

CHURCH AT THE CROSSING
FIVE-WEEK SPIRITUAL GROWTH JOURNEY

WHEN PIGS FLY



SPIRITUAL GROWTH GUIDE

A Note from Pastor James

Hello Church Family,

I am looking forward to all God will do during this season of spiritual growth as we journey together.

My prayer for each of us as we dive into Scripture over the next several weeks is to experience the presence of God in a new and fresh way. I am praying that the Holy Spirit will speak truth, love, and hope into your life each day as you encounter the wonderful and amazing Word of God.

Please join me in praying for God to challenge and change us through His Word.

Blessings to you, my friend.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'James Roberts', with a stylized, flowing script.

James Roberts
Senior Pastor

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How to Use this Book

Welcome to the Spiritual Growth Guide of our new series, "When Pigs Fly." For the next five weeks, we will focus on three things as a church:

- Attend a weekly service online or in person: Thursday 7:07 PM, Sunday 9:45 AM & 11:15 AM.
- Join a small group
- Spend time individually with God each day

To get the most out of this journey, we encourage you to participate in all three. This guide is a tool to help achieve these goals.

For each one of the five weeks, you will find the following resources here:

- A space for sermon notes
- The Group Guide (basis for your group discussion)
- A sample S.O.A.P.
- A S.O.A.P. passage and guide for each of the remaining days for you to use in your time with God (with a day off to catch-up if you need it)

We have designed each week of this guide to begin on Sunday. If you want to start on a different day of the week - no problem! And, please use whatever method you find useful in engaging in scripture! S.O.A.P. is one of many tools that helps us see what is happening in a biblical passage and how God might want us to apply that to our lives.

Make this book your own! Not everyone's journey looks the same. What is important, is that we are all moving toward God together with intentionality.

S.O.A.P. Instructions and Tips

Sometimes it can be hard to know how to get something out of reading your Bible. We don't want to just read. We want the words to transform us, give us hope, guidance, and help us become more like Jesus. The S.O.A.P. tool is one way to help dig in deeper.

What does S.O.A.P. mean?

S– The S stands for Scripture As you read that passage for each day, be on the lookout for words or phrases that strike you. Take a few minutes to physically write them down, making yourself slow down and take them in.

O– The O stands for observation

Ask yourself questions like: What is happening in the passage? Who is the audience? What do you learn about God and people? Are there any examples, promises or commands to note? Sometimes it can help to record these things in a bullet list.

A– The A stands for Application

This is an opportunity for God's Word to become personal. Reflect on the following: what is God saying to me? How can I apply what I just read to my own personal life? What changes do I need to make? Is there a step of faith that I need to take?

P– The P stands for Prayer

Prayer is two-way communication with God. What do you sense God may want you to take away from your time? A step you need to take? Ask Him for help and encouragement if you need it. Use this time for confession and repentance if you need to, in order to restore your intimacy with him.

Spiritual Growth Guide Overview

You can expect that your devotional time will take about 15-20 minutes each day. It isn't a strict rule to be followed, but a model that you can use to interact with God. Some days might be easier than others, some days might involve more insight than others.

Please reference the S.O.A.P. examples as a template for how others have used this tool. Everyone brings their own style and personality to this tool. That's good! This is your time with God; it doesn't need to be done in a rigid and rote way.

The most important part is that you exercise these spiritual muscles. God will speak! All we have to do is be willing to spend time with him.

It can be helpful to decide ahead of time where and when you will spend this devotional time in Scripture and with God. If it helps to decide and commit to that here and now, go ahead! You may want to share these with your group for accountability and encouragement.

The place I will spend my time with God each day for the next 5 weeks:

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Week 1: Mark 5:1-20

Sermon Notes

What stood out to me...

One thing I learned about God...

One thing I can apply to my life...

How I'm going to pray this week...

Week 1: Mark 5:1-20

Group Guide

Break the Ice (15 Minutes)

- What are you hoping to get out of this 5-week experience?
- Is there anything you're nervous about as we begin?
- If you could have an extra hour of free time every day, how would you use it?
- Where would you build your dream home?

Check In (10 Minutes)

- When and where are you hoping to spend your devotional time over these next 5 weeks?
- What impacted you the most about this week's sermon message?
- Take a moment to pray, thanking God for those present and asking him to lead your discussion.

Learn Together (15 Minutes)

Read Mark 5:1-20 aloud together, then answer the questions.

- When you think about the phrase "spiritual transformation", what comes to mind?
- What stands out to you the most about Jesus in this passage?
- Does Jesus' response in verse 19 surprise you? Why or why not?
- How do you think the demon-possessed man felt about meeting Jesus?
- What do you make of the response from the townspeople?

