

20 / 20 VISION

40 DAY PRAYER GUIDE



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WEEK 1: Looking UP Together

Sunday:

Lord's Prayer – Matthew 6:9-13

9 Pray then like this: "Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name.

10 Your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.

11 Give us this day our daily bread,

12 and forgive us our debts,

as we also have forgiven our debtors.

13 And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

DAY 1 – July 29
Monday: BREAK UP THE GROUND

SCRIPTURE: Hosea 10:12

12 Sow for yourselves righteousness; reap steadfast love; break up your fallow ground, for it is the time to seek the Lord, that he may come and rain righteousness upon you.

FOCUS:

Our scripture today says that we ought to seek the Lord so that he would rain righteousness upon us. However, at times our hearts can be like fallow (uncultivated) ground that needs to be tilled up for planting.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to show you anything that might hinder you from seeking him.
- Ask the Lord to show any areas of your life that are “uncultivated” to righteousness in Christ.

DAY 2 – July 30
Tuesday: THIRSTING FOR GOD

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 63:1-4

1 O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water. 2 So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory. 3 Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. 4 So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

FOCUS:

Our scripture for today describes a person who seeks after the LORD with such an intense conviction that it describes God as water in the midst of desert. That intense desire overflows into unashamed praise.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to stir an intense desire for Him in your heart.
- Ask the Lord for an overflow of unashamed praise to Him in your life.

DAY 3 – July 31
Wednesday: LIFT UP YOUR EYES

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 121:1-8

1 I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? 2 My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. 3 He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. 4 Behold, he who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. 5 The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. 6 The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. 7 The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. 8 The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore.

FOCUS:

The scripture today describes the faithfulness of the Lord. He is our helper, provider, keeper, and protector. These are amazing truths about our God, but we first have to lift our eyes off of our circumstances in order to see and believe that He is who He says He is.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to show you his glorious attributes first hand.
- Ask the Lord to give you gospel vision to see Him instead of your circumstances.

DAY 4 – August 1
Thursday: I HAVE SET THE LORD BEFORE

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 16:8

8 I have set the Lord always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be shaken.

FOCUS:

The scripture today describes the Lord in two way: As the destination marker in front of us, and as our trustworthy strength beside us. When we have set the Lord before us as our destination, and when he is at our side like a weapon then we will not be shaken.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to be the one you pursue in all things.
- Ask the Lord to show you what you have put your strength and trust in besides him.

DAY 5 – August 2
Friday: SEEK FIRST THE KINGDOM

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 6:33

33 But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.

FOCUS:

In the scripture for today, Jesus wraps up a teaching on not be anxious about your needs, but to seek the Kingdom of God in all things. The Lord will provide for you, just like he does the birds of the air and the flowers of the field, so we can look to him instead of our circumstances.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to show you the places where you are anxious or worry about your needs.
- Ask the Lord for Kingdom vision as you seek him in the midst of each circumstance.

DAY 6 – August 3
Saturday: RISE UP AND WORSHIP

SCRIPTURE: Exodus 33:9-10

9 When Moses entered the tent, the pillar of cloud would descend and stand at the entrance of the tent, and the Lord would speak with Moses. 10 And when all the people saw the pillar of cloud standing at the entrance of the tent, all the people would rise up and worship, each at his tent door.

FOCUS:

The scripture today describes how God would personally meet with Moses during the time that the people of Israel wandered in the wilderness. As God met with Moses, the people would see the cloud of God's presence on the tent, and physically rise up and worship God with their family.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to create such a desire for him in your heart that it leads you to a physical response of worship.
- Ask the Lord to create a culture of family worship as a response to God in your home.

WEEK 2: Looking INWARD Together

DAY 7 – August 4

Sunday: HUMBLE YOURSELVES

SCRIPTURE: James 4:7-10

7 Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. 8 Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. 9 Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. 10 Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

FOCUS:

The scripture today describes a Christian who submits themselves humbly under the power of God. As we do so, we will mourn over our sin, but God will exalt us in Christ.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to reveal places in your life that are not submitted to him.
- Ask the Lord for humility as you approach your sin.

