

day 1

READ Psalm 126:1-3, using the **PERSONALIZE IT** Bible study method. In what ways can you relate to the Psalmist? **DESCRIBE** the restoration God has brought in your own life. Have you experienced the joy that freedom and restoration can bring?

"The Lord has done great things for [me] and [I am] filled with joy."

CONSIDER the question from the song *Overflow* by Chris Tomlin:

"Where would I be, without You?"

In which places has God brought freedom, healing, and restoration into your life? In which places of captivity and brokenness are we still held? **WRITE** a prayer of thanks to God for all He's done.

day 2

READ Psalm 126:1-3. **CONSIDER** the Scripture from the viewpoint of Jacob's Well as a **WHOLE**.

"The Lord has done great things for US and WE are filled with joy."

The victories, restorations, and steps toward becoming more like Jesus that God has worked in our lives are multiplied again and again. Look around. On most weekends, over 1400 people walk through the doors of JW. Wednesday evenings around 300 students pop in. People are everywhere! Who are they? People with pasts, joys, hurts... They're captives finding freedom and restoration while discovering hope through Jesus. They're people learning to walk with one another as they know and become like Jesus. **WE** are these people.

The Lord has done great things for us at JW. Not necessarily in the reality that we have to *squeeze in* to find a seat for everyone or that we utilize the North Venue for services due to the *crowd*. The Lord has done great things for us in the truth that every individual person occupying space represents the opportunity of a life being restored and finding hope in Jesus.

PRAY: Lord, we're humbled that You've entrusted our church with great blessings. May we be found faithful in what You have provided.

day 3

READ Psalm 126:4-6.

The Psalmist now *prays for more...* for God to move again.

"And now, God, do it again - bring rains to our drought-stricken lives..."

The Message

It's interesting that the Scriptures don't teach us to merely be thankful for what God's already done, but also to realize there's still much more to come. What does that say about God's *capacity*? We, too, must pray *for more*. With that prayer for great things comes a part for each of us to play. How's that *part* described in verses 5-6? Why do you think the Psalmist describes tears and weeping with the work?

READ 1 Chronicles 28:9-10.

We've been given work to do and must *"be strong and do the work."*

Individually and corporately as Jacob's Well, we have sacrifices to make.

Will you join in prayer with us again? Will you give? Will you sacrifice?

Will you do the work?

LOOK again at the verses in Psalm 126:4-5. What comes with the sacrifice and the work? This is the call for each of us to take **everything** we've been given to the **NEXT LEVEL**.

day 4 & 5

READ Matthew 22:36-40 and 1 Chronicles 28:9-10 again.

According to these verses, how are we to acknowledge and serve God?

DESCRIBE *wholehearted devotion* and *willing mind*.

How are JW's FIVE Commitments foundational in building wholehearted devotion?

worship - belong - grow - serve - share

Click the JW Life tab on JW's website www.jacobsweltec.org.

READ through each of the FIVE Commitments and **WRITE** them down.

Where are you on your journey of building these foundations into your life? What would it be like to grow to another level of impact through these FIVE Commitments?

Prayerfully **CONSIDER** the following questions:

serve - What would it be like to take a step from *not* serving to serving?

Why not get info from the Next Steps Center on a few of the 100 ways to serve at JW? What's the difference between being a *person who serves* and becoming a *servant*?

grow - What steps must you take to deepen your spiritual development?

belong - Are you a part of a small group?

Take steps to find out what being a part of a small group is all about.

IMAGINE your small group moving to the **NEXT LEVEL** together.

worship - Have you made a commitment to consistently participate in the weekend worship services? Perhaps your next step is to learn more about worship.

share - Who can you invite to our upcoming *Confidence* series? Perhaps the next level in your share commitment is about learning to connect your story with God's story.



*Wherever we are on our journey,
we will take steps together to know
and become like Jesus.*

PRAY: Father, we pray for each individual and for each step to be taken. Thank you for giving us one another and allowing us to journey together. Help us be strong to accomplish the work You have given us to do.