

# Home Devotional Guide

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WEEK OF SEPT 21 – 25

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**Oak Park Baptist Church**



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# Be Fully Satisfied in Christ

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup>

## READ

**Matthew 14:1-21; Matthew 5:6**

## ASK

1. What does Matthew 5:6 tell us to hunger and thirst after?
2. What does it mean when Jesus says that those who hunger for righteousness will be filled? Who's righteousness will they be filled with?
3. Which table are you sitting at? Herod's (worldliness) or Jesus'? How do you need to make time this week to sit at the table with Jesus and be fully satisfied in Him?

## SING

***"Jesus Is Better"***

[LYRIC VIDEO -- LYRICS]

## CATECHIZE

- **Question # 6:** How can we glorify God?
- **Adult Answer:** By loving him and obeying his commands and law.
- **Children's Answer:** We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

## PRAY

- Praise God that He has provided a way for you (being unrighteous) to be filled with Christ's righteousness through hungering and thirsting for Jesus!
- Confess where you have been sitting at the world's table and haven't been hungering and thirsting for righteousness this week. Ask for God to forgive you and give you a desire to seek Him first.
- Pray for a lost friend who needs to find their delight in Jesus alone. Ask God to draw them to Himself and show them their need for Him. Prepare to share Christ with them the next time you see them.

**Monday**

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# Submit to the True King

Tuesday, September 22<sup>nd</sup>

## READ

Psalm 2; Romans 1:18-21

## ASK

1. According to the Psalmist, why do the nations rage? How should the nations respond to God instead (vv. 10-12).
2. What does it mean for us to "take refuge in him"? How does us taking refuge in Jesus lead to us submitting to Jesus?
3. Do you feel like your inner soul is raging against the love and authority of Jesus? Take refuge in Him, in His kindness, and the fact that He alone sits in Heaven ruling over all things.

## SING

*"He Will Hold Me Fast"*

[LYRIC VIDEO -- LYRICS]

## CATECHIZE

- **Question # 6:** How can we glorify God?
- **Adult Answer:** By loving him and obeying his commands and law.
- **Children's Answer:** We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

## PRAY

- Praise God that He has made Himself known to us through creation and more fully through Christ and His Word.
- Confess areas of your life and ask the Holy Spirit to reveal more areas of your life where you have not honored God as God and areas where you are slow to give Him thanks.
- Thank God that as a believer in Christ that God's wrath has been poured out on Christ on the cross and not on you.

Tuesday

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# Find Your Delight in the Shepherd King

Wednesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>

## READ

Psalm 23

## ASK

1. David points us to many promises of what God is doing on our behalf ("leads me beside still waters"). List out as many of these promises as you can find.
2. What are the "green pastures" God gives us to "lie down in?"
3. Take time today to meditate on these promises of God from Psalm 23. Lie in the green pastures and still waters of the words of God and let Him restore your soul.

## SING

*"The Love of God"*

[LYRIC VIDEO -- LYRICS]

## CATECHIZE

- **Question # 6:** How can we glorify God?
- **Adult Answer:** By loving him and obeying his commands and law.
- **Children's Answer:** We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

## PRAY

- Confess that, often in the valley of the shadow of death, we do fear evil. We don't look for God's rod and staff to guide us. We don't seek our comfort in the finished work of Jesus on the cross or in the fact that He is preparing a table for us.
- Thank God that one day this world will pass away, that death will be no more, and that the shadow will give way to the reality of Jesus Christ reigning over the new creation and we will be seated at His table with Him.
- Ask God to more fully see the goodness and mercy that He gives us every day, to wake up knowing that God's mercies are new every morning, and that His steadfast love will endure forever.

Wednesday

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# Delight Yourself in the Life-Giving King

Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>

## READ

Hebrews 1:1-3; Colossians 1:15-17

## ASK

1. According to the Hebrews passage, how does Jesus uphold the universe? Who does Paul say everything was created for and by in the Colossians passage?
2. If Jesus spoke the universe into existence and upholds it with His powerful Word, how important should His Word be to the Christian's daily life?
3. How can you be a better student of Jesus' Word? In your private devotions, in your sermon listening, in your daily meditations?

## SING

*"I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)"*

[LYRIC VIDEO -- LYRICS]

## CATECHIZE

- **Question # 6:** How can we glorify God?
- **Adult Answer:** By loving him and obeying his commands and law.
- **Children's Answer:** We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

## PRAY

- Thank Jesus for speaking you into existence with a word, for upholding you by His powerful word, and for giving us His Word for us to read and spend time with Him in.
- Pray for Jesus to draw near to you as you draw near to Him through His Word, the Bible.
- Pray for our church to faithfully listen and receive God's Word as it is preached and taught each week. Pray that we would be a church that submits fully to the authority of the Bible.

Thursday

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# Put Your Full Trust in Jesus, our God

Friday, September 25<sup>th</sup>

## READ

**Matthew 14:22-36**

## ASK

1. What was Jesus' rebuke of Peter?
2. Why did Peter begin to sink?
3. Where do you doubt God in your life? Where do you fear and need to remember that "Jesus is Better?"

## SING

***"Psalm 62"***

[LYRIC VIDEO -- LYRICS]

## CATECHIZE

- **Question # 6:** How can we glorify God?
- **Adult Answer:** By loving him and obeying his commands and law.
- **Children's Answer:** We glorify God by enjoying him, loving him, trusting him, and by obeying his will, commands, and law.

## PRAY

- Confess the areas in your life that, like Peter, you are prone to doubt God's sovereignty over your life, over His creation, and over the world around you?
- Ask God for the faith to follow Him wherever He may be calling you and whatever He may be calling you to do.
- Pray for your church family this week to see Jesus as better than anything else this world has to offer. Pray that we would be satisfied in Christ. Pray that we would be those who hunger and thirst for righteousness and that we would be a shining light in our community for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

**Friday**



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