

Daily Devotional Guide: Leading from Love, June 11-16, 2018

DAILY PRAYER: Dear God, I become so preoccupied with the state of the nation that I fail to consider the state of my own heart. Open the scriptures to me now. In these meditations, teach me your will for my life. In Christ; Amen.

Monday, June 11, Read Micah 1:2-9

Micah must bring a hard word. The religious and political leaders of Israel and Samaria had become corrupt. God used Micah, a commoner, to deliver harsh news. When in your life have you had to deliver difficult news? Did you consult God beforehand? Did you feel equipped?

Tuesday, June 12, Read 3: 9-12

Yahweh's priests and prophets in Jerusalem were now working only for profit, money. They "lean on the LORD" but Micah warns of ruin. How many times have you heard politicians and secular leaders speak of leaning on God? How does that make you feel? Do you believe it is authentic? How do you lean on the LORD?

Wednesday, June 13, Read 1 Corinthians 1:4-9

Paul writes to the church at Corinth and reminds them that they have been "enriched in speech and knowledge of every kind" because of their faith in Christ. He gives thanks for them and reminds them that "God is faithful" and that faithfulness has called them into a shared fellowship. In what ways has God enriched your speech and knowledge? Have you thanked God for these specific gifts?

Thursday, June 14, Read 1 Corinthians 1: 10-11

Paul has concerns. Believers have disagreements and it is dividing the community. What kind of disagreement might divide your own faith community? How can followers of Christ have disagreements in a faithful way? How can we be honest about disagreements without letting them divide us?

Friday, June 15, Read 1 Corinthians 1: 18

Paul tells the church that the message of the cross is foolishness for those who are perishing? What do you make of this? What is the point Paul wants to make? What does the symbol of the cross mean to you? If you had to explain this to a non-believer, what might you say?

Saturday, June 16, Read Psalm 61

Use today to reflect on this week's readings. What is taking shape in our heart? Is God calling you to change your own way of leading? Meditate on Psalm 61 and ask God to prepare your spirit for tomorrow's Sabbath.

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