

***“THE BLUE SHEET”***  
***Journey in the Word 2023***  
**62<sup>nd</sup> Edition: June 26 – Sept 17**  
**Summer – Fall ‘23**

Welcome to the 62nd edition of “The Blue Sheet Readings!” This edition will take us through the summer season and half-way through Sept.

This edition is like previous editions in that on Sundays we follow the Revised Common Lectionary Year A. These are incredible readings, along with many believers around the world who will be reading them as well.

As I was praying about the reading schedule for this summer, I felt led by the Spirit to include both of Paul’s letters to the Corinthians, as well as the last part of Paul’s letter to the Romans, followed by John’s 1<sup>st</sup> letter.

One of the key thoughts in all these passages has to do with relationships. It was not an easy place to establish the gospel in both Corinth as well as Rome. The gospel of Jesus presented, and empowered, such a new way of living that it turned all current ideas of relationships upside down.

Many verses in both of Paul’s letters to Corinth as well as Rome, have been taken out of context and have been weaponized in such a way that they have created concepts that are not part of living the life of the Spirit, especially within relationships. A good student of the Word would be diligent in doing some background study of both 1&2 Corinthians, along with Romans, to gain a proper understanding of these important truths of living in relationships with others – both within the body of Christ as well as within the world around us.

In our current age, this is a significant concern as well. It seems that there is such hostility, lack of civility, along with condescension and no patience to listen to others in forbearance and understanding. I pray that all of us would be open to the promptings of the Spirit as we journey through these passages.

And to top off our readings regarding relationships, you won’t find anything better than a careful, slow reading of First John. There is one word that stands out above all others in this letter – I’m sure you will be able to see it immediately.

Good commentary insights would come from The New Beacon Bible Commentary series on 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians, along with the second volume of Romans, and the one on 1,2,3 John. Because it’s difficult to provide a hyperlink in making copies of this Blue Sheet, you can find them at [www.thefoundrypublishing.com](http://www.thefoundrypublishing.com) and search for each volume.

As always, please share your discoveries with others, for as you know, the Scriptures are written to be read and lived within community. Enjoy spending time in the Word this season and we pray that the Word will spend time in you! Thanks for being a part of this journey – pk!

***JUNE***

June 26 – 1 Corinthians 1:1-9  
June 27 – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17  
June 28 – 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
June 29 – 1 Corinthians 1:26-2:5  
June 30 – 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

***JULY***

July 1 – 1 Corinthians 3:1-17  
July 2 – Genesis 22:1-14; Psalm 13;  
Romans 6:12-23; Matt. 10:40-42  
July 3 - 1 Corinthians 3:18-4:5  
July 4 - 1 Corinthians 4:6-17  
July 5 - 1 Corinthians 4:18-5:13  
July 6 - 1 Corinthians 6:1-11  
July 7 - 1 Corinthians 6:12-20  
July 8 - 1 Corinthians 7:1-39  
July 9 – Genesis 24:34-67; Psalm 45:10-17;  
Romans 7:15-25a; Matt. 11:16-30  
July 10 - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13  
July 11 - 1 Corinthians 9:1-18  
July 12 - 1 Corinthians 9:19-27  
July 13 - 1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
July 14 - 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:1  
July 15 - 1 Corinthians 11:2-16  
July 16 – Gen 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112;  
Romans 8:1-11; Matt. 13:1-23  
July 17 - 1 Corinthians 11:17-34  
July 18 - 1 Corinthians 12:1-11  
July 19 - 1 Corinthians 12:12-34  
July 20 - 1 Corinthians 13:1-13  
July 21 - 1 Corinthians 14:1-40  
July 22 - 1 Corinthians 15:1-19

July 23 - Gen. 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-24;  
Romans 8:12-25; Matt. 13:24-30, 36-43  
July 24 - 1 Corinthians 15:20-58  
July 25 - 1 Corinthians 16:1-9  
July 26 - 1 Corinthians 16:10-18  
July 27 - 1 Corinthians 16:19-24  
July 28 - 2 Corinthians 1:1-11  
July 29 - 2 Corinthians 1:12-2:4  
July 30 - Gen. 29:15-28; Psalm 128;  
Romans 8:26-39; Matt. 13:31-33, 44-52  
July 31 - 2 Corinthians 2:5-11

