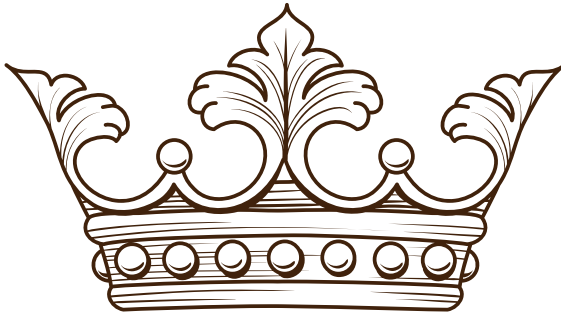


# THE BREAD OF LIFE 2011



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is built on the framework of  
the Scripture readings used at  
Messiah of Eau Claire during 2007,  
including:

**Gospel**  
**Old Testament/Epistle**  
**& Sermon texts**

*Sundays omitted from this schedule are  
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May our Lord Jesus bless you richly  
by His Spirit with His Word via  
these readings throughout  
the year!

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— JANUARY —

| Date | Scripture           | Thought prompted by the text                      | Hymn |
|------|---------------------|---|------|
| 1    | Psalm 121           | Jehovah is our Attendant throughout the year.     | 120  |
| 3    | Isaiah 40:25-31     | Let us truly wait on the LORD this year!          | 118  |
| 4    | Matthew 2:13-23     | The master Strategist outmaneuvers Herod.         | 131  |
| 5    | Luke 2:21-40        | Simeon and Anna are wonderful role-models.        | 122  |
| 6    | Luke 13:6-9         | Jesus, don't let us die on the vine this year!    | 119  |
| 7    | Galatians 4:4-7     | Jesus gets us back into God's family circle.      | 343  |
| 8    | Psalm 90            | So teach us to number our days...in wisdom.       | 433  |
| 10   | Isaiah 2:2-5        | Thwarting Satan, the Kingdom of God progresses.   | 341  |
| 11   | Isaiah 60:1-6       | We embrace His shining Light in our hearts.       | 126  |
| 12   | Matthew 2:1-12      | God has helpers to direct souls to Bethlehem.     | 281  |
| 13   | Matthew 12:14-21    | Popular fanfare sometimes distracted Him.         | 129  |
| 14   | John 8:1-12         | Take a good, long look! See the Savior!           | 361  |
| 15   | 2 Corinthians 4:3-6 | God is still/always doing His miracles!           | 355  |
| 17   | Psalm 84:1-12       | Our Brother championed over Satan for us.         | 480  |
| 18   | Luke 2:42-52        | He persevered with His heavenly business.         | 408  |
| 19   | Matthew 12:22-28    | His heart was bonded to His Father's will.        | 345  |
| 20   | John 7:14-18        | If anyone wants to do God's will, he will know... | 398  |
| 21   | Romans 12:1-5       | Just as lungs and bones belong to a body...       | 435  |
| 22   | Hebrews 2:11-16     | God works a total transfusion/reformation.        | 433  |
| 24   | Luke 19:1-10        | Is my home hallowed by Jesus within it?           | 394  |
| 25   | John 2:1-11         | Is Jesus an honored guest in my home?             | 624  |
| 26   | John 4:5-26         | He brought the Truth to bear on her life.         | 277  |
| 27   | Romans 12:6-16      | Our relationships, emotions, service. . . .       | 385  |
| 28   | Ephesians 6:1-4     | All the more reason to invite Jesus in. . .       | 325  |
| 29   | 2 Timothy 1:3-5     | Christian nurture goes on and on and on.          | 631  |
| 31   | Matthew 8:1-13      | Lord, if You are willing, You can heal me.        | 415  |

