MEMORY VERSE OF THE WEEK:

Romans 1:16-17 For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."



MY NOTES

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MONDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Read Acts 26—Paul Makes An Appeal

- 1. Paul's conversion is told for the 3rd time in Acts. Why repeat it so many times and why did Paul mention his conversion and mission in such depth to Agrippa and Bernice, and to us?
- 2. What was the central point of Paul's defense/witness to Agrippa?
- 3. Notice how Peter's, John's, Steven's and Paul's defense before the authorities are similar. How is Paul's defense similar to Jesus' defense during His passion?
- Prayer: Jesus, thank you for bearing my sin. You have turned us from darkness to your Gospel, the light and the Way.

TUESDAY, MARCH 1

Read Acts 27—Paul is Shipwrecked

- Paul, as a Roman prisoner, requested an appeal to Caesar, as was his citizenship right. Do you think he wanted to go to Rome as a prisoner? What advantage did Paul have in being a prisoner at this time in his ministry?
- 2. Why didn't the centurion listen to Paul's advice not to sail since it was so late in the season?
- 3. How did Paul encourage the 276 people on board the ship? How might this teach us to encourage others in their time of need?
- Prayer: Jesus, be by our side and grant us safe passage as we are tossed about in this world.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 2

Read Acts 28-Paul in Rome

- 1. How did the bite of a poisonous serpent and Paul's pain and suffering open a door for him to share the Gospel?
- 2. Why might Paul have left Rome after he was released (see v 25)? What might Paul have done after his time in Rome was over (see Romans 15:24,28)?
- 3. Reflect. What were Paul's important contributions to Christianity?
- Prayer: Jesus, grant me strength and perseverance so that I may proclaim Your name to the end.

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THURSDAY, MARCH 3

Read Romans 1—Paul Writes to the Romans

- 1. Have you ever been ashamed of the being a Christian and talking about the Gospel? Why is Paul not ashamed?
- 2. God has attributes of being divine, holy, powerful, judgmental and perfect. How is the righteousness of God Paul talks about with respect to our salvation more dynamic; more an action than just an attribute (see also 3:21-31)?
- 3. How can Paul say the Gentiles are without excuse for their ungodliness when they didn't have the Old Testament? Why does God give man up for sin (see v 22)?
- Prayer: Jesus, thank You for redeeming me and crediting me with Your righteousness.

FRIDAY, MARCH 4

Read Romans 2—God's Righteous Judgement

- 1. Does the severity of God's judgement and wrath depend on the type of person or on the type of sin?
- 2. Is it good to boast and seek the world's praise? Whose praise do we need and how do we get it?
- 3. Can those who do not know of God's Law (10 commandments) sin and perish without faith in Jesus?
- Prayer: Father, let me rejoice and be in the praise of Your Son, Jesus.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

Read Romans 3— God's Righteousness Declares Us Justified

- 1. Does God's Law tempt you to keep score with God and in comparison to other people? What is the law for?
- Paul makes, in verse, a closing court case argument about our condition. What does he say? Look up a few of the Old Testament references for his set of verses.
- 3. What a pure and wonderful summary of the Gospel verses 21-26 presents. Read it again. Look up the meaning of the ESV word "propitiation" (NIV "uses sacrifice of atonement").
- Prayer: Lord Jesus, Redeemer of all sinners, justify me by Your grace as a gift.

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