



DAILY DEVOTIONS



What does this passage say?



What did this passage mean to its original audience?



What does this passage tell us about God?



What does this passage tell us about man?



What does this passage demand of me?



How does this passage change the way I relate to people?



How does this passage prompt me to pray?

NUMBERS 21:1-9

The Bible repeatedly teaches us how serious our sins are and how powerful God's grace is. The story of the bronze serpent is one of those stories that perfectly demonstrates both God's justice and His mercy. Sin is no small thing; the wages of sin is death (Rom. 6:23), but God's grace is greater than our sin. He provides salvation and offers us a way to forgiveness and life. As Romans 6:23 goes on to say, "but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord" (Rom. 6:23). Take your sin seriously and turn to God for grace and mercy.

WHY SHOULD YOU TAKE SIN MORE SERIOUSLY?

HOW MIGHT TAKING SIN SERIOUSLY MAKE YOU MORE THANKFUL FOR GOD'S GRACE?

HAVE YOU EVER PUT YOUR FAITH IN JESUS TO SAVE YOU FROM YOUR SINS? IF SO, WHEN? IF NOT, WHY?

DAY 02

JOHN 3:1-16

WHAT MUST SOMEONE DO TO BE SAVED?

WHO ARE SOME PEOPLE YOU KNOW WHO NEED TO HEAR THE GOSPEL?

HOW CAN YOU BE INTENTIONAL ABOUT SHARING THE GOSPEL WITH THEM?

When Jesus was talking to Nicodemus about how to become new and forgiven, Jesus referred to the bronze serpent story in Numbers 21. He said that just as the serpent was lifted up, so He must be lifted up, and everyone who believes in Him will be saved just as everyone who looked to the serpent was healed. God loves humanity so much that He gave His Son, Jesus, on the cross so that we can have eternal life. Anyone who looks to Him in faith will be saved. That is the best news ever! Believe it yourself and share it with everyone.

DAY 03

NUMBERS 21-24

HOW HAS GOD BLESSED YOU DESPITE YOUR SIN?

HOW CAN YOU TAKE WHAT GOD SAYS ABOUT YOU (RATHER THAN WHAT PEOPLE SAY) TO HEART?

HOW DOES THIS STORY ENCOURAGE YOU EVEN WHEN OTHERS SPEAK BADLY ABOUT YOU?

NUMBERS 22:22-38

HOW CAN YOU USE YOUR WORDS TO BLESS OTHERS?

HOW HAVE OTHER PEOPLE'S WORDS AFFECTED YOU?

WHAT ARE SOME WAYS YOU CAN HONOR GOD WITH YOUR WORDS?

The Bible has some interesting and crazy stories, and this one has to be near the top of the list. God enabled a donkey to talk to a person. But the story has a serious lesson that shouldn't be missed. God did all of that to remind Balaam that He should only say what God wanted him to say. Our words are powerful, and we should not use them carelessly. We ought to be extra careful about how we talk about other people. We should speak blessings, not curses. We should build up, not tear down. Speak how God would want you to speak today.

DAY 05

NUMBERS 27:12-23

At the end of Moses' life, he knew that Israel would need a godly leader and shepherd. He asked God to appoint someone to replace him, and God chose Joshua. Joshua had been loyal to Moses, faithful to God, and willing to stand up for what was right even when ten of the other spies would not. Moses passed his authority and responsibilities on to Joshua, who would go on to lead the people into the promised land. God wants you to be a faithful person who would be fit to take the baton and lead future generations into His plans and purposes. Be that kind of young person in this generation!

HOW CAN YOU BE AN EXAMPLE TO YOUR PEERS IN THIS SEASON OF LIFE?

WHAT QUALITIES DO YOU NEED TO DEVELOP NOW TO BE A GODLY LEADER IN THE FUTURE?

WHAT MIGHT BE KEEPING YOU FROM BEING LIKE JOSHUA?