— FEBRUARY —

|   |                       |   |     |
|---|-----------------------|---|-----|
| 1 | Matthew 8:14-17       | Come to Me, all you who are heavy laden!        | 415 |
| 2 | John 4:27-42          | She didn't need more men in her life, but LIFE! | 502 |
| 3 | Romans 12:17-21       | How hearts work when warmed enough...           | 464 |
| 4 | Thessalonians 2:13-17 | This prayer could well be our own.              | 459 |
| 5 | Hebrews 11:1-22       | Take God at His Word, expecting. . . .          | 614 |
| 7 | Matthew 8:23-27       | God controls gravity, wind, and waves.          | 649 |
| 8 | Matthew 14:22-33      | Jesus reached out to rescue a sinker.           | 297 |

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| 9         | John 6:63-69          | Jesus is still with us in His words of life.    | 267  |
| 10        | Romans 13:8-10        | We bank on Jesus to carry our debt for us.      | 389  |
| 11        | 2 Timothy 1:7-10      | Entrusting our souls to Jesus, we can relax.    | 209  |
| <u>12</u> | Hebrews 11:23-40      | Let's get acquainted with our relatives!        | 463  |
| 14        | Mark 4:26-29          | God gives growth and provides the harvest.      | 438  |
| 15        | Matthew 13:24-30      | Angels have superior skill/perceptivity.        | 610  |
| 16        | Mark 9:38-41          | We neither join nor hinder sectarian preachers. | 489  |
| 17        | 1 Corinthians 1:10-17 | Seek to reflect your unity with Jesus!          | 462  |
| 18        | Ephesians 4:11-16     | We need all the help we can get.                | 470  |
| <u>19</u> | Colossians 3:12-17    | We work-out with practice partners.             | 481  |
| 21        | Mark 13:32-37         | Gone in a flash! Taken home! Reunion!           | 616  |
| 22        | Matthew 25:1-13       | It will get too late to start shopping.         | 609  |
| 23        | Psalms 104:24-35      | Our Creator supports His/our universe.          | 17   |
| 24        | Genesis 21:22-34      | The child of God settles disputes.              | 453  |
| 25        | Genesis 22:1-14       | In some ways Isaac is a type of Jesus.          | 409  |
| <u>26</u> | Matthew 12:46-50      | Jesus says we are His closest relatives.        | 400  |
| 28        | Ephesians 5:22-33     | Love has always been the cure-all.              | 351  |

## — MARCH —

|           |                                  |   |     |
|-----------|----------------------------------|---|-----|
| 1         | Genesis 22:15-24                 | God worked it all out, didn't He?           | 428 |
| 2         | Genesis 23:1-20                  | No haggling over a cemetery plo             | 601 |
| 3         | Daniel 6:10-23                   | Resist the Devil, the real danger!          | 427 |
| 4         | Luke 4:38-44                     | Unbelievers are not God's witnesses.        | 482 |
| <u>5</u>  | John 4:1-14                      | Who thirsts for the Water of Life?          | 281 |
| 7         | Matthew 14:22-33                 | Without Jesus life is a rough trip.         | 233 |
| 8         | John 4:15-26                     | Jesus was surely getting personal!          | 276 |
| <b>9</b>  | <b>Ash Wed:</b> Matthew 24:32-44 | Our world's final calendar date is??        | 611 |
| 10        | John 16:12-15                    | We believe and teach verbal inspiration.    | 231 |
| 11        | Romans 8:1-11                    | The Holy Spirit versus our human nature.    | 201 |
| <u>12</u> | Psalms 139:1-12                  | Nobody needs to go to hell.                 | 330 |
| <u>14</u> | 2 Peter 3:3-13                   | God is delaying so as to save more souls.   | 321 |
| 15        | Revelation 22:10-20              | Many drown in the deluge of worldliness.    | 264 |
| 16        | Matthew 4:1-11                   | Why was Jesus always so self-sacrificing?   | 152 |
| 17        | Luke 10:17-20                    | Pastors are salvaged from the garbage, too. | 418 |

