

November

3rd	Ladies Retreat
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## Pray

How is your Bible reading going? A little while ago the Lord impressed upon us the need for us to feed upon the Word of Scripture. Yet I know when we talk about this, we often begin with our own efforts.

We cannot do it. Have you ever tried to self-motivate yourself through the reading of Scripture? I know from painful experience that I usually start off pretty well, but after only a few short days I tend to slack off, until I fall back into my old ways.

So what do we do then? I know that I need to live and breathe Scripture and yet I struggle with even my desire for it. Clearly I need more than just my own weak will to inspire and spur me on.

God knows all about our sinful natures and fickle wills. In fact, He stirred Paul to write:

Romans 12:1-2 (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and

acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. <sup>2</sup> Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

It is only when we hand God our whole physical self, which is in our power to do, that God, because of His mercy, transforms us by renewing our minds. What does this mean? Pray.

I urge you my brothers and sisters that if you like me struggle with the reading of Scripture or in fact any other spiritual thing, then we must present ourselves before the King in prayer. It is only when we turn to the One who can bear our burdens, that our minds can be transformed and renewed. It is only the Lord God who can change our desires and implant in us a deep longing for His Word.

Jesus has opened up the way for us to present ourselves to Our Father in prayer. Let us not forsake this Good News. Let us pray for one another, that we might grow strong in the Lord, and that He might have His Way in us.

Grace and peace.

Ps. Adrian

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### Connect Sunday— 4th November

Message	Jeremy
Greeters	Tim O
Set Up Crew	Sandy
Sound Desk	Geoff
Music Leader	Adrian
Singers	Tayla, Bec
Guitars	Adrian, Sean, Bevan
Keys	Leighton
Drums	Justin
J Kids	Shelley
Morning Tea	O-Z surnames

At JKids we've been looking at the story of Joseph, where we have been reminded that **through good times and bad, God is working His purposes out. We can rely on Him because He never leaves us.**

To finish this unit, we'll be watching "Joseph: King of Dreams" this Sunday. Bring a cushion/pillow. Popcorn and poptop drinks provided.