Act On It (15 Minutes)

- Share about a time you felt torn by many conflicting voices and feelings. How did Jesus bring peace to you?
- In this passage from Mark, Jesus tells the man to go to his family and share what He had done for him. Is it difficult for you to share your faith with your family? Why or why not?
- If someone were to ask you how Jesus has shown you mercy, what would you say?
- Who is one person in your life you'd like to see spiritually transformed?

Pray Together (10 Minutes)

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of. You will also pray as a group. Use the space below to write down how you can pray for the group members throughout the coming week.

Sunday Example S.O.A.P.

Author: John Drake

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-15

And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words. Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him. "This, then, is how you should pray: "'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from the evil one.' For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins."

Observation:

- Prayer is not a show for people, but a conversation with God.
- We can speak honestly and simply to God. He is not moved by big words and fancy phrases.
- Recognize Him for who He is – honor Him. Tell Him so.
- Recognize He wants to provide for us – ask Him for the things we need.
- Recognize He wants to lead us in good ways - trust and ask Him to do that.
- Realize that forgiving others is our choice, but God directly links our willingness to forgive others to His willingness to forgive us.

Application:

For me, praying to God in private just seems more real. Just He and I. I can throw off every mask and pretense when I talk with Him and know He listens to my heart. Nothing scares Him. But I have to get a handle on this forgiveness thing. Sometimes I struggle when I have been wronged or treated badly. It really helps me when I can pull back on the reins a bit to think of my own shortcomings and my need for God's forgiveness. That is when I become more aware of the "power" of forgiveness in my own life. It is so freeing. I forgive others because it can be a life changer for them. I forgive others because I want to experience God's forgiveness to the fullest in my own life.

Prayer:

Father, I want to speak with you today in simple words and thoughts. Thank you for always being up for an honest conversation. Forgiveness is a big thing. Jesus, you offer it to me that my life would be changed forever. It is an expression of Your love. How convincing it can be for others to realize you are willing to forgive them, if I can first show them some of the same...right here in real time? You know I often wrestle to come to a place of gifting that to others, but I need your forgiveness, and so do others. Who do I need to forgive this week? Holy Spirit please give me the power to do so. In Jesus name, amen.

Week 1: Mark 5:1-20

Monday S.O.A.P

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 1: Mark 5:1-20

Tuesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Romans 12:1-13

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 1: Mark 5:1-20

Wednesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-13

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 1: Mark 5:1-20

Thursday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Exodus 15:1-13

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 1: Mark 5:1-20

Friday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Psalm 29:1-4

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Sermon Notes

What stood out to me...

One thing I learned about God...

One thing I can apply to my life...

How I'm going to pray this week...

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Group Guide

Break the Ice (15 Minutes)

- What is your favorite strange food combination?
- What was your favorite subject in high school and why?
- Would you rather travel back in time to meet your ancestors or go to the future and meet your descendants?

Check In (10 Minutes)

- Would anyone like to share something that stood out to them during their time with God this week?
- From this past week, what is something that you are thankful for?
- Take a moment to pray and ask God to guide your discussion.

Learn Together (15 Minutes)

Read Luke 9:1-6 aloud together, then answer the questions.

- What decision does Jesus make about his ministry here? Why?
- What are the disciples told to do? How do you think they were feeling about this instruction?
- Are you surprised by King Herod's reaction?
- What do miracles have to do with the kingdom of God?
- What do we learn about God here?

Act On It (15 Minutes)

- When you think of the miracle of healing, what comes to mind? Are there any negative connotations?
- What is your personal mission in life? How does God's kingdom fit in?
- How would you describe the kingdom of God to someone who isn't following Jesus?
- Why is 'being sent' at the heart of Christianity?
- In your opinion, why is it so easy for following Jesus to become all about ourselves?
- What is one small way you can reach out to someone in your life this week to bless them?

Pray Together (10 Minutes)

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of. Use this opportunity to ask if anyone would like to receive prayer for healing. You will pray as a group, and then the leader will pray for each person in the group.

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Sunday Example S.O.A.P.

Author: Andrew Miller

Scripture: Matthew 11:25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and intelligent and revealed them to infants. Yes, Father, because this was your good pleasure. All things have been entrusted to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son desires to reveal him. "Come to me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take up my yoke and learn from me, because I am lowly and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.

Observation:

I have felt worn out many times! Between work, family responsibilities, and day-to-day activities, I can get worn out. This scripture is for me! I am a type-A, goal-oriented personality, and my default attitude is to work harder and try harder, but sometimes that isn't healthy. Jesus is offering me rest. And this is more than a good night's sleep or a mental break. He says "rest for your souls." I want that rest!

