

Day One: Psalm 130

1. Describe the psalmist's position (1). What is he doing (1)? What does he want God to do (2)? What rhetorical question does he pose (3)? Instead of record keeping, what does the Lord offer (4)? What does this enable one to do (4)? Describe the way the psalmist waits for God (5-6). Where does he place his hope (5)? Whom does he invite to join him in this hope (7)? Why is it worthwhile to hope in the Lord (7-8)?
2. Meditate on verses 3-4. Imagine a powerful person or someone you deeply respect seeing your "record of sins." How does this make you feel? What about the fact that you can stand before anyone, even God, because of his forgiveness; how does *this* make you feel? Do words like unearned and shocking come to mind as you consider this brand of love? Ask the Lord what sort of response he desires of you. What do you sense him speaking?

Day Two: Jeremiah 3:1-5

1. What scenario begins this text (1)? What is God's analysis of it, and what charge does He specifically make against Israel (1)? Summarize the Lord's description of Israel's idolatry (1-3). Why do you think God likens Israel's sin to adultery and prostitution? Additionally, what duplicitous behavior does he expose (4-5)? What are the consequences of such unfaithfulness (3)?
2. What if someone leveled these accusations against *you*? How do you think you would respond? Which words or phrases do you find particularly shocking? Why? What do you think of these being God's words addressed to *his* people? This sermon series is called *The Father Loves You*; is God's love on display in this text? Why or why not? Talk to the Lord about any difficulties you're having with this passage; what is his response?

Day Three: Jeremiah 31:3-6

1. When did God speak these words (3)? How has he loved (3)? Also in verse 3, what do you think "I have drawn you with unfailing kindness" means? What name does the Lord give to his people (4)? What will he do for them (4)? How will the people celebrate this feat (4)? What will they again experience (5)? What will the watchmen cry out (6)?
2. These verses and day two's are from the same prophetic book, but there are stark distinctions. Note the title God gives to his people in verse 4. How does it compare to Jeremiah 3:1-5? What other differences do you observe between the two texts? What does this tell you about the love the Father offers to us? What does it reveal about us, the objects of his love? Thank God for his unearned love and pray for a continual openness to receive it.

Day Four: Acts 2:1-21

1. Set the scene of this text (1). Describe the sudden event (2-4). How did Jews from all over the world respond to this (6-12)? What did a subset of this group assume was happening (13)? What happened next (14)? What were Peter's opening statements to the crowd (14-16)? Summarize the text he quotes from Joel, an Old Testament prophet (17-21).
2. Which parts of this text move you the most? Why? Which aspects express the extent of God's love, the way he pours it out onto us? Today, how do you think the Lord wants to display the extent of his love specifically to you? Spiritually, how can you position yourself to regularly receive the pouring out of his Holy Spirit? Pray that this "pouring out" would bear much fruit in your life.

Day Five: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

1. Why is Paul thankful to Jesus (12)? Describe the circumstances under which he was shown mercy (13). What three things were "poured out" on him (14)? What assertion does Paul urge Timothy to fully accept (15)? What is one reason why Paul thinks he was shown mercy (16)? Why do you think Paul calls himself "the worst of sinners"? Describe the way he praises and esteems God (17).
2. Read Romans 5:6-8. How does it relate to 1 Timothy 1:15-16? What do these verses reveal of the extent of God's love? Now, reflect on verse 14. Write down memories of times when God's grace, faith, and love have been poured out in your life. Out loud, praise the Lord for each item on your list. Finally, admit to God your continual need for salvation and your complete inability to procure it yourself. How do you sense him responding?