

## Daily Devotionals

### July 24, 2019

#### **Day 1: Genesis 18:20-32**

In the beginning of Genesis 18, the Lord promises that Abraham and Sarah will have a son. The focus of chapter 18 then shifts from promise of new life to the outcry against the people of Sodom and Gomorrah regarding their grave sin. How do these two stories live in tension with one another?

**Day 2: Genesis 18:20-32** Abraham respectfully and repeatedly asks the Lord if the righteous will be swept away with the wicked (if there are 50 righteous, 45, 40, 30, 20 or 10). Each time the Lord replies that for the sake of the righteous, he would not destroy the city. What do you make of this conversation that Abraham has with the Lord?

**Day 3: Luke 11:1-13** Jesus was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples (Luke 1:1)." Lord, teach us to pray. What a meaningful request. In what ways do you pray? Which influences in your life have informed the content and form of your prayers?

**Day 4: Luke 11:1-13** Verse 10: "For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened" must be read in concert with verse 13. Verse 13 says: "If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!" God hears our prayers not due to our goodness or the particular way we ask. God hears our prayers because of God's goodness.

**Day 5: Colossians 2:6-15** "As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, continue to live your lives in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving (v.6)." How do you live your life in Christ? Do you experience thanksgiving?

**Day 6: Colossians 2:6-15** "And when you were dead in trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made you alive together with him when he forgave us all our trespasses, erasing the record that stood against us with its legal demands (v.13-14)." God has made us alive with him, forgiving us all our trespasses. Do you live each day freely as one who has been made alive in Christ?

**Day 7: Psalm 138** "I bow down towards your holy temple and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness (v.2)." God's love is

consistently faithful to us. Are there times in your life when you can recall God's experiencing or being aware of God's love and faithfulness?