

Week of September 9, 2018

Our Part in the Story:

Daily readings text

Flood and Promise Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17

Read a different text each day and consider how it relates to your daily experiences.

Monday: Covenants and Catastrophes Genesis 1:26-30; 2:16-17

❖ These verses describe God's first covenant with humanity. What was the result of those promises and expectations?

Tuesday: Covenants and Catastrophes Genesis 3:14-19

❖ How has God's relationship with humanity changed due to humanity's sinfulness?

Wednesday: Covenants and Catastrophes Genesis 4:1-16

❖ How do you see Cain and Abel's story lived out in today's world?

Thursday: Covenants and Catastrophes Genesis 8:20-22

❖ Do you think Noah's worship aims to reinstate Adam's covenant with God prior to his sin?

Friday: Covenants and Catastrophes 1 Peter 3:18-22

❖ How is Noah connected to Christ?

Saturday: Covenants and Catastrophes Hebrews 11:7

❖ How is Noah and example of faith for us to emulate?

Week of September 16, 2018

Our Part in the Story:

Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

Call of Abram Genesis 12:1-9

Read a different text each day and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

Monday: God's Covenant with Abram Genesis 17:1-22

❖ What do you see as today's fruits of this covenant?

Tuesday: The Birth of Isaac Genesis 21:1-7

❖ What must it have been like for Abraham and Sarah to finally have the child they had wished for so long? Pray for those who experience reproductive loss or infertility.

Wednesday: Binding of Isaac Genesis 22:1-19

❖ Abraham's "Here I am" is not just a simple reply, but a response of deep submission. What can we learn from his obedience?

Thursday: The Birth of Jacob and Esau Genesis 25:19-34

❖ What does this text tell us about sibling relationships with each other and with parents?

Friday: Jacob's Dream at Beth-el Genesis 28:10-22; 35:1-7

❖ What was Jacob's response to his vision of God's blessings? How can we emulate Jacob's response of obedience?

Saturday: Joseph Dreams of Power Genesis 37:1-11

❖ How would you have handled that dream differently than Joseph did?

Week of September 23, 2018

Our Part in the Story:

Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

Joseph in Potiphar's House Genesis 39:1-23

Read a different text each day and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

Monday: Covenant through Jacob's line Genesis 49:1-28

❖ How does Jacob's prophesy live out Abraham's covenant? How does Judah's destiny foreshadow his descendent, Jesus?

Tuesday: Joseph Forgives his Brothers Genesis 50:15-21

❖ How would you have responded if you were Joseph? How would you have approached Joseph if you were a brother?

Wednesday: Israel is Oppressed Exodus 1:1-22

❖ Can you think of any modern situations in which those in power fear those under their power? What is the result of that fear?

Thursday: Signs of Power Exodus 4:1-17

❖ Do you ever try to get out of God's calling for you? Did it work for Moses?

Friday: God Reassures Moses Exodus 6:1-14

❖ How is this covenant different from the previous ones?

Saturday: The First Passover Exodus 12:1-28

❖ This text is central to Jewish practice. Which elements of the Passover celebration stand out the most to you?

Week of September 30, 2018

Our Part in the Story:

Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

Rescue at the Sea Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Read a different text each day and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

Monday: Moses' Victory Song Exodus 15:1-12

❖ How do you think battle stories are told differently by victors than by those defeated? Does it matter that the victors were the oppressed group?

Tuesday: Miriam's Victory Song Exodus 15:20-21

❖ Very little is written about Miriam. What can you imagine her calling was, considering the description of "prophet" used here?

Wednesday: Wilderness Food Exodus 16:1-10

❖ What was life like for the Israelites? What could have been worse than slavery?

Thursday: Wilderness Food Exodus 16:11-32

❖ What was the Lord teaching the Israelites in this experience?

Friday: Sharing the Burden of Leadership Exodus 18:1-22

❖ How could you benefit from Jethro's advice?

Saturday: God's Dispute with Israel Micah 6:1-4

❖ How would you characterize God in this passage? What is God's complaint?

Week of October 7, 2018

Our Part in the Story:

Daily readings based on Sunday's Narrative Lectionary text

Covenant and Commandments Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17

Read a different text each day and consider how it relates to Sunday's lesson and to your daily experiences.

Monday: An Altar and An Offering Exodus 25:1-8

❖ Why does God require such an extravagant altar for the offering?

Tuesday: Another Altar Exodus 32:1-14

❖ Do you know any prophets who not only speak God's Word to the people, but who speak to God on behalf of the people?

Wednesday: Empty Worship Amos 5:21-24

❖ God requires our worship and offering, but hates it when it is empty. What does true worship look like?

Thursday: A Blessing Numbers 6:24-26

❖ What words of blessing have you heard today?

Friday: Keep Them In Your Hearts Deuteronomy 6:4-10

❖ What are the words we should talk about when we are at home and when we are away?

Saturday: Joshua Leads the People Joshua 1:1-9

❖ What do you think it was like for Joshua to take over the mantle of leadership from Moses?