

Passage Analysis

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1. **Scripture:** Luke 17:1-10
2. **Subject:** What is required to forgive someone who sins and repents repeatedly?
3. **Complement:** Genuine faith rooted in obedience is needed for radical forgiveness.
4. **Main Idea:** Forgiveness is not easy, especially for repeat offenders; however, God commands us to keep forgiving out of our faith and obedience to His will.

1. **Scripture:** Isaiah 7:1-17
2. **Subject:** What is God's response to Ahaz, the king of Judah, for rejecting His unwavering promise that two of his powerful enemies will be destroyed?
3. **Complement:** God gives a sign of deliverance – the sign of Immanuel – promising to destroy his two enemies, and a sign of judgment that Assyrians will invade Judah.
4. **Main Idea:** There are consequences for rejecting God's prophecies and plans which can never be thwarted.

1. **Scripture:** 1 Peter 5:1-4
2. **Subject:** How should elders lead and care for the body of Christ amidst heavy persecution and suffering?
3. **Complement:** By humbly, sacrificially, willingly, and eagerly overseeing the church.
4. **Main Idea:** Christ-like leadership seeks to serve out of humility versus out of personal gain for power. God's kingdom is an upside kingdom where servants are crowned with glory.

1. **Scripture:** Psalm 131
2. **Subject:** What should the posture of our hearts and souls be like before the Lord?

3. **Complement:** We should have humble hearts and calm and quiet souls, like a child resting in the safety and protection of a mother.
 4. **Main Idea:** Keep our pride in check, be content, and continue hoping in the Lord with humility and trust.
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1. **Scripture:** Matthew 18:15-20
 2. **Subject:** How should we respond when a fellow believer sins against us?
 3. **Complement:** Deal directly with the offender before seeking support from one or two other believers or the wider church body.
 4. **Main Idea:** If private attempts at conflict resolution with another Christian fails, we are responsible for bringing it before the church, as God has given the church authority to make Spirit-guided decisions that impact heaven and earth.
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1. **Scripture:** Esther
 2. **Subject:** Where is God's presence amid impossible/challenging circumstances in life?
 3. **Complement:** God is always present, in control, and guiding our every step according to His will, so we can respond with courage and confidence.
 4. **Main Idea:** God's sovereignty, divine guidance, and loving care are evident in every area of our lives.
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1. **Scripture:** Hebrews 13:5-6
 2. **Subject:** What should our relationship with money be like?
 3. **Complement:** Do not love money and be content with what you have. Grow in confidence that God is with us and our helper.

4. **Main Idea:** Do not be fearful about your livelihood, but rest in God's promise that He will never forsake us.

1. **Scripture:** Daniel 4
2. **Subject:** What does God desire of earthly kings and leaders?
3. **Complement:** To declare that God is Lord and the one who rules the kingdom of men, giving power and authority to whom he will.
4. **Main Idea:** God is King over all heaven and earth, deserving of all honor, praise, and glory; his ways are just and right and he can humble the proud.

1. **Scripture:** Luke 8:1-18
2. **Subject:** How should one receive the good news of the kingdom of God?
3. **Complement:** We should believe and live out the word of God with "an honest and good heart, and bear fruit with patience."
4. **Main Idea:** Many will hear the good news but fall away. Those who are faithful will pursue the kingdom of God wholeheartedly and multiply followers of Christ.

1. **Scripture:** 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10
2. **Subject:** What are the marks of faithful Christians in the face of affliction?
3. **Complement:** Being imitators of Christ, receiving the gospel with joy, turning from idols, and waiting for the Lord's return – all to serve as examples to other believers.
4. **Main Idea:** Even amidst suffering and persecution, true and effective Christians will demonstrate their steadfast faith and hope in Christ, bearing witness to countless Christians near and far.

1. **Scripture:** Matthew 18:21-35
2. **Subject:** How often does God expect us to forgive those who wrong us?
3. **Complement:** Just as God has shown us radical mercy, we too are expected to show mercy and forgive every time from our heart, lest we be punished.
4. **Main Idea:** There is no limit to how many times we are to forgive – we must forgive those who sin against us just as God forgave us.

1. **Scripture:** 1 Corinthians 8
2. **Subject:** Should a Christian eat food offered to idols?
3. **Complement:** If eating food offered to idols will cause another brother or sister, who has a weak conscience, to stumble in their faith, then refrain from eating it; otherwise, we sin against them, and against Christ.
4. **Main Idea:** Food offered to idols in and of themselves is not unclean or defiled, because God reigns over all; however, we should respond in love to those who lack this knowledge.