

## **DAILY DEVOTIONAL GUIDE JULY 1-7: HUMBLE LIVING REQUIRES STEADY TRUST**

**DAILY PRAYER:** Precious God, in these quiet moments, I pray that you might sit beside me and open the scriptures to my thirsting heart. Renew my spirit that I will hear what you need me to hear. Amen.

Mon., July 2    Read 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8    Love Never Ends

If you were given only this passage from 1 Corinthians 13, what would it tell you about love? Read these verses again and replace the word “love” with the word “Jesus.” Replace it with your name. How did that feel as you read it? Try reading it aloud. How is God calling you to love anew?

Tue., July 3    Read Micah 6: 1-7    God’s Disappointment

In this passage we read of Yahweh’s disappointment in Israel. In an intimate conversation, verse 3 says *“O my people, what have I done to you? In what have I wearied you? Answer me!”* Have you ever felt that you “wearied” God? Have you had that intimate conversation with God? Have you answered?

Wed., July 4    Read Micah 6:8    What Does the Lord Require?

If you did not already have this verse memorized before, surely you do by now. Is there a design for your life that has you doing justice, loving kindness and walking humbly? What does it look like? Is it something that can be taught?

Thur., July 5    Read 1 Corinthians 13: 8-12    Putting an End to Childish Ways

These few verses are about growing up in the Lord, maturing in faith. It says that “prophecies,” “tongues” and “knowledge” will cease. What do you make of this? What are today’s modern prophecies, tongues and knowledge?

Fri., July 6    Read 1 Corinthians 12 and 13    The Gift of Love

The words of a familiar hymn say “Though I may speak with bravest fire and have the gifts to all inspire, but have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.” Paul places spiritual gifts back to back with faith, hope, and love. Is there a correlation? Is one better than the other? What are your spiritual gifts?

Sat., July 7    Read Psalm 48    Pondering the Steadfast Love of God

Verses 9-10 state “We ponder your steadfast love, O God.” A dictionary definition of “to ponder” reads: *To think about something carefully, especially before making a decision or reaching a conclusion.* What things do you regularly ponder in your life? Has it ever been a hindrance? What would it look like if you set intentional time aside to ponder God’s love?

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