

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 15 - Preparation

DEAR WOMAN OF GOD'S AMAZING GRACE:

As you prepare yourself for the coming “pursuit of Christ” by attending today’s church services, sing to the Lord the songs from your heart. Think about each word, rather than just absent-mindedly repeating the words, and the song’s message. Commit those songs to your life so that you are connected more to Christ through them for the upcoming week. Then don’t be surprised if after spending time with Christ you come away singing those songs from your heart unto the Lord throughout this week.

In the next five days of our pursuit of a more intimate relationship with Christ, we will read of some of the most well-known men of the Bible: Jacob who will be the father of God’s chosen nation, Israel; Joseph, Jacob’s first-born son of his beloved Rachel; and we will be “introduced” to the man who shall be called Moses, “*Because I drew him out of the water,*” as stated by Pharaoh’s daughter in Exodus 2:10. We will read of how each of these men of God, were called of God to fulfill a purpose for God that is forever recorded in the Word of God. Our reading will consist of all three layers of biblical application: historical (these events really happened and people and lived); prophetic (this history also pictures things that will happen in the future); and devotional (things of history, pointing to things of the future, and applicable to us today.) Though we will read of some deaths, we will also read of some births. Though we read of some beginnings we will also read of some endings. Through them all, we will see Christ in many ways pictured as our Sustainer, Shepherd, and Sole Deliverer so that no matter what trial, temptation, or terrible situation we are facing, we can trust that God is right there with us through it all so that we can say with the psalmist, “*The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: what can man do unto me?*” (Psalm 118:6)