DAY 8 – August 5
Monday: HE IS FAITHFUL TO FORGIVE

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 1:5-9

5 This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. 6 If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. 7 But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. 8 If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. 9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

FOCUS:

The scripture today encourages us to walk in the Light of Christ and not in the darkness of our sins. In this is a promise of God, that if we confess our sins to him, God is faithful to forgive us and cleanse us of them.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to reveal any unconfessed sin in your life.
- Ask the Lord for strength to turn from that sin.

DAY 9 – August 6
Tuesday: SET YOUR MINDS ON CHRIST

SCRIPTURE: Colossians 3:1-4

1 If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. 3 For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

FOCUS:

The scripture today encourages us to ‘set our minds’ on the things of God instead of the things of this earth.

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would have a mind set on the things of God instead of the things of this world.
- Pray that God would correct any ways of thinking that you have that are not ‘Christ’ centered.

DAY 10 – August 7
Wednesday: BLESSED ARE...

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 5:3-12

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. 5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. 6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. 7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. 8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. 10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

FOCUS:

Jesus teaches in the scripture today that those who humbly recognize their need for God will experience him in his fulness. In contrast, those who are ‘self-sufficient’ do not experience his gifts.

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would have humility to see your need for God.
- Pray that God would correct any areas of your life where you feel ‘self-sufficient’.

DAY 11 – August 8
Thursday: THINK ON THESE THINGS

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 4:4-8

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things.

FOCUS:

We are encouraged today in our scriptures to think upon good and true things, in contrast to believing in lies that make us anxious. In all things we are to rejoice in the Lord.

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would have a heart and mind to rejoice in the Lord instead of being anxious in circumstances.
- Ask the Lord to remind you what is true, honorable, just, pure, lovely, commendable, excellent and worthy of praise.
- Pray for the RBC Vision team as they discuss and pray about a direction and goal for RBC in 2020.

DAY 12 – August 9
Friday: BE SOBERMINDED AND WATCHFUL

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 5:6-11

6 Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, 7 casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 8 Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. 10 And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. 11 To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

FOCUS:

We are encouraged in several ways through today's scripture. First, we are encouraged to place our cares on the Lord because he loves us. Second, we are warned to be watchful and sober-minded, so that we would not let our guard down spiritually. We are to trust the Lord and be intentionally vigilant in our faith.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord for the ability to give our burdens to him and fully trust him in all things.
- Pray that you would be vigilant and watchful in your faith, never letting your guard down.

DAY 13 – August 10
Saturday: NO CONDEMNATION

SCRIPTURE: Romans 8:1-2

1 There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. 2 For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death.

FOCUS:

Our scripture teaches us today that there is no condemnation for those who follow Jesus. This means that the wrath of God was poured out upon Jesus on the cross, and we have been saved from sin and death. If God no longer condemns us for our sin, then why would we condemn ourselves?

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would have a Gospel-View of your new identity in Christ.
- Ask the Lord to take away any condemnation that you have held on to for yourself concerning past sins.

WEEK 3: Looking OUTWARD Together

DAY 14 – August 11 **Sunday: MAKE DISCIPLES**

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 28:18-20

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

FOCUS:

Jesus left us with a mission as a church and as individual believers to make disciples. He gave us His authority to do it, so we are to be obedient in making disciples.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to show you any reasons in your life that keep you from making disciples of Christ.
- Pray that you would be obedient in the mission that Jesus gave you to make disciples of all nations.
- Ask God to make RBC a “great commission church” that is focused on reaching the lost.

DAY 15 – August 12
Monday: SEE THE CROWDS

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:35-38

35 And Jesus went throughout all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction. 36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. 37 Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; 38 therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

FOCUS:

As Jesus taught the people, he saw them in their spiritual need and had compassion on them. In this compassion he urges his followers to pray for laborers in the harvest.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to give you eyes to see the lost around you, and compassion towards their helpless state.
- Pray that your compassion would move you to action in winning the lost to Christ.
- Pray that you would identify your “one” whom God has put in your life to share Jesus with.

