

Seeing Jesus in the Old Testament

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Stepping Stones, Week 1: The Portrait Of ...

Day 1: Adam and Eve

"Our dignity precedes our destiny." This quote from Lysa and Joel on page 19 helps set the scene for today's reading. Adam and Eve were created in the image and likeness of God, and as such, dignity was bestowed upon them. But rather than following that dignity to their God-given destiny, they chose a different path. Have you done the same? In what way? As you work through today's pages, take note of how Jesus provides redemption, freedom from sin, and a way back home no matter how far we may have wandered off course.

Day 2: Moses

Have you ever found yourself with a God-sized task in front of you? Moses sure did. Instead of trusting God to provide the way, he thought about all the reasons he wasn't qualified to do the job. Then something shifted inside of him that changed everything. That same "something" is what allowed Jesus to walk through the most extreme of circumstances without faltering even once in His trust in God. As you read through Day 2, notice what that "something" was, and then think about which YOU'RE focusing on today: your weakness or God's power?

Day 3: Joshua

After the death of Moses, Joshua was tasked with the responsibility of leading the Israelites into the promised land. Instead of the rest they so craved, though, their disobedience led to something different. Jesus, too, was a leader, His followers also disobedient. But Jesus could provide something for His people that Joshua never could. As you work through Day 3, think about the incredible benefits of having Jesus as our Great Shepherd and how they can help you cling to God's promises, even in the most difficult of times.

Day 4: David

David, known as "a man after [God's] own heart" (1 Samuel 13:14, NIV), was the well-respected and highly regarded king of Israel. He didn't stay in a posture of humility and obedience, though. He allowed his longing for earthly things to become greater than his longing for God. Have you done the same? In today's reading, notice the contrast between the actions of King David and King Jesus; then invite King Jesus to help you become a woman after God's own heart.

Day 5: Esther

Do you ever wonder, God, where are You? Esther would've had reason to wonder. And yet somehow, through a series of "it just so happened" events, God used her life to orchestrate the saving of His people from certain death. Hundreds of years later, Jesus would do the same but on a much grander scale. As you read through today's pages, take note of how God transformed the worst of the enemy's schemes into something beautiful and good. Reflect on your own life, and recall how God has done the same for you. What hope does this offer you in today's struggle?