

## July 21 | Sunday

At the Movies: Dumbo (redemption)

Read [Luke 19:1-10](#)



## 22 | Mon – Defined | Read [Psalm 103:1-5](#)

Redemption is the theme of God’s story, taking the ruined, broken, useless and making it whole, useful, beautiful again. The definition of redemption is **the act of redeeming, making right a mistake or a fault, deliverance or rescue**. To *redeem* means **to buy back, payoff, or recover something by a payment**. Which of these definitions stands out to you? Have you ever helped redeem something or someone? How did it happen?

## 23 | Tue – Human trafficking | Read [Genesis 50:15-21](#)

If life has been unfair to you, consider Joseph -hated by his brothers, sold into slavery at 17, taken to a foreign country, accused of a crime he did not commit and left in prison by those who could’ve acquit him. Yet God redeemed his life by giving Joseph a high position in Egypt, second only to the Pharaoh, where his wisdom averted a catastrophic calamity. In his 30s, Joseph had an unexpected reunion with his brothers. How was he able to be so forgiving? Check out verses 19-20. What is your takeaway from Joseph’s story?

## 24 | Wed – Only God can... | Read [Exodus 1:6-14](#) and [2:23-25](#) and [3:7-10](#)

Generations later, a new Pharaoh began to distrust the loyalty of Joseph’s descendants so he assigned them to hard labor which eventually became slavery. Had God forgotten them or the promises He had made to their forefathers? Absolutely not! The story of their deliverance has come down through history as one of the greatest examples of God’s power to save. Is there something in your life from which you need freedom? Ask God for help and He will!

## 25 | Thu – Injustice | Read [Daniel 6:1-23](#)

Here was a man of highest integrity, such that no one could find any fault in him. But extreme jealousy prompted Daniel’s political rivals to trick the king into legislation which outlawed the only thing Daniel would not give up. Fully understanding the consequences of his actions, he continued to put God first. To his enemies’ delight, Daniel was convicted and condemned to death but, in an amazing turn of events, God redeemed the life of His faithful friend. Was there a time when you experienced unjust consequences from doing the right thing?

## 26 | Fri – Turnabout | Read [Acts 8:1-3](#) and [9:1-22](#)

The redemption of Saul is one of the most powerful stories of a person’s 180° life change. Believing he was defending God’s honor, Saul put people in prison and had them executed for following Jesus, whom he regarded as a false prophet. It was not until he had a face-to-face encounter with Jesus that Saul saw truth for the first time and was radically changed. How might your life be different if you knew Jesus better?

## 27 | Sat – What matters most | Read [Colossians 1:9-14](#), [21-23](#)

A fine resume, an impressive list of good works or the high opinions of others will not make a difference in the end. Conversely, you might feel unworthy of respect because of your past or even your present but this too will not matter in the end. The only thing which counts is what you do with the total redemption Jesus offers. It will change every aspect of your life once you understand that goodness is not something you can earn. It is a gift paid for by the ultimate sacrifice Jesus made on your behalf. What is your response to this kind of love?