

**Day One: Isaiah 40:27-31**

1. Describe the way God's people complain (27). What do you think would cause this to be someone's chief complaint? What four things do the people seem to have forgotten about the Lord (28)? What does God do for the weary and the weak (29)? How do those who hope in the Lord compare to the young (30-31)? What do you think it means to "soar on wings like eagles"?
2. List all the ways this text describes God's strength and eternal nature. Which attribute grabs you the most? Why? Continue to meditate on this characteristic for a few more minutes. What do you sense the Holy Spirit speaking to your heart? How is this text's description of God an echo of Jesus' ultimate victory over sadness and evil? Is there anything in this passage that speaks to you personally about God's love? Explain.

**Day Two: Isaiah 45:22-25**

1. Whom does God compel to turn to him (22)? Why (22)? What is the result of doing so (22)? By what does the Lord swear (23)? What does he say about his faithfulness (23)? Describe the way everyone will one day worship God (23). What will they say (24)? What will happen to those who raged against the Lord (24)? What about "the descendents of Israel" (25)?
2. Re-read the worshippers' words in verse 24. Do you believe this to be true? If so, what habits and fruit in your life point to this being the case? If not, what do you think gets in the way of making God your only hope and the sole object of your worship? Talk to the Lord about this roadblock. How do you think he wants to remove it from your life? Will you give him permission to do so? Pray for grace to walk this out.

**Day Three: Luke 17:20-37**

1. How did Jesus answer the Pharisees' question about the coming of God's kingdom (20-21)? What will the day of the Son of Man be like (24, 26-30)? What did Jesus warn against regarding the things people will say on that day (22-23)? What about our experience of his return; what should we do, and what should we expect (31-35)? What must precede that day (25)? What clarifying question did the disciples ask (37)? What was Jesus' answer (37)?
2. Do you ever wonder as the Pharisees did about the timing of the arrival of God's kingdom? What do you think of Jesus' response to this? Meditate on his words in verse 21: "the kingdom of God is in your midst." How does this make you feel? How do you think the Lord wants you to experience his kingdom today? How will this prepare you for eternity? How do you think he wants to use you to help others see that the kingdom is in our midst?

**Day Four: Revelation 1**

1. How does John describe this revelation's source (1-2)? Who is the audience (4)? Why are they blessed (3)? How does John greet them (4-5)? Summarize his doxology (5-8). Describe the setting of this revelation (9-10). How did it begin (10-11)? Describe the source of the voice (12-16). How did John react to this sight (17)? What reassurance did Jesus offer (17-18)? What did he urge John to do (19)? What visual symbol did Jesus then explain (20)?
2. Consider that the Lord often communicates truth and love to us via visions and dreams. What are the benefits of receiving God's truth in picture form? How do you think John felt to receive an entire book's worth of pictures describing Jesus' final victory? How do you think it sustained him during times of trial? What dreams has God given to you? How do they sustain you? Take some time to praise God for these visual expressions of his love and truth.

**Day Five: Revelation 13**

1. Describe the beast out of the sea (1-3). What did the dragon give to it (2)? How did people respond to the dragon and the beast (3-4)? Describe the beast's authority and words (5-7). Who will worship it (8)? Now describe the beast out of the earth (11). Summarize its power (12-17). What must God's people do during these beasts' reign (10, 18)?
2. How does this Revelation text compare to Daniel 7? How do these apocalyptic visions make you feel? If you're scared or confused, offer these feelings up to the Lord. What is his response? If they tempt you to focus on the end-times, how do you think God feels about this? Meditate on the last sentence of verse 10. Instead of speculation, pray you would embody the characteristics of patience, endurance, and faithfulness.