



Grace Assembly Of God

CHAPTER-BY-CHAPTER BIBLE READING DEVOTIONAL

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| Scripture: | Exodus 8 | Title: | Live a Distinct Life |
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| Summary of Chapter | God sends a plague of frogs, gnats and flies because Pharaoh refused to listen to God to let His people go to worship Him. Every time a plague came, Pharaoh would pretend to repent, but when relief came, he would harden his heart and change his mind. | | |

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| Key Verse(s) NLT | How does it speak to me? |
| <i>²²But this time I will spare the region of Goshen, where my people live. No flies will be found there. Then you will know that I am the LORD and that I am present even in the heart of your land. ²³I will make a clear distinction between my people and your people. This miraculous sign will happen tomorrow."</i> | <p>Since God makes a clear distinction between His people and the people of the world, how can I live so I am distinct from the world? One way is by living a holy life and not indulging in sin.</p> <p>I recall that at one time, like the world, I allowed myself to become addicted to entertainment, and K-drama in particular. I would binge on K-drama until the early hours of the morning, leaving me too tired to pray or read the bible. I felt God's displeasure, and I would often repent and ask Him for forgiveness. I would resolve not to watch any more K-drama, but found the temptation hard to resist. Like Paul, I felt wretched and helpless because I kept doing what I did not want to do.</p> <p>As I continued to cry out for deliverance from my bondage to K-drama, God helped me realize that I had been trying to overcome the habit in my own power. I had to learn to yield to the control of the Holy Spirit, and sow to please Him instead of my flesh. Thus whenever I felt tempted to watch K-drama, I would remind myself that I want to please the Holy Spirit, and so I would listen to online bible studies, sermons, Christian talks and lectures instead. Slowly, by God's grace, I finally overcame the addiction.</p> <p>God's loving kindness and patience with me moves me to want to live more and more for Him rather than for myself. I feel less and less the pull of the world, but I know I must not let down my guard. I must not take sin lightly, and must continue renewing my mind with God's Word and sowing to please the Holy Spirit.</p> |

APPLICATION REFLECTIONS

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| Adult: | In what ways are you still living like the world? What are one or two things you will start changing? Commit it to the Lord. |
| Youth: | What do you think of when you think of sin? What is one habitual sin that you keep doing? Ask the Holy Spirit to help you think of why you keep doing it and how you can avoid doing it. Commit it to the Lord. |
| Child: | Can you think of one thing you are doing that displeases God? Confess it to God and ask Him to forgive you. Ask God to help you not do it again |

PRAYER

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| Praying Scripture: | Dear Heavenly Father, help us not to be like the world any longer, but be transformed by renewing our minds with Your Word and the power of the Holy Spirit. Make us a distinct community of Your people, holy and shining brightly for You. |
| Thanksgiving Prayer: | I/We thank you for _____ (e.g. delicious food we ate, places we went, prayer that was answered, etc) |
| Intercessory Prayer: | I/We want to pray for _____ (e.g. healing of sickness, family members, work or study, leaders, nation, etc) |
| Salvation Prayer: | I/We pray for the salvation of my/our unsaved loved ones _____ (add one name per day). In Jesus' Name I/we pray. Amen. |