

BEFORE WE GO

A podcast sharing years of wisdom, insights and humor from the ministry team of David & Karen Mains.

SCRIPTURE & REFLECTION QUESTIONS – WK 4

Read Joshua 21:43–45

1. This passage shows the fulfillment of God’s promise to Abraham several hundred years earlier (Genesis 17:7–8). God’s timetable often differs from human timetables. When has this been true in your life?
2. When the Israelites first explored the land God had promised them, they were confused because the obstacles seemed so great (see Numbers 13:1–2, 26–33). What were these obstacles?
3. Yet Joshua 21:45 reads that all of God’s promises to Israel were fulfilled. Does this example of God’s faithfulness encourage you to embrace the promises in God’s Word? Why or why not?
4. Is there a contemporary situation you know of where God’s victory first seemed impossible but was completed in time? What effect does this example have on your attitude toward any present confusion you might be experiencing?
5. Are there any promises in Scripture you have found that you have difficulty believing? How can accepting these words make you more of an “I believe” person?

Read 2 Peter 1:1–4

1. According to verse 2, what does Peter want you to have in abundance because of Jesus?
2. According to this passage, what has God given us?
3. How does knowing that you have been given everything you need for life and godliness change your perspective regarding facing difficult times?
4. In this passage, what does Peter write is the purpose of God's promises for us?
5. What is a biblical promise that presently is proving meaningful to you?

Read Psalm 19:7–14

1. Notice the qualities David ascribes to God's Word in verses 7–11. Have these qualities proven true in your life? Explain.
2. David experienced many times of confusion in his life (see 1 Samuel 19 for an example). Yet he found comfort and strength in the promises God had given him. When have you drawn comfort from the promises in God's Word?
3. Which most characterizes David's view of Scripture: a set of harsh rules, or words to rejoice in? Which best reflects your perception? What changes would you like to see in your approach to Scripture?
4. In times of confusion, one thing we can do is obey what God tells us through His Word. What is a specific way you can follow the direction of God's Word today?
5. Review verses 7–11, then finish this sentence: I believe...

Read Philippians 1:3–6

1. What about the Philippian believers is the apostle thankful for? Since Paul wrote this letter from prison, what do his words show about his focus during difficult times?
2. Notice in verse 6 that God’s work takes place “in you.” How is it comforting to know that God is working within you, no matter what is happening around you?
3. The “good work” Paul is describing is evidence of a process of spiritual growth taking place. What do you think are some typical signs of spiritual growth in a believer?
4. What evidence do you have that God is presently “working in you” in your present circumstances?
5. Pick an area of confusion in your life. What is a Scripture you can claim that would speak directly to that situation?

Read Psalm 145

1. List some of the items for which David is praising the Lord. If you were writing a similar psalm, what are some phrases you would use to praise the Lord?
2. What is the tone of this passage? How might praying through this psalm help give you perspective during a difficult time of confusion?
3. In verse 13, David writes, "The Lord is faithful to all His promises." How does this statement impact the way you view God's promises?
4. What is a promise in Scripture you often think about? Reread the last part of verse 13 and insert your promise at the end as a specific example of David's statement.
The Lord is faithful to all His promises and loving toward all He has made. He...
5. Do you find it easy or difficult (or somewhere in-between) to take God at His word regarding this promise? Explain.