

## Scripture Reference Week 2

### *“All the Places to Go .... How Will You Know?”* by John Ortberg

<sup>24</sup> Then Saul admitted to Samuel, “Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the LORD’s command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded. <sup>25</sup> But now, please forgive my sin and come back with me so that I may worship the LORD.”

<sup>26</sup> But Samuel replied, “I will not go back with you! Since you have rejected the LORD’s command, he has rejected you as king of Israel.”

1 Samuel 15:24-26

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<sup>5</sup> If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking. James 1:5

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<sup>9</sup> I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. <sup>10</sup> For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ’s return. Philippians 1:9-10

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<sup>10</sup> Therefore, whenever we have the opportunity, we should do good to everyone—especially to those in the family of faith. Galatians 6:10

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[a] If only my head were a pool of water  
and my eyes a fountain of tears,  
I would weep day and night  
for all my people who have been slaughtered. Jeremiah 9:1

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<sup>17</sup> For Herod had sent soldiers to arrest and imprison John as a favor to Herodias. She had been his brother Philip’s wife, but Herod had married her. <sup>18</sup> John had been telling Herod, “It is against God’s law for you to marry your brother’s wife.” <sup>19</sup> So Herodias bore a grudge against John and wanted to kill him. But without Herod’s approval she was powerless, <sup>20</sup> for Herod respected John; and knowing that he was a good and holy man, he protected him. Herod was greatly disturbed whenever he talked with John, but even so, he liked to listen to him.

<sup>21</sup> Herodias’s chance finally came on Herod’s birthday. He gave a party for his high government officials, army officers, and the leading citizens of Galilee. <sup>22</sup> Then his daughter, also named Herodias, [a] came in and performed a dance that greatly pleased Herod and his guests. “Ask me

for anything you like,” the king said to the girl, “and I will give it to you.” <sup>23</sup> He even vowed, “I will give you whatever you ask, up to half my kingdom!”

<sup>24</sup> She went out and asked her mother, “What should I ask for?”

Her mother told her, “Ask for the head of John the Baptist!”

<sup>25</sup> So the girl hurried back to the king and told him, “I want the head of John the Baptist, right now, on a tray!”

<sup>26</sup> Then the king deeply regretted what he had said; but because of the vows he had made in front of his guests, he couldn’t refuse her. <sup>27</sup> So he immediately sent an executioner to the prison to cut off John’s head and bring it to him. The soldier beheaded John in the prison, <sup>28</sup> brought his head on a tray, and gave it to the girl, who took it to her mother. <sup>29</sup> When John’s disciples heard what had happened, they came to get his body and buried it in a tomb.

Mark 6:17-29

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<sup>25</sup> Around midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening. <sup>26</sup> Suddenly, there was a massive earthquake, and the prison was shaken to its foundations. All the doors immediately flew open, and the chains of every prisoner fell off! <sup>27</sup> The jailer woke up to see the prison doors wide open. He assumed the prisoners had escaped, so he drew his sword to kill himself. <sup>28</sup> But Paul shouted to him, “Stop! Don’t kill yourself! We are all here!”

<sup>29</sup> The jailer called for lights and ran to the dungeon and fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. <sup>30</sup> Then he brought them out and asked, “Sirs, what must I do to be saved?”

<sup>31</sup> They replied, “Believe in the Lord Jesus and you will be saved, along with everyone in your household.” <sup>32</sup> And they shared the word of the Lord with him and with all who lived in his household. <sup>33</sup> Even at that hour of the night, the jailer cared for them and washed their wounds. Then he and everyone in his household were immediately baptized. <sup>34</sup> He brought them into his house and set a meal before them, and he and his entire household rejoiced because they all believed in God.

<sup>35</sup> The next morning the city officials sent the police to tell the jailer, “Let those men go!” <sup>36</sup> So the jailer told Paul, “The city officials have said you and Silas are free to leave. Go in peace.”

<sup>37</sup> But Paul replied, “They have publicly beaten us without a trial and put us in prison—and we are Roman citizens. So now they want us to leave secretly? Certainly not! Let them come themselves to release us!”

<sup>38</sup> When the police reported this, the city officials were alarmed to learn that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens. <sup>39</sup> So they came to the jail and apologized to them. Then they brought them out and begged them to leave the city. <sup>40</sup> When Paul and Silas left the prison, they returned to the home of Lydia. There they met with the believers and encouraged them once more. Then they left town. Acts 16: 25-40

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<sup>2</sup> The next Sabbath he began teaching in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed. They asked, “Where did he get all this wisdom and the power to perform such miracles?” Mark 6:2

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<sup>2</sup> I want them to be encouraged and knit together by strong ties of love. I want them to have complete confidence that they understand God’s mysterious plan, which is Christ himself. <sup>3</sup> In him lie hidden all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge. Colossians 2:2-3

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In the beginning the Word already existed.

The Word was with God,  
and the Word was God.

<sup>2</sup> He existed in the beginning with God.

<sup>3</sup> God created everything through him,  
and nothing was created except through him.

<sup>4</sup> The Word gave life to everything that was created, <sup>[a]</sup>  
and his life brought light to everyone.

<sup>5</sup> The light shines in the darkness,  
and the darkness can never extinguish it. <sup>[b]</sup>

<sup>6</sup> God sent a man, John the Baptist, <sup>[c]</sup> <sup>7</sup> to tell about the light so that everyone might believe because of his testimony. <sup>8</sup> John himself was not the light; he was simply a witness to tell about the light. <sup>9</sup> The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world.

<sup>10</sup> He came into the very world he created, but the world didn’t recognize him. <sup>11</sup> He came to his own people, and even they rejected him. <sup>12</sup> But to all who believed him and accepted him, he gave the right to become children of God. <sup>13</sup> They are reborn—not with a physical birth resulting from human passion or plan, but a birth that comes from God.

<sup>14</sup> So the Word became human <sup>[d]</sup> and made his home among us. He was full of unfailing love and faithfulness. <sup>[e]</sup> And we have seen his glory, the glory of the Father’s one and only Son.

<sup>15</sup> John testified about him when he shouted to the crowds, “This is the one I was talking about when I said, ‘Someone is coming after me who is far greater than I am, for he existed long before me.’”

<sup>16</sup> From his abundance we have all received one gracious blessing after another. <sup>[f]</sup> <sup>17</sup> For the law was given through Moses, but God’s unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ. <sup>18</sup> No one has ever seen God. But the unique One, who is himself God, <sup>[g]</sup> is near to the Father’s heart. He has revealed God to us. John 1:1-18

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<sup>9</sup> Yes, I am the gate. Those who come in through me will be saved. <sup>[a]</sup> They will come and go freely and will find good pastures. John 10:9

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<sup>23</sup> Then he said to the crowd, “If any of you wants to be my follower, you must give up your own way, take up your cross daily, and follow me. <sup>24</sup> If you try to hang on to your life, you will lose it. But if you give up your life for my sake, you will save it. Luke 9:23-24