

Daily Devotional: June 3-9 ("We're not worthy")

Monday: Read Luke 7:1-10. Reflect on the approach to Jesus from the Jewish Elders ("He is worthy to have you do this") and from the centurion himself ("I am not worthy to have you come under my roof.") Why does Jesus commend the centurion for having "such great faith"? How do you find comfort in being an unworthy man or woman before Christ? Confess your sins and your unworthiness before our Lord. He loves to forgive unworthy sinners. Jesus is worthy, and His Spirit lives in you.

Tuesday: Read Genesis 32:1-21. Jacob and Esau are twin brothers, who have been estranged and conflicted. Jacob is returning to his brother, but concerned about Esau holding a grudge against him. Consider Jacob's prayer in verses 9-12, especially verse 10. What is Jacob's posture in prayer even while he desperately needs and wants the Lord's protection? How does this inform how we pray in our time of need? Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly and reflect on the Lord's goodness to us.

Wednesday: Read 2 Corinthians 3:1-6. Paul is writing to the Christians at the church in Corinth and makes a distinction between "the letter" (The Law or the Ten Commandments) and "the Spirit" (The Gospel, the living Spirit of God in you through your baptism). In verse 5 Paul notes our "sufficiency" (worthiness) is not from ourselves but from God. How does this shape how we as Christians act toward other people and why we act in certain ways? Wash your face remembering your baptism.

Thursday: Read Matthew 3:1-12. John the Baptist prepares the way of the Lord. As a cousin of Jesus and one who is sent out in the wilderness to preach the Word of God for repentance (turning away from) of sins, how does John view himself in relation to Jesus in light of verse 11? How does John's posture toward Jesus impact not only your posture as a Christian toward our Lord but also your daily living? Thanks be to God for his love for us, his unworthy servants. Say the Apostles' Creed.

Friday: Read Acts 5:17-42. The apostles are arrested, freed, and persecuted by the high priest and the Jewish ruling council (the Sanhedrin). In these verses we hear that the Lord chose these unworthy men (the apostles) to speak His truth and even to be found worthy. For what does verse 41 say the apostles were found worthy? Have you ever thought of your worthiness as a Christian in this regard? How does that affect your attitude toward hardships as a Christian? Pray for those Christians who are persecuted around the world while facing imprisonment, torture, and even death.

Saturday: Read Hebrews 3:1-6. The writer of Hebrews compares the worthiness of Moses to the greater worthiness of Jesus just as the builder of the house is worthy of greater glory than the house itself. If Moses is called worthy, can we be called worthy as well? Where does our worthiness come from? From the one who alone is worthy: Jesus! Sing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow."

Sunday: Read Revelation 5:1-14. Our Lord Jesus alone is worthy to receive blessing and honour and glory and might. He will reign forever and ever. We praise our Lord today and will praise him forever when he returns again with even greater glory. And our worthy Lord will be surrounded by His unworthy servants, now made worthy, living together forever. Celebrate the Lord's Day with a church service today!