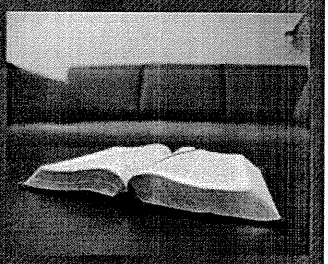
Numbers 14

LORD keep us steadfast in Your Word.

4 steps To read the Bible more prayerfully & more effectively



When a friend asked Martin Luther how to pray, he shared how he reflects on a verse or passage of Scripture by making a wreath with four strands woven together: instruction. thanksgiving, confession of sin, and then prayer - understanding what I need from God and can ask of God. This process demonstrates that God's Word is full of eternal and living truths through which He is known by us and by which He works to change us.

v19: God's Nature/ action forgive steadfast love.

v18 - This is The core of God's nature. Throughout The OT: slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. There is no difference in God's nature between OT & NT. God acts graciously & mercifully. v20 - I have pardoned - or forgiven. But there are limits to God's patience. There are temporal consequences to sin.

#1

Intsruction: receiving what is not known

What is God teaching me about:

God's nature and thoughts
God's will, words, and work

Those in the text -
their thoughts, words, deeds
their relationship with God
their relationship with others

Me & my relationship with God
my relationship with others
my thoughts, words, and deeds

About sin and grace
About life and death
About living and dying
About faith and doubt
About belief and unbelief
About this world and the next

God asks How long will They grumble v27.
Will They despise me v11
Not believe in me despite all I have done v11

relationship defined:
v8.
v13.
v18.
v19.

God forgives sin. But

Do I have people who intercede for me like Moses did?

Do I do that for others?

People
loud cry
weep
grumble.

They prefer death to God's promises.

They see God's promises as death.

Prefer Slavery in Egypt.

The very Thing God Rescued Them from They want to go back to.

Thanksgiving: Having received from God, what is my response of gratitude?

How can I give thanks for what the passage tells me...

God is like
God has done for me
God has said about me

The earthly, daily blessings
The eternal, spiritual blessings
I have from God & in Jesus

The Gospel is accomplishing
in me
in my relationships
in my vocation
that is, in all the roles you have
in my church
in my community & world

Is true & truth
Gives hope & encouragement

Thanks
God. Grace mercy, pardon, patience, slow to anger.

This story given to us as a Warning. Trust & believe

Hebrews 3:7-4:11
1 Cor. 10:1-11

There can still be temporal consequences. God is holy & just. To die in The wilderness is not Eternal Condemnation.

#2

Behavior described as Rebellion, transgression

God still leads & provides for The people in The wilderness. Every day for 40 years

The people presume - v 44 - They have heard God's WORD but disobey. Ignore The consequence, discipline. They didn't respond to God's promise, now They try to Respond to His Punishment. But it won't work.

v31 → God says They rejected The land.

The Gospel attributes to me The merits of Christ. God says I have pardoned you. God has brought me into The land, into the rest in my baptism.

Confession of sin

A humble acknowledgement of my sin in light of God's revelation

Have all of my thoughts, words, & actions been faithful to what God has said to me in the text?

What have I done that is contrary to what God has said? What have I failed to do according to what God has said?

How does the text point beyond sin to the broken condition of the sinful nature - even from birth? How does the text point to the brokenness of the world around us and a need for a Savior?

#3

How d. I test The limits of God's patience

Ways I want to go back to what God delivered me from.

How do I presume God will do something when He has said He won't?

Is His grace a reason to sin or a reality that leads me to delight in God and His WORD?

OR do I act like there is no limit to God's patience.

V11 Despise Disbelief

v 22. See the Signs and Glory in the person and work of Jesus and yet put God to the test.

We can see what God does and still fall into sin

v24 → Caleb had a different Spirit.

v19 - God's forgiveness is constantly needed - from Egypt until now.

*v33 - people can suffer because of My unfaithfulness

How can my obedience and faith bless others instead.

Prayer, power, purpose of the Bible passage

What is God's will for me according to what I have read?

What would God have me start or continue more and more to think, say, or do? What would God have me stop thinking, saying, or doing?

How does the text change How I live in relation to God? How I live in relation to others? How I use my time, wealth, and other resources?

What comfort does it give for things I can't change? What courage does it give to act on the things I can change?

#4

Look to what He has revealed about Himself in Scriptures and Respond with faith.

Don't grumble.

Don't presume God's patience & blessing.

Listen to His Word and know that in His word, not outside of obedience to His word is where His promises are known and experienced.

This resource will hopefully help outposts (and individuals) learn to read the Bible and to pray or grow and mature in the practice of both. Many church groups rely on videos during their time together with the downfall that someone else always does all the work. This is meant to help each of us learn to read, understand, apply the Bible

To form a prayer from each of the four strands in Luther's wreath...
#1: Instruction: God of truth, by Your Word I have come to know...
#2: Thanksgiving: Creator and Sustainer, I thank you that You/for...
#3: Confession: Merciful and forgiving Lord, having heard Your word and Your will and seeing how I've failed to keep it, I confess...
#4: Prayer and purpose: Holy Spirit, guide me or help me to...
Give me the _____ to _____.

If I reject & rebel against God I can't think God will operate according to my ways / my timing → v42-44.