DAY 16 – August 13
Tuesday: BE A WITNESS

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:8

8 But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

FOCUS:

The Holy Spirit has come upon believers and has given us power to be witnesses in all of the earth. A witness is one who testifies to what they have seen or know to be true.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to give you boldness to speak the truth of the gospel to a lost world.
- Pray that you would confidently walk in the power of the Holy Spirit who lives within you.

DAY 17 – August 14
Wednesday: HOW WILL THEY HEAR?

SCRIPTURE: Romans 10:13-15

13 For “everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” 14 How then will they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in him of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone preaching? 15 And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!”

FOCUS:

The Bible is very clear that the mission of the church is to proclaim the truth of the gospel. How will the lost world know to call upon the LORD if they have never heard? It is a beautiful thing for believers to take the good news to the lost.

PRAYER:

- Prayer of the Everyday Missionary: Lord, Give me this day the opportunity to share Christ, the wisdom to see it, the courage to take it.
- Ask the Lord for wisdom to know what to say when he gives you the opportunity to share your faith.

DAY 18 – August 15
Thursday: WE ARE NOT IGNORANT

SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 24:11-12

11 Rescue those who are being taken away to death; hold back those who are stumbling to the slaughter. 12 If you say, “Behold, we did not know this,” does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who keeps watch over your soul know it, and will he not repay man according to his work?

FOCUS:

We are given the mission to rescue those who are perishing in their sin. We do that by sharing the gospel. We know that this is our mission – we cannot plead ignorance concerning this. Let us be obedient to our calling.

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would not be apathetic to sharing the gospel with those who are perishing in their sin.
- Ask the Lord to give you a passion for his Kingdom.

DAY 19 – August 16
Friday: DO NOT LOVE THE WORLD

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 2:15-17

15 Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world—the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life—is not from the Father but is from the world. 17 And the world is passing away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever.

FOCUS:

It is easy for Christians to be lured into ‘loving’ the things of this world that lead to sin and death. We are to love sinners but reject the world. Let us remember that we are part of a kingdom that is not of this world.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to renew your mind concerning the things of this world that fight for your affections.
- Pray that God would give you strength to overcome the temptations of this world.

DAY 20 – August 17
Saturday: LOVE GOD, LOVE OTHERS

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 22:36-40

36 “Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?” 37 And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. 38 This is the great and first commandment. 39 And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. 40 On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.”

FOCUS:

When we love the Lord with all of who we are, it will overflow into a love for others. This is the foundation of how we live out the gospel in our lives.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to show any areas of your life that you are not loving him completely.
- Ask the Lord to show you any ‘neighbors’ that you are not loving with a Christ-like love.

WEEK 4: Looking AROUND Together

DAY 21 – August 18

Sunday: LOVE ONE ANOTHER

SCRIPTURE: John 13:34-35

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

FOCUS:

The world will know that we are disciples of Jesus by the love we have for one another within the church. Jesus has commanded that we are to love each other with a sacrificial love.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to show you anything that is hindering you from loving other believers within the church.
- Confess to the Lord any sin that is preventing you from *sacrificially* loving the church.

DAY 22 – August 19
Monday: SO THAT THE WORLD WILL BELIEVE

SCRIPTURE: John 17:20-21

20 “I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one, just as you, Father, are in me, and I in you, that they also may be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

FOCUS:

Before Jesus went to the cross, he specifically prayed that we (his followers) would walk in unity. Through our unity in Christ, the world will see and believe that Jesus is the Son of God.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to bring your heart into unity within the body of Christ.
- Ask the Lord to show you anything that hinders you from walking in unity with the church.

DAY 23 – August 20
Tuesday: LOVE AND SERVE THE CHURCH

SCRIPTURE: 1 Peter 4:8-11

8 Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. 9 Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. 10 As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: 11 whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

FOCUS:

For the glory of God we are to love the church, show hospitality without grumbling and serve each other according to the gifts God has blessed us with.

PRAYER:

- Pray that God would give you a heart of love, hospitality and service towards members of the church.
- Ask the Lord to show you how you can best serve the church for the glory of God.

DAY 24 – August 21
Wednesday: STIR EACH OTHER UP

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 10:23-25

23 Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, 25 not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

FOCUS:

It is easy to stir others up into ungodly actions, but our scripture today encourages us to stir up those in the church to love and good works. By meeting together, we can encourage one another.

