

“SHARING A HEART FAITH”

Early Brethren studied their Bibles and attempted to follow the way of Jesus. Finding a “heart faith,” they emerged from baptism “clothed inwardly with great joyfulness.” Then the word was given, “Be fruitful and multiply.” *European Origins*, p. 122.

Donald Durnbaugh, noted Brethren historian says, “Following the first baptism, the eight immediately became zealous in witnessing to their newly found faith. They were convincing because they were convinced.” *Fresh from the Word*, p. 81.

As we enter this second period of scripture reading, prayer and having devotional readings from Brethren writers, we find sharing and living the faith integral to growing in faith. Even when that means decision and sacrifice, Brethren witness to Christ.

This guide assists with reading scripture slowly for meditation and having prayer. The scriptures are the same as in *Fresh From the Word* devotional for the Brethren 300th Anniversary. You can read the devotional if available or find a key thought in the text.

Pray that God will help you follow the guidance of these words. As you come to a point of the day where you face some challenge, return to your Bible text and remember its guidance. Remember a message of faith from fellow Brethren who encourage us.

On the insert are options to discern God’s leading for your next step in spiritual growth. As you enter the discipline of weekly study and worship may your corporate gatherings lead to spiritual growth for you and your church.

May we this season continue to nurture a “heart faith” and find that sharing that faith becomes so natural as it is done in joy.

Daily Scripture

Monday February 25, 2008Psalm 150
Tuesday February 26 Chronicles 15: 1-3, 11-15
Wed. Feb 27 Music, Joy, and Celebration.....I Chron. 15: 16-24
Thurs. Feb 28 Raining on Parades.I Chron.15: 25-29 Rom.12:15
Fri. 29 Our Standing, Not Our Setting I Chr. 16:1-6, Jn 4:21-24
Sat., March 1I Chronicles 16: 7-36

Sunday, March 2.....I Chronicles 16: 37-43; Acts 2: 42-47
Sunday School and Worship: Scripture & Sermon Title
Monday, March 3.....Psalm 78: 67-72; James 1: 19-25
Tuesday, March 4.....I Chronicles 17: 1-6; 2 Samuel 7
Wednesday, March 5I Chronicles 17: 7-10
Thurs., Mar. 6.....I Chron. 17: 11-15; I Samuel 16:7; I John 1: 9
Friday, Mar. 7I Chronicles 17: 16-19
Saturday, March 8.....I Chronicles 17: 20-22

Sunday, March 9I Chronicles 17: 23-27; Matthew 16: 13-20
Sunday School and Worship: Scripture & Sermon Title
Monday, March 10.....Psalm 132:1-12; 2 Samuel 7:12-16
Tuesday, March 11.....I Chronicles 28: 1-5
Wednesday, March 12.....I Chronicles 28: 6-8
Thursday, March 13...I Chronicles 28:9-10; Philippians 2:12-13
Fri.Mar.14 I Chron. 28:11-19; Jer.29:11-14; Eph.1:8b-10; 3:7-13
Saturday, Mar. 15I Chronicles 28: 20-21

Sunday, Mar. 16.....Psalm 132: 13-18
Sunday School and Worship: Scripture and Sermon Title
Monday, Mar. 17.....Psalm 135:1-5
Tuesday, Mar. 18..... 2 Chronicles 6:1-11
Wednesday, Mar. 19.....2 Chronicles 6:12-17; 2 Samuel 8:6-9
Thursday, Mar. 202 Chronicles 6:18-31
Friday, Mar. 21.....2 Chronicles 6: 36-39; Luke 15:11-32
Saturday, Mar. 22.....2 Chronicles 6: 40-42

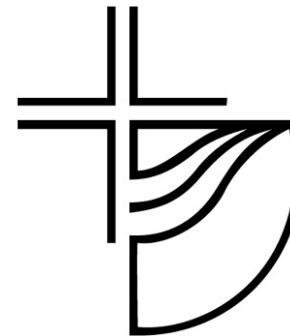
Sunday, March 23.....Luke 24:44-49
Sunday School and Worship: Scripture and Sermon Title
Monday, March 24.....Psalm 119:25-32;Mark 12:28-34
Tuesday, March 25.....2 Chronicles 34:1-7; Ephesians 4:11-13
Wednesday, March 26.....2 Chronicles 34:8-18; Hebrews 12:1-2
Thursday, March 27... 2 Chronicles 34:19-21; Leviticus 26:40-46
Friday, March 28.....2 Chronicles 34:22-28; Matthew 6:24
Saturday, March 292 Chronicles 34:22-28; Luke 22:17-20

Sun, Mar. 30.... Psalm 119: 33-40; Hebrews 4:12; 2 Tim. 3:16-17
Sunday School and Worship: Scripture and Sermon Tit

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