### **AUGUST**

Aug 1 - 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6  
Aug 2 - 2 Corinthians 3:7-18  
Aug 3 - 2 Corinthians 4:1-18  
Aug 4 - 2 Corinthians 5:1-10  
Aug 5 - 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2  
Aug 6 - Gen. 32:22-31; Ps. 17:1-7, 15  
Romans 9:1-5; Matt. 14:13-21  
Aug 7 - 2 Corinthians 6:3-13  
Aug 8 - 2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1  
Aug 9 - 2 Corinthians 7:2-16  
Aug 10 - 2 Corinthians 8:1-15  
Aug 11 - 2 Corinthians 8:16-9:5  
Aug 12 - 2 Corinthians 9:6-15  
Aug 13 - Gen. 37:1-4,12-28; Ps.105:1-6,16-22,45b; Rom. 10:5-15; Matt. 14:22-33  
Aug 14 - 2 Corinthians 10:1-18  
Aug 15 - 2 Corinthians 11:1-15  
Aug 16 - 2 Corinthians 11:16-33  
Aug 17 - 2 Corinthians 12:1-10  
Aug 18 - 2 Corinthians 12:11-21  
Aug 19 - 2 Corinthians 13:1-10  
Aug 20 - Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133;  
Romans 11:1-2a,29-32; Matt. 15:21-28  
Aug 21 - 2 Corinthians 13:11-14  
Aug 22 - Romans 11:33-36  
Aug 23 - Romans 12:1-8  
Aug 24 - Romans 12:9-21  
Aug 25 - Romans 13:1-7  
Aug 26 - Romans 13:8-14  
Aug 27 - Exodus 1:8-2:10; Psalm 124;  
Romans 12:1-8; Matt. 16:13-20  
Aug 28 - Romans 14:1-18  
Aug 29 - Romans 14:19-15:6  
Aug 30 - Romans 15:7-13  
Aug 31 - Romans 15:14-22

### **SEPTEMBER**

Sept 1 - Romans 15:23-33  
Sept 2 - Romans 16:1-7  
Sept 3 - Ex. 3:1-15; Ps. 105:1-6,23-26,45b;  
Romans 12:9-21; Matt. 16:21-28  
Sept 4 - Romans 16:8-16  
Sept 5 - Romans 16:17-24  
Sept 6 - Romans 16:25-27  
Sept 7 - 1 John 1:1-4  
Sept 8 - 1 John 1:5-2:8  
Sept 9 - 1 John 2:9-17  
Sept 10 - Ex. 12:1-14; Psalm 149;  
Romans 13:8-14; Matt. 18:15-20  
Sept 11 - 1 John 2:18-27  
Sept 12 - 1 John 2:28-3:10  
Sept 13 - 1 John 3:11-4:6  
Sept 14 - 1 John 4:7-21  
Sept 15 - 1 John 5:1-12  
Sept 16 - 1 John 5:13-21  
Sept 17 - Ex. 14:19-31; Psalm 114;  
Romans 14:1-12; Matt. 18:21-35

### **Some Suggestions**

~ Find a quiet place  
~ Try to find a consistent time  
~ Pick up a journal or composition notebook as a companion to your readings  
~ Write down one verse (or more than one) that stands out to you from each reading with the date of that reading  
~ Share at least one verse with at least one person during the week  
~ If you miss a day, don't go back, start with the current date  
~ Enjoy the journey  
~ Whatever you do, don't give up!  
~ For a great challenge, read these passages from a different translation than the one you normally read from.

### **RACK PRINCIPLE**

**Stay in the Word – Read**  
**Stand on the Word – Apply – journal/notes**  
**Share from the Word – Confirm – others**  
**Strength through the Word – Know God in  
a deeper way**