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WITH THE EDGE

July 20 – Acts 21:15-40

Re-read Acts 21:30

This is the life Paul was living. He is constantly in danger for being a Christian.

What kind of dangers do you face for being a part of the church? Isolation? Teasing? Write about it.

July 21 – Acts 22

Re-read Acts 22:21

Paul speaks before a large group of Jews as he explains how Jesus brought him to salvation. He is sent to a specific people group: the Gentiles. He usually is preaching to non-Jews.

Who has God put you with that you should be speaking truth with?

July 22 – Acts 23:1-11

Re-read Acts 23:1

Having a good “conscience” is important to Paul, as it should be to us. To be of good conscience consists of doing what we know is right. What are some tough situations that you know you will face today, that you must choose to do what is right, even though it’s hard?

July 23 – Acts 23:12-35

Re-read Acts 23:16

There was a young man who had an important mission. He was bold to go tell his uncle Paul about the plot against him. It was probably pretty scary for him. What situations do you think are scary in your life?

Do you choose to trust God in those situations?

July 24 – Acts 24

Re-read Acts 24:15

As Paul explains himself to Felix (the governor of the area) he talks about his hope in God for the resurrection of the just and the unjust. As you think about the resurrection, how does that make you want to live your life now?

July 25 – Acts 25

Re-read Acts 25:22

Agrippa, the King of Israel, was one of the most powerful men in the world Paul lived in. He wanted to hear Paul speak and defend his case. This was one of the greatest opportunities for Paul ever had to tell people about Jesus! What opportunities do you have to tell others about Jesus? (If not, pray for more opportunities!)

July 26 – Acts 26

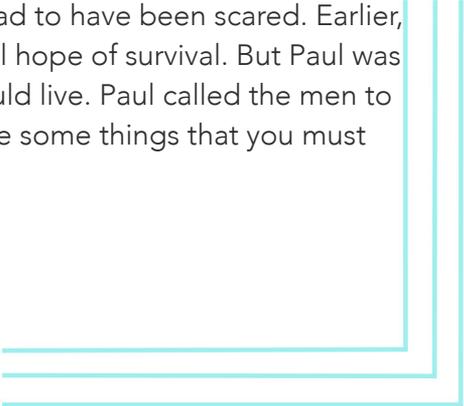
Re-read Acts 26:28-29

Before the wicked King of Israel, Paul lays out his testimony of salvation, as well as the gospel and how people need to trust the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus. Agrippa began to realize that it was important for him to respond to this message. It takes more than just hearing and knowing the gospel to be saved. Agrippa never responded correctly, have you?

July 27 – Acts 27:1-25

Re-read Acts 27:25

Passengers of Paul's prison ship had to have been scared. Earlier, it says that the men abandoned all hope of survival. But Paul was told by an angel that the men would live. Paul called the men to have faith in God for this. What are some things that you must trust God for?



July 28 – Acts 27:26-44

Re-read Acts 27:35

In the midst of a shipwreck and a disastrous trip, Paul and the others were provided for by God. And for that, he gave thanks. You might find it easier to give thanks to God for your food after going two weeks without it, but how thankful are you for his provision everyday?

We ought to be thankful for every good thing we are given! So thank God today!

July 29 – Acts 28:1-15

Re-read Acts 28:15

Paul had just spent a great deal of time traveling to Rome where he would be tried by Caesar. While in Rome, he found a group of Christians that encouraged him. It says that Paul thanked God and took courage. Who are the people you can thank God for today?

July 30 – Acts 28:16-31

Re-read Acts 28:30-31

Paul finished his missionary journey in Rome where he ended up dying for Jesus. It says that he preached about the kingdom and people were won to Jesus in the process. As we finish the book of Acts today, what is something about Paul that you wish to be more like? How can you better share your faith in Jesus Christ by looking to the example found in the Apostle Paul?

July 31 – Romans 1

Re-read Romans 2:6

Paul is writing a letter to the church in Rome. He tells that he is not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for salvation. As you live in the world today, what does it look like to be unashamed of the gospel?

What does it look like to be ashamed?

August 1 – Romans 2

Re-read Romans 2:6

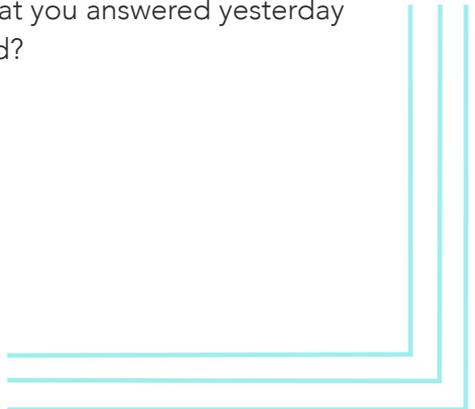
These people think they are better off because they have the law of God. Paul says that it is by that law that their lives are judged, and they don't match up. If God were to really give you what you deserve, what would he give you?

