

Fresh Start

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Transition (n.) – a process or period in which something undergoes a change and passes from one state, stage, form or activity to another

▶ We have a sacrifice to **remember**

“This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19. 1 Corinthians 11:24-25

Isaac Watts, 1707 -- “When I survey the wondrous Cross on which the Prince of Glory died, my richest gain I count but loss, and I pour contempt on all my pride.”

▶ We have a **story** to tell.

“This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” v28

▶ We have a **Promise** to keep.

“I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom.” v29

Questions for Reflection

- ⇒ Do I know God personally?
- ⇒ Is there anything in my life right now that isn't pleasing to God?
- ⇒ Is there anything in my life right now separating me from others?



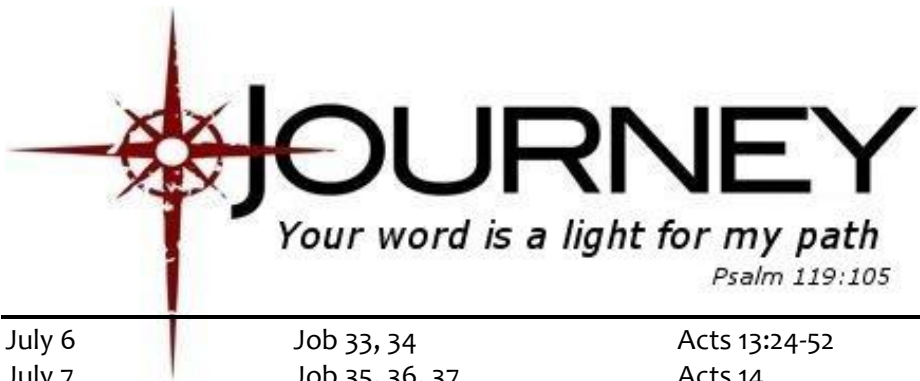
This is God's Word for my life in this place and at this time. Today, I am a new creation in Christ, I am God's very own, and I believe He has a purpose for my life.

Matthew 26:26-30 (NIV)

²⁶While they were eating, Jesus took bread, gave thanks and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body."

²⁷Then he took the cup, gave thanks and offered it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you. ²⁸This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. ²⁹I tell you, I will not drink of this fruit of the vine from now on until that day when I drink it anew with you in my Father's kingdom."

³⁰When they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives.



July 6	Job 33, 34	Acts 13:24-52
July 7	Job 35, 36, 37	Acts 14
July 8	Job 38, 39	Acts 15:1-21
July 9	Job 40, 41, 42	Acts 15:22-41
July 10	Psalms 1, 2, 3	Acts 16:1-15
July 11	Psalms 4, 5, 6	Acts 16:16-40
July 12	Psalms 7, 8, 9	Acts 17:1-15

Lydia's Conversion [Acts 16]

What word do you think best describes Lydia?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Persuasive | <input type="checkbox"/> hospitable | <input type="checkbox"/> Spiritual | <input type="checkbox"/> impulsive |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Trusting | <input type="checkbox"/> friendly | <input type="checkbox"/> industrious | <input type="checkbox"/> confused |

What do you find most impressive about Lydia?

- She was a businesswoman at a time when few women were
- Her eager heart was immediately receptive to the Gospel
- She convinced her household to be baptized
- She was willing to open her home to strangers

What example from her life would you like to apply to your life?

- She didn't seem to resent her situation in life
- She made the most of her life, vocationally and spiritually
- She used her situation in life to hospitably serve others
- She took the initiative to reach out to people

Lydia's "place of prayer" was by a river. What is your favorite spiritual place?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> at church | <input type="checkbox"/> in a small group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> alone in my home | <input type="checkbox"/> outside in nature |

What first opened your heart to God?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> godly parents | <input type="checkbox"/> preacher's message |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Sunday School teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> read the Bible |
| <input type="checkbox"/> serving someone in need | <input type="checkbox"/> a close friend |