

## DAILY READING PLAN

Taste and See: Community

Week of January 28, 2018



### Day One: Read Genesis 3:1-13

• Notice how sin undermines intimacy between Adam and Eve, and between humanity and God. Read this story less literally and more metaphorically. What symbols and symbolic action does the story use to describe lost intimacy? How does sin hinder intimacy in your relationships? What might you need to change to grow in intimacy?

### Day Two: Read this quote from author Erwin McManus,

*"We are most alive when we find it, most devastated when we lose it, most empty when we give up on it, most inhuman when we betray it, and most passionate when we pursue it."*

• Do you agree with what McManus is saying? Why or why not? When has relational intimacy fed your soul? When has it broken your heart? How is your intimacy and honesty with God these days? Talk to God about it, and spend time in reflective listening.

### Day Three: Read Proverbs 10:9

• The foundation of intimacy is trust. Being trustworthy means living with high integrity, doing what we say we're going to do, being completely honest with others. How is your trust with God? How are you doing at entrusting yourself to God? How is your trust with those with whom you want more intimacy? Be honest with yourself. Ask the Spirit to guide your self-examination.

### Day Four: Read John 15:14-17

• It's rather amazing to think that God desires intimacy with us! Jesus models that intimacy with his disciples by calling them friends and laying out his thoughts and his heart to them. How are you doing with transparency? Do you hold your cards close to the chest, or do you lay out your thoughts and feeling easily? Remember that intimacy demands transparency. With whom do you need to be more transparent?

### Day Five: Read John 15:1-5

• Jesus uses a beautiful image to describe our relationship with him: vines and branches. Play with that metaphor just a bit. What does it teach you about how healthy relationships form? Consider how long it takes for great grapes to mature. The same is true of great relationships. They require an investment of time. With whom would you like to develop a healthier relationship? Make plans to spend more time with them and let your relationships mature.

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## PRAYERS

**Pray for:** Muriel, Megan, Gary D., Carol, Terry H., Tammy, Cheryl, Debbie, Chuck, Trina, Karen, Beryl, Bruce, Barb, Mike, Darrold, Jon.

**Pray for those with long-term illness:** Lorraine Felt, Harry Wisdom, Annie, Mike F., Lauren Pine, Colleen Frey, Sam Elsmore, Carolyn Raedeke, Mary Llewellyn, Scott Jones, Margaret Mazur, Lisa Leland, Rob, Naomi Edwards, Claude Johnson, Jenny, Lucas Lamontage, Sandra Jundt, Stella Mae Aaby, Janice Wake, Karen Axen, Gloria Swanson, Chloe Checcho, Jean "Yaya" Welch, Tim Ivers, Corey "Lovely" Samuel, Vicki Nordaune, Bob Pelton, Emma Olson, Kerstin Bryall, Kate Drost, Evan Marian, Judy Wenner, Dan Ward, Gavin Lyman, Bobbi Braun, Jen Cockerill, Mark Reinsmoen, Carissa Vincent, Adele Schoen, Sandy Brunes, Lorna Hansen, David Odegard, Duane Thoms, Sandy Robertson, Tami Allen, Bernie Wagnild, Maria Hurni, Julia Nicol, Doug and Carol Silkey, James Alsip.

**Prayers of sympathy and support for:** Steve Schumacher and family, as they mourn the loss of his stepfather, Ramy Wangler; Jennifer Sullivan and family, as they mourn the loss of her mother, Chin Choon Ho.

**Pray for those currently serving in the military:** Tommy Corbey, Andrea Keohane, Sarah Yetzer, Tyler Riley, Andy Klein, Tristan Purcelli, Brian Fedde, Colin Heintzeman, Maurice McKay, Dave Booth, Josiah Ellingson, Jason Wilck, Jason McClure.

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