



## Day Seven September 18

Today marks the 1/3 way through our 21 Days. Thank you for your faithfulness. It's Sunday and I love our Sundays together. There is something special about gathering with you and worshipping God together. I hope you will plan on making it to church today. Let me share with you a few places we will be heading in the next few weeks.

Oct 9—Nov 20—The Life of King David—"After" What does it mean to be "after" God's heart?

Nov 27– Dec 25—We are going to use the book of the Prophet Micah to walk through the Christmas Season. Make plans to be a part of our Christmas season.

2023—I'm planning on taking 25-30 weeks in 2023 and exploring the Book of Romans. Plan on joining us.

## Today's Scripture Hebrews 10:22-25

"Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed in pure water. Let us hold on to the confession of our hope without wavering, since he who promised is faithful. And let us consider one another in order to provoke love and good works, not neglecting to gather together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging each other, and all the more as you see the day approaching."



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### Special points of interest

- Create your own personal prayer list.
- Daily pray for a lost friend.
- Keep your eyes on the Kingdom and mission prayer.
- Daily ask God to "breathe" on FSBC.

## Personal Prayer List\*

1. Your One: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email Greg if you would like him to join you in praying for these needs.

## Journal Prompt

Consider spending time everyday writing. Even if it's only for 3-5 minutes, you will find it a real blessing. Everyday during our time of prayer, there will be a Journal Prompt. One idea to help stir your mind and affec-

tions toward God.

### **Prompt:**

If you could rid yourself of one thing to make you more productive for God, what would it be?

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“Prayer makes a godly man, and puts within him the mind of Christ, the mind of humility, of self-surrender, of service, of pity, and of prayer. If we really pray, we will become more like God, or else we will quit praying.” – E.M. Bounds .” –

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## Pray for the Zarma in Niger \*

**Population:** 4,756,000

**Christian:** .2%

**Primary Religion:** Islam

The Zarma speak one of the Songhai languages; the Zarma and Songhai peoples could be regarded as cousins. The Zarma people are the second largest people group in Niger and are also in a few other West African countries. In addition to Islamic practices, they take part in various cults, which involve spirit-possession, spirit worship and magic. The cults are led by priests who have been possessed by evil spirits. The Zarma believe these people have healing powers.

### **Ministry Obstacles:**

A complicated, confused belief system makes it difficult for people to understand the gospel when it comes to them.

### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray Zarma Christians would clearly understand how to live as obedient disciples of Jesus Christ and would honor him in all they do. Pray they would live in joyful obedience. Pray for the large Zarma people group living in West Africa, that they would be completely set free from harmful beliefs and practices. Pray the Lord would send the light of the gospel to them and establish his presence in their communities.

\* From the “Joshua Unreached of the Day” App. Please download for more information

## Pray for your "One"

Are you praying for your one? During this time, I want to encourage you to be praying evangelistically for your one. How has God placed on your heart? Invest, Invite and Inquire

When you inquire, what are good verses to use to lead someone to the Lord? Here are a few thoughts.

1. Romans 3:23—For all have sinned
2. So what? Romans 6:23—The wages of sin is death

Their first need is to realize they have sinned against God. They have broken fellowship with God.

## Prayer Reminders:

- Prayer 9:38—Join Greg in praying every morning at 9:38 for workers in the harvest field.

- - 1@1—I saw this idea on the Texas Baptist website and really liked it. Join me everyday in praying for the lost in our area and around the world.

## FSBC Prayer Focus

For three days, join with me and pray for our outreach opportunities through the rest of the year.

1. September—We are joining with **Lakewood Middle School** again this year. We are collecting backpacks and shoes. Both are needed; please bring new backpacks and shoes size 6-13.
2. October 30—**Trunk-or-Treat**—We will be decorating cars and handing out candy to kids. If you want to help, join us at 3:00 pm. We will also be handing out a bag of food. We will need donations.
3. November 14—**Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes**—Once again we are a drop-off site. Be looking for more information and ways you can volunteer and help.
4. December—
  - A. We will be participating in the **Foster Children's Christmas** once again this year. Every year you have responded so well.
  - B. On **Christmas Eve we will handout 250 Christmas Cups of Cheer.**

There will be opportunities to bring donations of food, candy, hot chocolate, hot apple cider and other things. Keep your eyes open. Pray we can make much of Jesus through these outreach opportunities.

## Bibliography

I'll give you a few titles of books you may want to read or add to your collection.

1. *Pursuit of Holiness* by Jerry Bridges

## Mission Focused Prayer

Today in worship, we hear from two missionary opportunities. Dr. Rebecca Martin is back at church telling us about her medical trip to Africa.

Nate Butler, our Director of Missions, for the Smoky Hill Baptist Association is here today. We support our association with 4% of all general receipts. This month's Viola Webb mission's offering also goes to help the association.

Pray for

1. Rebecca as she transition to a new phase of life in Arkansas. We will miss her but grateful for her time with us.
2. Pray for Nate and his wife, Terry, as they lead SHBA. Pray also for Nate's bid for the 68th District House of Representative



## My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers\*\*

His Temptation and Ours

We do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. —Hebrews 4:15

Until we are born again, the only kind of temptation we understand is the kind mentioned in [James 1:14](#), "Each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed." But through regeneration we are lifted into another realm where there are other temptations to face, namely, the kind of temptations our Lord faced. The temptations of Jesus had no appeal to us as unbelievers because they were not at home in our human nature. Our Lord's temptations and ours are in different realms until we are born again and become His brothers. The temptations of Jesus are not those of a mere man, but the temptations of God as Man. Through regeneration, the Son of God is formed in us (see [Galatians 4:19](#)), and in our physical life He has the same setting that He had on earth. Satan does not tempt us just to make us do wrong things— he tempts us to make us lose what God has put into us through regeneration, namely, the possibility of being of value to God. He does not come to us on the premise of tempting us to sin, but on the premise of shifting our point of view, and only the Spirit of God can detect this as a temptation of the devil.

## Utmost for His Highest (Con't)

Temptation means a test of the possessions held within the inner, spiritual part of our being by a power outside us and foreign to us. This makes the temptation of our Lord explainable. After Jesus' baptism, having accepted His mission of being the One "who takes away the sin of the world" ([John 1:29](#)) He "was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness" ([Matthew 4:1](#)) and into the testing devices of the devil. Yet He did not become weary or exhausted. He went through the temptation "without sin," and He retained all the possessions of His spiritual nature completely intact.

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*Hebrews 13:20 "Now may the God of peace, who brought up from the dead our Lord Jesus — the great Shepherd of the sheep — through the blood of the everlasting covenant"*

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## Prayer Thoughts by Pastor Greg

It is Sunday, September 18th. If you are reading this before church, I pray you have prepared your heart for worship. Here are a few thoughts on preparing your hearts in worship

1. Seek God during the week
2. Read Scripture text if you know it.
3. Pray for the worship team, pastor, and all involved in worship.
4. Arrive early
5. Talk to people

Once you arrive and church starts, then what do you do?

1. Sing—Let people hear you sing. If you have worshipped all week, you have been singing your favorite worship songs. Now join corporate worship, even if you

don't love the songs.

2. Listen—Take notes, and consider what is being said. What is God saying to you? Listen to those on the stage, but more importantly, listen to the Spirit of God.
3. Be engaged through the entire service. Expect to meet with God.
4. Pray—
5. Give—Give an offering to the Lord. Everything you have is from Him.