

Home Devotional Guide



WEEK OF JULY 19 – JULY 23

Oak Park Baptist Church



We Must Persevere in Faith

Monday, July 19th

READ

1 John 2:18-25

ASK

1. According to verse 19, how can we know that someone was not truly a believer who once professed faith?
2. What does John mean by saying "many antichrists have come?"
3. How can you abide in the truth of the gospel that you have received?

SING

"By Faith"

[LYRIC VIDEO -- LYRICS]

CATECHIZE

Question # 44: What is baptism?

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PRAY

- Confess to God times when your faith is weak, and you struggle to believe in his word.
- Thank God for strengthening your weak faith in times of doubt.
- Ask God to help you continue in faith in the midst of a world that is opposed to Christ and his gospel.

Monday

We Must Persevere in Hope

Tuesday, July 20th

READ

Romans 8:31-39

ASK

1. How do we conquer and overcome all that seek to separate us from Christ?
2. Why does the Father sending his Son to die for us mean that he will give us all things?
3. What things make it hard for you to trust in God's promises to you? How can you trust in the sure hope of your union with Christ?

SING

"Christ Our Hope in Life and Death"

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PRAY

- Praise God for his goodness and faithfulness that allows us to trust him.
- Confess to God times when you feel hopeless and doubt the promises of the gospel.
- Thank God for the future glory that he has prepared for all those who are in Christ.

Tuesday

We Must Persevere in Joy

Wednesday, July 21st

READ

Acts 5:27-41

ASK

1. What had the apostles done to be brought before the council?
2. Why is it an honor to suffer for Christ while proclaiming his name?
3. How have you suffered for following Christ? How can you have joy through these trials?

SING

"Blessed Be Your Name"

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PRAY

- Praise God for being the all-sufficient, all-satisfying King of the universe.
- Ask God to help you find joy in the sufferings you endure in this life.
- Pray that God will strengthen our afflicted brothers and sisters around the globe to remain steadfast in the face of persecution.

Wednesday

We Must Persevere in Truth

Thursday, July 22nd

READ

2 Timothy 3:10-17

ASK

1. When did Timothy first learn of the "sacred writings" that taught him the way of salvation?
2. What does Paul mean by saying that "all Scripture is breathed out by God?"
3. How can you use Scripture in your life to be thoroughly equipped for every good work?

SING

"Reformation Song"

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PRAY

- Thank God for revealing himself truthfully in his word so that we may know him.
- Ask God to increase your knowledge of Scripture and the gospel so that you would stand strong in the truth.
- Pray for God to defeat the lies of the world and the Devil by the truths of his word.

Thursday

We Must Persevere in Love

Friday, July 23rd

READ

1 Thessalonians 3:12-13

ASK

1. Why does Paul pray that the Thessalonians would abound in love? (Hint: "so that...")
2. What groups are Paul referring to when he says we should abound in love "for one another and for all?"
3. Who do you struggle to love? How can you show love to those with whom you disagree?

SING

"Oh, How Good It Is"

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PRAY

- Praise God for his loving kindness that was displayed in sending his Son to die for us.
- Confess to the Lord times when you have failed to love your family, fellow church members, and others as Christ has loved you.
- Pray for God to help the members of our church to love one another and seek to live in the unity of the Spirit and the bond of peace.

Friday