



Inspire

Welcome Home

Bible Study

Paul's Writings from Prison

It is kind of ironic that our theme for this year is "Welcome Home." For many of us, home is the last place we want to be. Although we are not under house arrest, home might start feeling like a prison. Paul wrote four letters to believers while he was under house arrest in Rome: Ephesians, Philippians, Colossians and Philemon. This month, spend time reading through the Prison Epistles. Each day as you read, what is one take-away from his letter that you can apply to your situation today.

May 1—Ephesians 1:1-14
 May 2—Ephesians 1:15-23
 May 3—Ephesians 2:1-10
 May 4—Ephesians 2:11-22
 May 5—Ephesians 3:1-13
 May 6—Ephesians 3:14-21
 May 7—Ephesians 4:1-16
 May 8—Ephesians 4:17-5:2
 May 9—Ephesians 5:3-20
 May 10—Ephesians 5:21-6:9
 May 11—Ephesians 6:10-24
 May 12—Philippians 1:1-11
 May 13—Philippians 1:12-26
 May 14—Philippians 1:27-30
 May 15—Philippians 2:1-11

May 16—Philippians 2:12-18
 May 17—Philippians 2:19-30
 May 18—Philippians 3:1-14
 May 19—Philippians 3:15-21
 May 20—Philippians 4:1-9
 May 21—Philippians 4:10-23
 May 22—Colossians 1:1-14
 May 23—Colossians 1:15-23
 May 24—Colossians 1:24-2:5
 May 25—Colossians 2:6-15
 May 26—Colossians 2:16-23
 May 27—Colossians 3:1-17
 May 28—Colossians 3:18-4:1
 May 29—Colossians 4:2-18
 May 30—Philemon v. 1-7
 May 31—Philemon v. 8-25

As you read through the Prison Epistles, try the "3 R" Method of Bible study:

Read the passage several times, slowly; use different translations if possible. Note any repeated words or words you don't understand. Look up unknown words in a dictionary.

Reflect on the passage. Ask yourself what does this passage mean? Note any promises to believe, principles to live by or commands to follow. Write out a short summary of the passage. Choose a key word or phrase to help you remember what you read.

Respond to the passage. What can I practically do to live out what I've read in this passage?

Daily Quarantine Questions

1. Who am I checking on or connecting with today?
2. What expectations of "normal" am I letting go of today?
3. How am I getting outside today?
4. How am I moving my body today?
5. How am I expressing my creativity today?
6. What type of self-care am I practicing today?
7. What am I grateful for today?

Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.
 (Philippians 4:6, 7 NIV)

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Ways to Connect with WM Groups While Safe at Home

Do a WM chain letter. The corps officer or leader will write a one sentence message to one woman in the group and mails it. The recipient adds another 1 sentence message and mails it to the next woman. This continues where everyone reads and adds to the note of encouragement and finally sent back to the Corps Officer. Be sure to read the letter when all of you are able to meet together in person again. It works best if each lady is provided a pre-addressed, stamped envelope that way there is no confusion as to who she is to mail the letter to next.

Instead of "Secret Sisters," do "Prayer Sisters." Call the women and ask who are interested in participating. From those interested, pair two women together. The pairs will commit to calling and praying for each other daily. For extra fun, switch Prayer Sisters weekly.

Choose one verse that the women can work on memorizing together while at home. For an extra challenge, choose a verse weekly. When you call to check on the ladies, recite the verse with them. Be sure to celebrate when you gather back together in person to recite the verse(s) together. Perhaps choose a memory verse from one of the Prison Epistles (see front page), or for an extra challenge choose one verse from each of the four books to memorize.

As a WM group, do the Bible readings at home and then discuss what you've learned via email or Facebook once a week. Perhaps provide each lady a pretty journal to record their discoveries of the Prison Epistles. Be sure to have a time of discussion about the Prison Epistles once you are able to meet again in person.

Just for Fun

Roll a Dice Drawing Game

Here is an easy activity to keep you (and your kiddos if they are home too) busy and creative. All you need is a dice, paper, and something to draw with. If you don't have a dice, you can put numbers 1 -6 in a bowl, and draw a number each time.

Basically, you are going to draw whatever the dice lands on. Roll the dice for your first turn. Whatever you roll, draw what is shown in the column. For example on your first turn if you roll a 1 you would draw clouds.

Roll the dice again for the second turn. For example, if you roll a 6 you would draw a straight line. Continue to do this 6 times until your picture is complete. Every time you play, you will come up with a different picture.

For added fun, share your drawings with WM members via Facebook or text.

Bonus!

For this month's bonus idea—check out our website for things you can celebrate every day in May while staying home: <https://usw-womensministries.org/may-2020-inspire-newsletter/>



ROLL-A-LANDSCAPE

1st Turn Air/Sky						
2nd Turn Background						
3rd Turn Foreground						
4th Turn Trees						
5th Turn Flowers						
6th Turn Extras						

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