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| 18   | Matthew 16:21-23      | Suffering was His calling and His badge.      | 367  |
| 19   | 2 Corinthians 6:1-10  | We are already IN God's salvation!            | 32   |
| 21   | Hebrews 4:14-16       | Jesus, please get me through this crisis!     | 531  |
| 22   | James 1:12-15         | Satan weakens us; God strengthens us.         | 532  |
| 23   | Genesis 32:24-29      | Life was never again the same for Jacob.      | 434  |
| 24   | Matthew 15:21-28      | She brought Jesus to the rescue.              | 348  |
| 25   | Mark 9:14-32          | Many problems are beyond our personal skills. | 345  |
| 26   | Luke 7:36-50          | God's forgiveness precedes our thankfulness.  | 379  |
| 28   | 1 Thessalonians 4:1-7 | This is God's will for our welfare.           | 400  |
| 29   | Hebrews 5:5-10        | Jesus' perfection compensates for our sins.   | 385  |
| 30   | Psalms 116:1-19       | Can we identify the psalm's three speakers?   | 600  |
| 31   | Luke 22:31-38         | Such self-assurance is Satan's workshop.      | 516  |

## — APRIL —

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| 1  | Matthew 26:36-46                       | Don't sleep away your hours with Jesus.          | 163 |
| 2  | Ephesians 5:1-10                       | We enjoy living in/with Jesus' love.             | 342 |
| 4  | Psalms 42                              | Let us daily cross-examine our hearts.           | 150 |
| 5  | Mark 14:43-50                          | When will Judas meet Jesus again?                | 604 |
| 6  | Matthew 26:59-66                       | Our Substitute cares about our souls!            | 140 |
| 7  | Romans 6:19-23                         | Jesus paid up and pulls us to heaven.            | 370 |
| 8  | Galatians 4:21-31                      | In Jesus we avoid the legal nightmare!           | 374 |
| 9  | John 18:15-27                          | Lord Jesus, bless our cross-examination!         | 390 |
| 11 | Psalms 69:6-21                         | Thanks, Jesus, for Your integrity and devotion!  | 173 |
| 12 | Luke 23:1-12                           | We share in degree and in substance.             | 326 |
| 13 | Matthew 27:15-26                       | Jesus took our place on the cross.               | 141 |
| 14 | John 19:1-16                           | How human Pilate was (and so are we)!            | 144 |
| 15 | 2 Corinthians 1:3-7                    | The Spirit puts in valuable overtime work.       | 225 |
| 16 | Hebrews 9:11-15                        | We're not Jewish, but it works for us, too.      | 220 |
| 18 | Hebrews 8:8-12                         | Which contract with God would you prefer?        | 371 |
| 19 | John 6:32-35                           | Picture language: Jesus sustains our souls.      | 277 |
| 20 | Isaiah 52:13-53:12                     | Jesus DID what had to GET DONE!                  | 153 |
| 21 | 1 Corinthians 11:23-29                 | Remember what it cost Him!                       | 164 |
| 22 | <b>Good Friday:</b> Luke 23:32-43      | Enough sacrifice to suffice.                     | 177 |
| 23 | Philippians 2:5-11                     | First the sacrifice; then the glory.             | 222 |
| 24 | <b>Easter Sunday:</b> Matthew 27:62-66 | Leave the cemetery!                              | 192 |
| 25 | Mark 16:1-8                            | Jesus/Easter has turned the world right-side up. | 198 |
| 26 | Matthew 28:1-15                        | Angel truth trumps human unbelief.               | 203 |

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| 27        | John 20:1-18           | We too recognize Jesus by His voice/Word.  | 188  |
| 28        | 1 Corinthians 15:1-19  | Our future is founded on Christ's past.    | 193  |
| 29        | 1 Corinthians 15:20-34 | Jesus fixed everything Adam wrecked.       | 369  |
| <u>30</u> | 1 Peter 1:18-23        | Not embalmed, but enshrined in our hearts. | 158  |

