

Rooted in the Word weekly readings for February 20-26, 2012

Scripture: Romans 12:9-21; Acts 8:26-40

Begin each daily devotional reading with prayer. Ask that God would speak to you through the Holy Spirit and His Word.

February 20: Read Romans 12:9-13. Imagine being in the 1st century audience as Paul teaches these verses to the followers of Jesus. Are these 'hard teachings'? What stands out to you as you read the verses?

February 21: Read Romans 12:14-18. As you read this section of the passage, try to imagine hearing such teachings for the first time. What questions would you have for Paul?

February 22: Read Romans 12:19-20. Paul releases the followers of Jesus by assuring them that God will judge the situation and the people involved. Can you make sense of the expression Paul gives to his readers, for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads?

February 23: Read Romans 12:21. Meditate on this summation and memorize. How does one move Bible passages from one's head to one's heart?

February 24: Read Acts 8: 26-40. Look at the passage as another example of transformation. Try to imagine the feelings of both Philip and the Ethiopian Eunuch.

February 25: Read Romans 12: 9-21. Reflect on the two types of transformation in the two passages; first with Phillip and the Eunuch and then with Paul addressing new Christians years later. What kind of connection is there between the two?

February 26: Read Romans 12: 9-21. Spend time in prayer thanking God for His Word, asking that He would continue to speak to you through the Spirit, this passage and the message on Sunday morning. Pray for the preacher and our congregation.