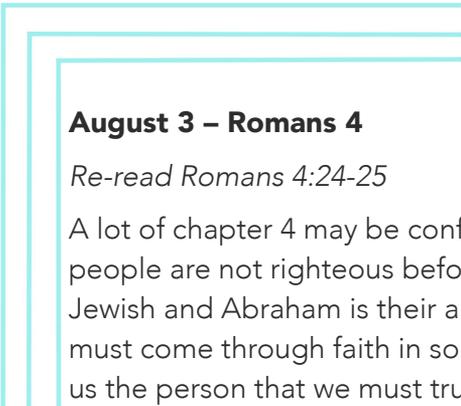
August 2 – Romans 3

Re-read Romans 3:9, 23

Think about what you wrote yesterday. After looking at verse 9 and 23, do you still agree with what you answered yesterday about what you deserve from God?

Why?





August 3 – Romans 4

Re-read Romans 4:24-25

A lot of chapter 4 may be confusing, but the point is that people are not righteous before God just because they are Jewish and Abraham is their ancestor, and that righteousness must come through faith in someone else. Verses 24 and 25 tell us the person that we must trust in for salvation. What do we need to put our faith in concerning him?

August 4 – Romans 5

Re-read Romans 5:6-8

Paul reminds the Romans of how much they deserved Christ's love. They didn't! No one did! Jesus came and died while we were still sinners. There was nothing lovable about us, but he chose to love. How does that change the way you look at the death of Jesus?

August 5 – Romans 6

Re-read Romans 6:15-16

We have already read that Christians are under the grace of God, not the punishment that comes through the law. Now, Paul wants to make something very clear: just because you are under the grace of God, doesn't mean you should go on sinning intentionally like there is no consequence. Christians are not slaves to sin anymore, they are slaves to God. What are some of the things slaves of God should be doing?

August 6 – Romans 7

Re-read Romans 7:15-16

There is clearly a struggle Paul is going through, and it is one that every follower of Christ faces everyday. While the Christian is saved out of the slavery to sin, they still live in a body of sin that still wants to sin. In what areas of your life do you feel this struggle?

August 7 – Romans 8:1-18

Re-read Romans 8:15

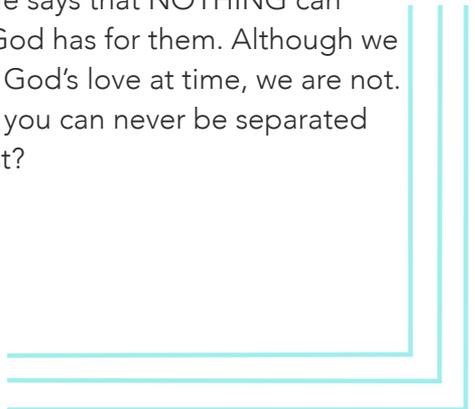
The word "Abba" means father, or dad, or daddy (just imagine whatever you call your dad). It's a loving term that only a child would use of his dad. That is the kind of relationship we can have with the God who made the universe! How amazing is that!? How should kids respond to their dad's rules?

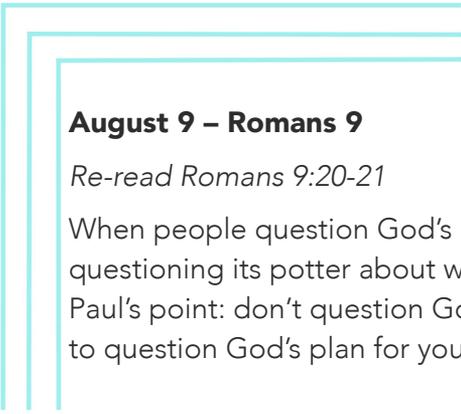
Do you respond that way to God's rules?

August 8 – Romans 8:19-39

Re-read Romans 8:38-39

Paul makes a strong claim here. He says that NOTHING can separate a person from the love God has for them. Although we may feel alone or separated from God's love at times, we are not. When is it hard to remember that you can never be separated from God's love if you are in Christ?





August 9 – Romans 9

Re-read Romans 9:20-21

When people question God's plan for their life, it is like a pot questioning its potter about why they were made a certain way. Paul's point: don't question God's plan. When are you tempted to question God's plan for your life?