

Day One: Job 38

1. From where did God speak to Job (1)? How does the Lord begin (2-3)? What proclamations and questions does He state about the earth's creation (4-7)? What about the sea (8-11)? Light and darkness (12-15, 19-20)? The depths (16-18)? The weather (22-30, 34-35, 37-38)? The heavens (31-33)? Animals (36, 39-41)? In verse 21, how would you describe God's tone?
2. Job 38 begins God's response to Job's laments. What impact may words like these have on one who is overly confident in his own perspective? Ask the Lord to reveal and remove any presumption in your own heart. In what specific areas of your life do you most need Him to do this work? How does your hubris get in the way of your ability to love? Say sorry to God for these sins. Finally, how does this chapter from Job relate to 1 Corinthians 13:9-12?

Day Two: Matthew 18:21-35

1. What question did Peter ask Jesus (21)? How did Jesus respond (22)? What is the context of the parable He then told (23)? What was the master's original plan for the indebted servant, and how did he change his mind (24-27)? What did the servant then do (28-30)? How did the other servants react (31)? What did the master do (32-34)? How did Jesus conclude this parable (35)?
2. When it comes to extending forgiveness, whom are you more like: the merciful king or the unmerciful servant? Why do you think this is the case? Read 1 Corinthians 13:5. In what relationships are you tempted to keep a record of wrongs? Ask the Lord to show you all the ways he does anything but tally up *your own sins*. How does this inspire you to treat others? Ask for grace to exude God's loving forgiveness in all of your interactions.

Day Three: Philippians 2:5-8

1. When it comes to relationships, what mindset should we have (5)? What is Jesus' nature (6)? Despite awareness of this nature, what did Jesus do; what did he forsake (6)? What did he do instead (7)? How did he make Himself nothing (7)? With this adopted nature, how did he appear (8)? How did he further humble himself (8)? What does all of this reveal about Jesus' mindset?
2. Jesus is the least self-seeking person to ever walk this earth. He wants us to follow in his footsteps. Rather than thinking too highly of yourself or behaving selfishly, what one change can you make to connect with Jesus from a place of humility? What is distinct about acknowledging and worshipping God from this position; how does it echo Jesus' brand of love? Pray this posture would characterize not only your spirituality but also your relationships.

Day Four: Colossians 1:24—2:5

1. What does Paul think about his suffering (1:24)? What is the point of his suffering (24)? What does he see as his purpose in the church (25-26, 29)? Who else will become aware of the mystery (27)? What exactly is this mystery (27)? Describe the method for presenting disciples "fully mature in Christ" (28). For whom is Paul contending (2:1)? What is his goal (2)? Why (2-3)? Why is he telling his readers this (4)? What delights Paul (5)?
2. Read 1 Corinthians 13:11. How does it relate to this passage from Colossians, especially verses 1:28 and 2:5? The love of God matures us; the more we avail ourselves to it, the more mature we become. Consider where you are on this journey. Ask the Holy Spirit to show you your places of maturity and places of childishness. How do you think God wants you to respond to this revelation? What is the first step you will take to walk this out?

Day Five: 1 John 4:7-21

1. Why should we love one another (7, 11)? What does the decision to love say about a person (7-8, 12, 16)? How did God show His love for us (9-10)? How do we know when we are alive in Christ (13-15)? What confidence does this produce (16-17)? Describe fear's relationship to love (18). Why do we love (19)? Who is a liar (20)? Why (20-21)?
2. Meditate on verses 16-19. Do you sense this complete love and peace within yourself? Why or why not? More than any other avenue, how equipped do you feel to draw people to Jesus via *love*? Where you feel lacking, ask God to fill you up. If you value your gifts and talents more than your ability to love, repent. If you struggle to follow through on good intentions, repent. What other changes do you sense the Spirit asking of you?