## — MAY —

|           |                       |   |     |
|-----------|-----------------------|---|-----|
| 2         | John 20:19-31         | Sight and touch must give way to His Word.          | 231 |
| 3         | John 21:1-14          | Jesus' agenda includes being our Companion.         | 200 |
| 4         | John 21:15-23         | Peter hit bottom before he could be useful.         | 648 |
| 5         | Acts 3:12-20          | Fast-forward: Peter minces no words.                | 228 |
| 6         | Acts 13:32-41         | Jesus is the Holy One of Psalm 16.                  | 564 |
| <u>7</u>  | 1 John 5:4-12         | God saves souls one person at a time.               | 411 |
| 9         | Psalm 23              | We know our Shepherd, and He knows us.              | 368 |
| 10        | Matthew 9:35-38       | He knows all about sheep led astray, too.           | 320 |
| 11        | John 10:1-10          | The Kingdom of heaven is at hand for me, too.       | 318 |
| 12        | John 10:11-16         | Unbelievers will have to take it up with God.       | 608 |
| 13        | Hebrews 13:20-21      | From the valley of death up the other side.         | 51  |
| <u>14</u> | 1 Peter 2:21-25       | Sheep should stay on the only safe path.            | 144 |
| 16        | John 14:1-12          | His destinations: first to Galilee, then to heaven. | 5   |
| 17        | John 16:16-23         | "I will see you again, and we will live together."  | 24  |
| 18        | John 17:1-8           | Jesus was authorized by the highest Authority.      | 34  |
| 19        | 2 Corinthians 4:16-18 | What persecution do we suffer?                      | 44  |
| 20        | 1 Peter 1:3-9         | Do you lack any of these blessings?                 | 51  |
| <u>21</u> | 1 Peter 2:11-20       | We owe our children godly leadership.               | 630 |
| 23        | John 15:9-17          | We hold each other close while Jesus is away.       | 37  |
| 24        | John 16:5-15          | Oh, Friend from heaven, keep us straight!           | 227 |
| 25        | John 17:9-17          | Sanctify us by our faithful use of Your Word!       | 283 |
| 26        | Hebrews 13:11-16      | Bonded to Jesus, we love to please Him.             | 399 |
| 27        | James 1:16-21         | We have documentation for our adoption.             | 397 |
| <u>28</u> | 1 John 3:18-24        | We rely on God giving us a good standing.           | 395 |
| 30        | Numbers 6:22-27       | Both His blessing and our prayer.                   | 50  |
| 31        | Luke 11:1-13          | God's business first; our welfare second.           | 454 |

## — JUNE —

| Date      | Scripture                        | Thought prompted by the text                   | Hymn |
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| 1         | John 16:24-33                    | No good reason to be a stranger to Jesus.      | 21   |
| <b>2</b>  | <b>Ascension</b> Psalm 110:1-3   | Preview of the historical event.               | 223  |
| 3         | Romans 8:31-39                   | WITH Jesus in control, all systems are GO!     | 47   |
| <u>4</u>  | Hebrews 7:20-28                  | Fully qualified as our great High-Priest.      | 220  |
| 6         | Acts 16:6-10                     | God has saving, sanctifying priorities.        | 495  |
| 7         | Acts 16:11-15                    | The Lord opened doors and hearts.              | 493  |
| 8         | John 17:20-26                    | We are proud to be God's children.             | 428  |
| 9         | 1 John 1:1-10                    | We have not seen/touched, but we have heard.   | 371  |
| 10        | Rev. 22:6-11                     | We are proud to keep the words of this Book.   | 266  |
| 11        | Rev. 22:12-21                    | Jesus has His hand on the doorknob!            | 343  |
| <b>12</b> | <b>Pentecost</b> Acts 2:37-47    | His promise to you and your children.          | 231  |
| 13        | John 7:37-39                     | Jesus can rescue souls from mummification.     | 230  |
| 14        | John 14:15-21                    | We thrive in His sunlight.                     | 234  |
| 15        | John 14:23-31                    | His Word is our connecting linkage to Him.     | 264  |
| 16        | Acts 2:1-15                      | A good place for fast, solid growth is . . . ? | 296  |
| 17        | Acts 2:16-28                     | Every day of the year is a day of salvation.   | 227  |
| 18        | Acts 2:29-37                     | How can such crookedness become straight?      | 362  |
| <b>19</b> | <b>Trinity Sunday</b> Romans 1:7 | Grace and peace to you!                        | 251  |
| 20        | Genesis 1:1-25                   | Is the Universe Trinitarian? (Cf. John 1:1-5)  | 9    |
| 21        | Genesis 1:26-31                  | God stamped humankind with His genetics.       | 21   |
| 22        | Acts 2:38-41                     | The Holy Spirit is coaxing/urging us also.     | 27   |
| 23        | 1 Corinthians 2:6-11             | God copes with doped-up humanity.              | 31   |
| 24        | 2 Corinthians 13:14              | The Trinity is working on us/for us.           | 248  |
| <u>25</u> | 1 John 4:12-16                   | God's love has made our lives livable.         | 537  |
| 27        | Genesis 2:1-7                    | The week closed with a day special to Himself. | 20   |
| 28        | Genesis 2:15-25                  | With Eve human society was born.               | 622  |
| 29        | Psalm 78:1-7                     | Godly parents and children are co-heirs.       | 626  |
| 30        | Luke 17:20-21                    | Is the Kingdom of God among us? Yes!           | 336  |