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would be used by God to stir the church up to LOVE and GOOD WORKS.
- Ask the Lord to guard you from neglecting to be part of the fellowship of the church.

DAY 25 – August 22
Thursday: ONE BODY, MANY MEMBERS

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14

12 For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. 13 For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and all were made to drink of one Spirit.

14 For the body does not consist of one member but of many.

FOCUS:

We were made for unity within community as a church. We each have an important purpose in order to serve the body.

PRAYER:

- Confess to the Lord any wrongful thoughts or feelings that would separate you from the unity of the church.
- Ask the Lord to confirm your role within the body.
- Pray for unity and clarity for the leaders at RBC as they meet this weekend to discuss our vision and goals for the next year.

DAY 26 – August 23
Friday: THAT THERE MAY BE NO DIVISION

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 12:21-26

21 The eye cannot say to the hand, “I have no need of you,” nor again the head to the feet, “I have no need of you.” 22 On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, 23 and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, 24 which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, 25 that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. 26 If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together.

FOCUS:

God has ‘composed’ the body of Christ that would have care for one another. So that if one suffers, we all do. So that we weep with those who weep and rejoice with those that rejoice.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord for compassion towards those who are suffering within the church.
- Praise the Lord for the answered prayers of those within the church.

DAY 27 – August 24
Saturday: CONFESS, PRAY AND BE HEALED.

SCRIPTURE: James 5:16-20

16 Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working. 17 Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. 18 Then he prayed again, and heaven gave rain, and the earth bore its fruit. 19 My brothers, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and someone brings him back, 20 let him know that whoever brings back a sinner from his wandering will save his soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

FOCUS:

We say at RBC that “Life is better together” because God designed the Christian walk to be lived out in community with the church. To confess sins and keep each other accountable, to pray for each other, and see the LORD do miraculous things through our unity in Him.

PRAYER:

- Pray for known prayer needs of others within the church.
- Confess any unrepented sins to the LORD.

WEEK 5: Looking BACKWARD Together

DAY 28 – August 25

Sunday: THE LORD CARRIED YOU

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 1:30-31

30 The Lord your God who goes before you will himself fight for you, just as he did for you in Egypt before your eyes, 31 and in the wilderness, where you have seen how the Lord your God carried you, as a man carries his son, all the way that you went until you came to this place.'

FOCUS:

It is important to look back on where you have come from to see how it is GOD who has brought you this far.

PRAYER:

- Thank the Lord for how he has worked in your life up to now.
- Praise the Lord for specific victories in your life.

DAY 29 – August 26
Monday: GOSPEL CLARITY

SCRIPTURE: 1 Corinthians 15:1

1 Now I would remind you, brothers, of the gospel I preached to you, which you received, in which you stand, 2 and by which you are being saved, if you hold fast to the word I preached to you—unless you believed in vain.

FOCUS:

One of our core values at RBC is GOSPEL CLARITY. Stand firm on the gospel that you first heard when you were saved. Hold fast to the truth with a passion to present the good news of Jesus Christ.

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would stand firm on the gospel.
- Ask the Lord to renew the joy of your salvation.

DAY 30 – August 27
Tuesday: RADICAL GENEROSITY

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 8:2

2 for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part.

FOCUS:

One of our core values at RBC is RADICAL GENEROSITY. In all things, we want to be Christ-like givers with our time, money and talents.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to give you a cheerful, generous heart concerning your time, money and talents
- Ask the Lord to show you any areas of your life where you are not trusting him in your time, finances or abilities.

DAY 31 – August 28
Wednesday: THEN YOU SHALL SAY

SCRIPTURE: Deuteronomy 6:20-23

20 “When your son asks you in time to come, ‘What is the meaning of the testimonies and the statutes and the rules that the Lord our God has commanded you?’ 21 then you shall say to your son, We were Pharaoh's slaves in Egypt. And the Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand. 22 And the Lord showed signs and wonders, great and grievous, against Egypt and against Pharaoh and all his household, before our eyes. 23 And he brought us out from there, that he might bring us in and give us the land that he swore to give to our fathers.