Application:

I need to rest. I need to pause and rest in the presence of God. Instead of resting from work, I want to rest for work. Many times, I race through my week and collapse in exhaustion. Instead of that pace, I want to intentionally schedule time to rest my mind, my spirit, and my body to prepare for the next week or season of work. If I work from a place of rest, I go further and go longer.

Prayer:

Father, give me the peace and confidence to rest without worrying about my to-do list. Give me the trust to know that you will take care of my worries and cares - you hold everything in your hands. Father, may I find rest for my soul today in your presence. Amen.

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Monday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Proverbs 12:12-22

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Tuesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Malachi 4:1-6

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Wednesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Isaiah 58:1-11

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Thursday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Matthew 4:18-25

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 2: Luke 9:1-6

Friday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Jeremiah 33:1-9

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 3: Ephesians 6:12

Sermon Notes

What stood out to me...

One thing I learned about God...

One thing I can apply to my life...

How I'm going to pray this week...

Week 3: Ephesians 6:10-20

Group Guide

Break the Ice (15 Minutes)

- Where do you want to retire and why?
- What is one skill you would like to grow and develop?
- Describe the worst movie you've ever watched.

Check In (10 Minutes)

- Would anyone like to share something that stood out to them during their time with God this week?
- When did God become more than a word to you?
- Take a moment to pray and ask God to guide your discussion.

Learn Together (15 Minutes)

Read Ephesians 6:10-20 aloud together, then answer the questions.

- What does Paul want us to understand about the battle we face as Christians?
- Where do you see the devil's schemes being played out in the world today?
- In what ways does the armor enable us to stand against evil? What piece of armor do you need most in your life right now?
- Why do you think it makes some people uncomfortable to talk about the "enemy?"

Act On It (15 Minutes)

- If you had to compare your spiritual armor this week, where are you strong? Weak?
- Share one thing that has helped you to grow in your prayer life.
- What is the biggest obstacle in growing your prayer life?
- Is there anything that you're struggling with that you need to battle practically or spiritually?
- What's an area of your spiritual life that you'd like to grow in?
- How could you apply this scripture to your daily life?

Pray Together (10 Minutes)

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of. Have each member pair up with one other group member to connect with throughout this week for prayer and encouragement. Then, take a few moments for silent prayer. Ask the Holy Spirit to show each member any places in their life where there might be an absence of God's light. You will also pray as a group. Use this space to write down how you can pray for the group members throughout the coming week.

Pray Together

Week 3: Ephesians 6:10-20

Sunday Example S.O.A.P.

Author: Lauren Miller

Scripture: Luke 23:13-25

But the whole crowd shouted, "Away with this man! Release Barabbas to us!" (Barabbas had been thrown into prison for an insurrection in the city, and for murder.) Wanting to release Jesus, Pilate appealed to them again. But they kept shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!" For the third time he spoke to them: "Why? What crime has this man committed? I have found in him no grounds for the death penalty. Therefore I will have him punished and then release him." But with loud shouts they insistently demanded that he be crucified, and their shouts prevailed. So Pilate decided to grant their demand. He released the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, the one they asked for, and surrendered Jesus to their will."

Observation:

- Jesus was the only human to ever live a perfect, sinless life.
- Jewish leaders wanted to crucify Jesus and their opinions spread to many.
- Pilate found no reason to crucify Jesus and wanted to release him.
- The crowd chanting for Jesus to die grew louder.
- Barabbas has committed evil sins and by law deserved to die.
- Jesus died in Barabbas' place.

Application:

This week's message series is focusing on the lie "You get what you deserve". What stood out to me in this passage is that both Jesus and Barabbas did not get what they deserved. Barabbas was a murderer and a thief, he had broken the law and deserved to die. I believe Barabbas

represents every person that has broken God's law and deserves to face justice. However, God had a different plan. Jesus lived a sinless life and died on the cross in Barabbas' place as a substitute for us all. Because of Jesus we can break the bondage of sin and receive true freedom and salvation.

Prayer:

Dear God, I thank you for your grace. By all accounts I deserve judgement for the sins I have committed but I am forever grateful for Jesus making a pardon for my sins. I pray for those who are still held captive by the weight of their sins. I pray they will find forgiveness in Jesus and walk in freedom.

