

July 22 | Sunday

Making a Difference

Read [Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)



23 | Mon – Personal history | Read [Ephesians 2:1-10](#)

Looking back can help you see how far you have come. How has knowing Jesus changed you? Paul reminded his readers of their former lifestyle, what God had done in their lives, that they were God's handiwork, created to love him and do good works. Why? So that changed people could make a difference in the lives of others. Have you considered what a blessing your good works are to God as you pass along all that He has done for you?

24 | Tue – How you speak | Read [1 Samuel 1:1-20](#)

Hannah was in such distress her unrestrained praying was misinterpreted as drunkenness. Eli misjudged her but upon hearing of her great anguish and grief over unanswered prayer, he instead gave such words of encouragement that she was able to find peace. How easy it can be to avoid someone who is suffering physically, mentally or emotionally because you feel unsure of what to say. When the next opportunity comes, will you be bold enough to ask God to give you words another person needs to hear? It could change their life.

25 | Wed – Be an advocate | Read [Exodus 2:1-10](#)

Have you ever felt helpless in a dire situation and needed an advocate? A three-month-old baby boy's life was in danger. After his mother had done all she could, she left him in God's hands. The baby's sister, Miriam, was given a chance to speak up for her little brother. Her brave actions saved the life of baby Moses and *his* life changed thousands of others. Is there someone in your life who needs an advocate? A child, a friend, a neighbor? God will show you what you can do if you ask.

26 | Thu – Big or small, it doesn't matter | Read [John 6:5-15](#)

Do you have to be wealthy to make a difference? In this familiar story recorded in all four gospels, only John mentioned where the 5 small buns and 2 small fish came from - a boy with a small lunch who was willing to share. What little you have may seem small and insignificant but in the hands of Jesus, amazing things can happen. What could you share with someone today - a genuine smile, a compliment, a cup of coffee, a listening ear, a helping hand?

27 | Fri – Actions to back up what you say | Read [Mark 2:1-12](#)

Four men had a friend in trouble. They knew it. They felt sorry for his condition but it didn't stop there. They decided to do something for him that he could not do for himself. Even when the way was blocked, these men did something drastic which shocked the crowd but their faith and determined action changed this friend's life forever. And in more ways than just his physical condition. Who would you tear up a roof for?

28 | Sat – Writing a letter | Read [Luke 1:1-4](#)

Luke wanted to tell a distant friend about the things God was doing so he wrote a letter and several thousand years later, those words have changed the lives of billions of people all over the world. Even if you don't write letters or send cards, there are other ways to 'write' to others - email, text, tweet. Your words in print have the potential to make a significant difference. To whom could you 'write' today?