

ONE in the word

“Search the scriptures; for in them ye think ye have eternal life: and they are they which testify of me (Jesus).” (John 5:39)

January 8 - Preparation

Men of ONE:

Today is the first day of a new week. We have made it one week into our 365 days of pursuing a deeper relationship with Christ and are preparing to embark on the second week of our journey through the pages of God’s word. By way of preparation for the upcoming week, be sure to remember the context of the stories we’ve been reading. Albeit only 15 chapters through Genesis, the ground covered is quite foundational in it’s application. As we look forward to the week to come, we left off in Genesis 15 with God promising a nation through the seed of Abraham. We pick up in chapter 16 with Abraham and Sarah, and her thoughts and actions toward giving Abraham a son. The decisions, and the results thereof, we find in the next few chapters will prove to be history altering decisions.

There are many principles we’ll learn together as we go through this devotional. There are also principles we might already have an understanding of that we find God seeming to further establish them in our lives. One principle that we could all improve upon and would prove beneficial in all areas of life is the principle of prayer. Oftentimes it appears that prayer is overlooked. Reading through the Old Testament, we often see phrases such as, “called upon the LORD”, or “called upon the name of the LORD”. We find that prayer was, without doubt, an integral part of history, and furthermore, an essential and irreplaceable aspect of man’s relationship with God. There is no moment of our lives that prayer is unacceptable, or useless. The Bible tells us in 1 Thessalonians 5:17 to “Pray without ceasing.” There could be no better time for us to pray than when we daily approach the word of God. As we open up the holy Book, we should find ourselves on our face to God earnestly pleading for God to “Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law.” (Psalm 119:18) Prayer is how we communicate to God. As men, we have much to be in prayer for. First and foremost is for God to be Lord of our lives, reigning on the thrones of our hearts. May our lives reflect just that: God’s kingdom come in each of our hearts, on this day!