Week 3: Ephesians 6:10-20

Monday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: 2 Chronicles 12:7-14

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 3: Ephesians 6:10-20

Tuesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Psalm 33:1-15

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 3: Ephesians 6:10-20

Wednesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 3: Ephesians 6:10-20
Thursday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Isaiah 59:1-11

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 3: Ephesians 6:10-20

Friday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Genesis 45:1-11

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 4: Acts 16:16-40

Sermon Notes

What stood out to me...

One thing I learned about God...

One thing I can apply to my life...

How I'm going to pray this week...

Group Guide

Break the Ice (15 Minutes)

- If you could only listen to one album the rest of your life, what would it be?
- Do you prefer mornings or nights?
- What year would you visit if you had a time machine?

Check In (10 Minutes)

- Share something that stood out to you this week during your time with God.
- What impacted you the most from the sermon last week?
- Take a moment to pray and ask God to guide your discussion.

Learn Together (15 Minutes)

Read Acts 16:16-40 aloud together, then answer the questions.

- In light of what happened, how do you think Paul and Silas felt in verse 25?
- If you experienced what they did, how difficult would it be for you to still trust in God's plan?
- What does their response show about them?
- What kind of man was the jailer before his salvation?
- In what ways does the jailer express his new faith in Jesus?

Act On It (15 Minutes)

- Have you experienced a miracle of protection? What happened?
- The girls' owners rejected the gospel because it cost them financially. What financial concerns keep some people from faith today?
- What could be some common misconceptions about God's protection?"
- From this past week, was there something that was challenging for you?
- From what are you currently praying for protection? How can our group pray with you this week?

Pray Together (10 Minutes)

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of. Have each member pair up with one other group member to connect with throughout this week for prayer and encouragement.

Week 4: Acts 16:16-40

Sunday Example S.O.A.P.

Author: Abbie Craig

Scripture: 2 Samuel 9:1-8

David asked, "Is there still anyone left of the house of Saul to whom I may show kindness for Jonathan's sake?" Now there was a servant of the house of Saul whose name was Ziba, and he was summoned to David. The king said to him, "Are you Ziba?" And he said, "At your service!" The king said, "Is there anyone remaining of the house of Saul to whom I may show the kindness of God?" Ziba said to the king, "There remains a son of Jonathan; he is crippled in his feet." The king said to him, "Where is he?" Ziba said to the king, "He is in the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar." Then King David sent and brought him from the house of Machir son of Ammiel, at Lo-debar. Mephibosheth, son of Jonathan son of Saul came to David, and fell on his face and did obeisance. David said, "Mephibosheth!" He answered, "I am your servant." David said to him, "Do not be afraid, for I will show you kindness for the sake of your father Jonathan; I will restore to you all the land of your grandfather Saul, and you yourself shall eat at my table always." He did obeisance and said, "What is your servant, that you should look upon a dead dog such as I?"

Observation:

- Ziba and Mephibosheth clearly expected the worst from David: if he was asking for surviving members of the former king's family, it must be to eliminate any threat to his power.
- Instead, David's response is radical. Not only does he show kindness to Mephibosheth, he restores his right to his family land and offers him a seat at the king's table.
- The Hebrew word for kindness in this chapter is the same that is used often throughout the Old Testament to describe the character of God as kind, merciful, faithful, and good.

- David also reflects the faithfulness of God to His covenant with the people in the way that David honors his covenant with Jonathon to take care of his descendants (1 Sam 20:14-17)
- Perhaps Mephibosheth's story reminded David of his own: the son least likely to achieve a place of honor is now receiving it. David himself had experienced the upside down value system of God. Thus, he is able to do the same for Mephibosheth.

Application:

Like David, we become people who can offer kindness and mercy to others as we receive the kindness and mercy from our faithful God. Reflect on the ways in which you have experienced God's kindness in your life. Where have you seen glimpses of God's faithfulness even today or this week? Consider your schedule for the day ahead- not through the lens of what you have to accomplish, but focusing on the people who you will encounter. Ask God to reveal to you how you might demonstrate His kindness to each person along your path today.

Prayer:

Thank you God, for your kindness. You are faithful in my wandering and merciful when I deserve it the least. Help me not forget the kindness you have shown, and shape me to be a person who offers mercy freely to each person I meet. Forgive me for harsh words, quick judgements, and for the times I fail to see others as you do. Give me eyes to see your image in every person, your heart to create room at the table for those whom others overlook, and your courage to act faithfully when you open doors for me to share the radical kindness I have received with others. Amen.

Week 4: Acts 16:16-40

Monday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 4: Acts 16:16-40

Tuesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-26

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 4: Acts 16:16-40

Wednesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Matthew 5:27-48

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 4: Acts 16:16-40

Thursday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Psalm 91:1-16

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 4: Acts 16:16-40

Friday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Psalm 5:1-12

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

Week 5: Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon Notes

What stood out to me...

