

Turn Your Eyes

I have good news. When everything around you is uncertain, God is there: faithful, sovereign, and able. In 2 Chronicles 20, Judah finds themselves up against neighboring nations and the king is unsure what to do. He does the best thing possible: he turns his eyes to God. And in doing that, the Lord graciously reminds him to not be afraid because the battle belongs to Him. He reminds Judah to stand firm, hold their position and see what the Lord does. Before God even delivered them the response was worship. The king charges the people to believe God and the people respond by praising Him - the God of steadfast, enduring love. God's people are always faced with battles - both then and now. God knew we could not handle this on our own. God sent his Son to fight and WIN the war for us. He took our sin upon himself, conquering sin and death once and for all through his perfect life, death and resurrection.

1 Kings 19-21; 2 Chronicles 17; Psalm 129; Matthew 1

1 Kings 22; 2 Chronicles 18; Matthew 2

2 Chronicles 19-20; 2 Kings 1; Psalm 20; Matthew 3

2 Kings 2-3; Psalm 48; Matthew 4

2 Kings 4-6; Matthew 5

Every week, you'll see the same five content questions. Use them as a guide as you read the scriptures. Pray for consistency in your Bible reading.

1. Who are the main characters in this text and is there anyone you can relate to?
2. Is there anything from this text that we are to do (obey, believe, heed or follow)?
3. What do you learn about God in these chapters and how has that changed what you believe about Him?
4. What do these passages reveal about human nature, sin and our need for God?
5. What's the Good News found in this text?

Every week, you'll see five unique application questions. Use them to help live out what you're learning in scripture. Pray for life transformation.

1. How is Ahab's repentance (1 Kings 21:25-29) a reminder of God's mercy and grace?
2. What encouragement do you get from the story of Elisha and the Shunammite's son?
3. When you consider the genealogy of Jesus in Matthew 1, are there any names that surprise you? What does this reveal about God?
4. What does the reordered set of values of the Beatitudes say about the character of God?
5. How did Jesus respond to Satan in Matthew 4? How do you combat temptation?

There will still be battles to fight, but take hope! Jesus said in John 16:33 "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world." That is good news!