FOCUS:

The Lord designed for the people of God to constantly point future generations back to God’s faithfulness in order to trust and believe God for the future.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord for faith to trust and believe that he will be faithful.
- Confess any areas of your life where you are not trusting in the Lord.

DAY 32 – August 29
Thursday: COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 9:36

36 When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

FOCUS:

One of our core values at RBC is COMPASSIONATE OUTREACH.

The scripture describes the church as having a passion to meet physical and spiritual needs in our local community and beyond.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to open your eyes to the physical and spiritual needs of our community
- Ask the Lord for a passion to act when we see the needs of our community and beyond.

DAY 33 – August 30
Friday: AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:42

42 And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

FOCUS:

One of our core values at RBC is AUTHENTIC COMMUNITY. The Bible describes the church as having a passion to build genuine relationships within the church body that are focused on spiritual growth and life transformation.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to build genuine relationships between you and members of the church.
- Ask the Lord for a passion for spiritual growth and life transformation within the church.

DAY 34 – August 31
Saturday: YOU HAVE BEEN BROUGHT NEAR

SCRIPTURE: Ephesians 2:11-13

11 Therefore remember that at one time you Gentiles in the flesh, called “the uncircumcision” by what is called the circumcision, which is made in the flesh by hands— 12 remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

FOCUS:

The Bible is constantly telling us to “remember” who we once were. Not for us to be ashamed, but for us to be reminded of where God has rescued us from and what God has rescued us into.

PRAYER:

- Praise the Lord for saving you and bringing you near to him through the blood of Christ.
- Pray that you would be filled with hope in your salvation.

WEEK 6: Looking FORWARD Together

DAY 35 – September 1

Sunday: PRESSING ON TOWARD THE GOAL

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 3:12-14

12 Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. 13 Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, 14 I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.

FOCUS:

The church has been saved to look forward in Christ. We are not redeemed in order to sit back until we see heaven, but to press on in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord for strength to press on towards the goal in Christ Jesus.
- Repent of any apathy towards God's call on your life.

DAY 36 – September 2
Monday: LOOKING FORWARD

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 11:8-10

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God.

FOCUS:

Abraham was an example of the faith, because he looked forward to something greater than his circumstances, and he found it in the Lord. We as Christians are to look forward in faith.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to give you Kingdom Vision to look forward and see beyond your current circumstances.
- Ask the Lord for faith to believe in His promises even when you do not see him moving in your current situations.

DAY 37 – September 3
Tuesday: FAITHFUL OVER A LITTLE

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 25:21

21 His master said to him, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much.

FOCUS:

Regardless of what God has placed in our charge, each of us are to be faithful in serving him.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord for clarity concerning future planning for the ministry he has given you.
- Pray that you would be faithful in serving the Lord in whatever ways you can.

DAY 38 – September 4
Wednesday: LOOKING TO JESUS

SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 12:1-2

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

FOCUS:

Scripture encourages us to lay aside everything that is hindering us from running the Christian race well and to look to Jesus who is our destination, example and perfecter of our faith.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord to show you anything that is hindering you from faithfully walking with Jesus.
- Pray that Jesus would be the focus of your vision as you run with endurance the race set before you.

DAY 39 – September 5
Thursday: DO NOT LOSE HEART.

SCRIPTURE: 2 Corinthians 4:16-18

16 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. 17 For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, 18 as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

FOCUS:

When our attention is focused on the temporary things before us, it is easy to lose heart. But these things are only for a moment, so let us look forward to the eternal things of God.

PRAYER:

- Ask the Lord for comfort in any areas of your life where you have been discouraged.
- Ask the Lord to give you clear vision to look to the eternal 'weight of glory'.

DAY 40 – September 6
Friday: TRANSFORMED NOT CONFORMED

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:1-2

1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.

FOCUS:

As we seek to know the will of God, let us present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God in worship so that we might be transformed in the renewal of our minds.

PRAYER:

- Pray that you would experience a renewing of your mind in Christ Jesus.
- Repent of any areas in your life where you have been conformed to this world.