One thing I learned about God...

One thing I can apply to my life...

How I'm going to pray this week...

Week 5: Matthew 14:13-21

Group Guide

Break the Ice (15 Minutes)

- If you could give one piece of advice to your younger self, what would it be?
- What is your favorite ride/attraction at a theme park?
- If just one material thing could make your life easier or better, what would it be?

Check In (10 Minutes)

- Share something that stood out to you this week during your time with God.
- Share one thing that you have been thankful for during this 5-week journey.
- Take a moment to pray and ask God to guide your discussion.

Learn Together (15 Minutes)

Read Matthew 14:13-21 aloud together, then answer the questions.

- Why does Jesus withdraw?
- How does he react to the interruption?
- Describe how the disciple might have felt in verse 15. In verses 16-17? In verses 18-21?
- What new power do the disciples discover in Jesus?

Act On It (15 Minutes)

- What insight about Jesus will you remember from this story?
- What kind of financial situation did you grow up in?
- How have you seen God guide you to a place where he also provided for you?
- How might God want to use you as a miracle of provision in someone else's life?
- In light of what we know about this passage, what is God calling you to do this week?

Pray Together (10 Minutes)

As your group time closes, your group leader will give any updates or news that you might want to take note of.

Share about one area of your life that needs provision. Then, close in prayer, reflecting on each group member’s needs.

Week 5: Matthew 14:13-21

Sunday Example S.O.A.P.

Author: Andrea Capsel

Scripture: John 16:19-33

Jesus saw that they wanted to ask him about this, so he said to them, "Are you asking one another what I meant when I said, 'In a little while you will see me no more, and then after a little while you will see me'? Very truly I tell you, you will weep and mourn while the world rejoices. You will grieve, but your grief will turn to joy. A woman giving birth to a child has pain because her time has come; but when her baby is born she forgets the anguish because of her joy that a child is born into the world. So with you: Now is your time of grief, but I will see you again and you will rejoice, and no one will take away your joy. In that day you will no longer ask me anything. Very truly I tell you, my Father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete. "Though I have been speaking figuratively, a time is coming when I will no longer use this kind of language but will tell you plainly about my Father. In that day you will ask in my name. I am not saying that I will ask the Father on your behalf. No, the Father himself loves you because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. I came from the Father and entered the world; now I am leaving the world and going back to the Father." Then Jesus' disciples said, "Now you are speaking clearly and without figures of speech. Now we can see that you know all things and that you do not even need to have anyone ask you questions. This makes us believe that you came from God." "Do you now believe?" Jesus replied. "A time is coming and in fact has come when you will be scattered, each to your own home. You will leave me all alone. Yet I am not alone, for my Father is with me. "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Observation:

- Pain turning into joy is a theme. Jesus is preparing his disciples for pain after the crucifixion, and then joy!
- Jesus is describing a new type of relationship with the Father. He has willingly interceded on our behalf to allow us to have a direct relationship with God.
- Jesus was preparing them to know they may feel alone, but his Spirit will be with them. Jesus is also preparing mankind thereafter to commune with him as if he were there in the flesh.
- Through Jesus' death and resurrection came the ultimate defeat of sin and the vast joy and promise of eternal life.

Application:

This passage is such a powerful reminder to me of how Christ willingly interceded on my behalf so I can have a direct relationship with the Father. Jesus has overcome the world and defeated the enemy to bring me the promise of eternal life. When I look back on some difficult situations I have faced, I can see how Jesus was at work in my life and was with me through it all. Yes, there was pain and suffering, but out of that came a stronger relationship with the Lord and He brought joy back into my life. For me, it was through those times when the powerful meaning of the cross took on a new and much deeper meaning. Jesus paved the way and for that, I am so grateful.

Prayer:

God, thank you for sending your Son, Jesus Christ, to die on the cross to give me eternal life. That is a gift that knows no bounds, and I thank you for the hope and promise your Son has freely given to me. Please help me to not take that for granted. Help me to turn my eyes to you in the middle of difficult times and to lean on you for peace, comfort, joy, and strength. Thank you for the blessings you have given and continue to give to me daily. I pray these things in Jesus' name, amen!

Week 5: Matthew 14:13-21

Monday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Proverbs 6:1-11

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

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Tuesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Joshua 1:1-11

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

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Wednesday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Romans 5:12-21

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

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Thursday S.O.A.P

Scripture: Psalm 144:1-5

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:

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Friday S.O.A.P.

Scripture: Colossians 1:24-29

Observation:

Application:

Prayer:
