



MARCH 23

Passage: Psalm 119:1-8

We're bringing back our daily devotions for a season in hopes of us being united around God's word. To do this we'll center our attention around a chapter that speaks of the Word often. **173 times in 176 verses.** That's how many times a reference is given to that which God has spoken, declared or given to David, Israel and eventually to us.

So in the midst of uncertainty, isolation and the other many things we may be experiencing, why not center our hearts, minds, attention and **FOCUS** on one constant? That's our hope with this devo. It'll be short, it'll be sweet, and it will hopefully be encouraging. At the end you'll have the option to read from the Gospels as we walk with Jesus on His way to the cross.

READ & DIG. Read Psalm 119:1-8 (underline every reference to God's Word.)

God's Word is important. Understatement of the year, right? But take a closer look. Here are some things that jump out to me.

BLESSED! (vv.1-3)

Look at the person who walks in and keeps God's Word. What does David call that person? (_____) What does that even mean? What does blessed mean? I'll let you dig into that. It's important to know because that's what you are as you walk in and keep God's Word. So google the definition of the word blessed.

SHAME! (vv.4-6)

That word scares me. I'm not sure anyone in this world likes to be shamed. To be shamed is to straight up be embarrassed publicly and privately. Shame oozes guilt and drives a person to doing some pretty crazy things. What's one way to not feel shame or be shamed? It's there. **Read vv. 4-6 again.**
How can I escape shame? BY KEEPING HIS WORD (STATUTES)

FOCUS! (vv.7-8)

It's like David sees all he's written and then commits to that way. After what he's written he says, "I'm going to be all about that!" He states his **FOCUS.**

- I'm going to praise (when? After I learn of your RIGHTEOUS rules – not meaningless rules)
- I'm going to learn (what then?)
- I'm going to keep. Why would we ever want to return to the old, shame filled way?

Apply & GO

So what now? What do we do with this. Always remember. God's Word means what it means. There is no "what does this mean to you, and to you, and to you." That's wrong. The Bible means what it means. How we apply it may be different, specifically. It means what it means.

SO...let me ask you. What will you do after hearing this truth?

What can we learn about God? What can we learn about His Word?

What can we learn about how God ultimately works this out through Jesus (John 1:14)

GOD'S WORD IS TRUTH AND LEADS TO HOLINESS RATHER THAN SHAME.

How will I walk in that today?

EASTER JOURNEY: Luke 19:28-40, Zech. 9:9-10