicament?

Application:

When have you called on God in a desperate situation?

During of major issues, where do you usually turn?

If you have not been walking with the Lord, can you still come to him in prayer? Why or why not? Should your past with the Lord change your approach?

Pray:

Give God control of a difficult situation you are facing. Ask him to keep your eyes on Him in the trouble.

February 4

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:13-19

Observation:

Who is included in the assembly?

Who does Jahaziel say the battle belongs to?

What are key phrases of Jahaziel?

Application:

In the middle of trouble, what would you say to someone like Jahaziel?

How can you give a battle to The Lord?

When did you give a battle to the Lord?

Pray:

Ask God to give you strength to stand firm, not be afraid, and turn your battle over to The Lord.

February 5

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:20-23

Observation:

What does success for the people depend upon?

What action does the king take in vs. 21?

While the people sing, what is God doing?

Application:

How do we have faith, and grow in our faith?

How can you sing in your difficulties? What song will you sing?

If we sing, what should it include if it is like vs. 21?

Pray:

Ask God to grow your faith. Ask him to give you a song to help you grow your faith and trust in Him.

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Scripture: 2 Chronicles 20:24-30

Observation:

What is the reaction of the people after the great victory?

Who do the people credit with the victory (vs. 27)?

Where does peace and rest come from (vs. 30)?

Application:

How do we connect God to our struggles?

What role do we have in our difficulties? What is God's?

How can you praise God for your victories?

Pray:

Give God praise! Remind yourself of what He has done in you and praise His name.

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:1-12

Observation:

What is the common trait of the people mentioned?

What verbs describe faith in vs. 1 & 6?

What is the faith of the ancients directed toward?

Application:

Is faith directed toward the past, present, or future? All three?

Write out your own definition of faith, with vs. 1 & 6 giving insight.

What is your present level of faith?

Pray:

Ask God to give you faith to the level of your situation.

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Scripture: Hebrews 11:13-28

Observation:

What situation was faced that is the most difficult in your opinion? Why?

Read aloud vs. 13-16. What does this mean to you?

What do the stories of vs. 17-22 have in common?

What do you learn about faith from the example of Moses in vs. 24-28?

Application:

Of the people mentioned in this section of verses, who do you relate the most to?

How has your life changed due to faith?

How would you pray if you were Moses?

Pray: Ask God to set aside worldly opportunity so you can grow in relationship with Him.

February 9

Verse of the Week: 2 Chronicles 20:15 *And he said, "Listen, all Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem and King Jehoshaphat: Thus says the Lord to you, 'Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed at this great horde, for the battle is not yours but God's.*

Scripture: Hebrews 11:29-40

Observation:

What accomplishments happened in these verses due to faith?

What price was paid?

What came of the faith in vs. 39-40?

Application:

How do these verses encourage you considering your own suffering and the questions that suffering brings on?

How has your faith cost you?

Pray:

Ask God to do whatever it takes to make you more like Him: more perfect. Ask God to go through with the plans He has for you.