## — JULY —

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| 1        | Acts 2:42-27     | Can Satan be thwarted in our congregation?      | 332 |
| <u>2</u> | Hebrews 10:22-25 | We know how it works! Praise the Lord!          | 412 |
| 4        | Genesis 3        | Discrediting God's Word is the primal sin.      | 261 |
| 5        | Genesis 4        | What makes the world a better place to live in? | 292 |
| 6        | Jeremiah 7:17-29 | Was Israel any better than the heathen?         | 461 |
| 7        | John 5:18-24     | Note: Jesus gives pre-eminence to His Word!     | 265 |

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| 8         | Acts 3:1-10        | Jesus stands powerfully behind His Name!             | 346  |
| <u>9</u>  | 2 Corinthians 13:8 | Nothing against, but always for the Truth!           | 296  |
| 11        | Genesis 5          | All were born and all died in the image of Adam.     | 269  |
| 12        | Genesis 6          | From bad to worse; then God salvaged some.           | 530  |
| 13        | John 5:39-47       | Moses said enough to identify Jesus.                 | 284  |
| 14        | Matthew 5:13-16    | Are you a good, old-fashioned preservative?          | 536  |
| 15        | Acts 4:8-22        | Peter sprinkled salt and struck sparks.              | 260  |
| <u>16</u> | 2 Timothy 3:14-17  | Parents/grandparents bring us blessings.             | 625  |
| 18        | Genesis 7          | The Ark provided refuge for air-breathing creatures. | 121  |
| 19        | Genesis 8          | for over a year; then they repopulated the planet.   | 123  |
| 20        | Matthew 7:24-27    | Don't skimp on your soul's foundations!              | 335  |
| 21        | John 6:47-51       | Our souls feed on heavenly nutrition/Jesus.          | 36   |
| 22        | Acts 5:12-21       | The apostles became Jesus' hand-tools.               | 492  |
| <u>23</u> | 1 Timothy 1:12-20  | God's grace is deep enough to salvage.               | 374  |
| 25        | Genesis 9          | Our world is a shadow of its former self.            | 430  |
| 26        | Genesis 10         | These are the forefathers of today's races.          | 497  |
| 27        | Matthew 5:43-48    | God cares about the ungodly, too.                    | 657  |
| 28        | John 10:22-30      | Jesus is still superior to world and Satan.          | 246  |
| 29        | Acts 6:1-7         | Love finds a way to deal with racial diversity.      | 468  |
| <u>30</u> | 1 John 1:8-10      | God's faithfulness is big enough to include us.      | 373  |

## — AUGUST —

|           |                  |   |     |
|-----------|------------------|---|-----|
| 1         | Genesis 11       | A nationalist social agenda vs. God Almighty. | 581 |
| 2         | Genesis 12:1-9   | Courage arises from trust in God's promises.  | 417 |
| 3         | Matthew 6:22-25  | The world enslaves, but the Lord liberates.   | 141 |
| 4         | John 8:31-36     | Out of jail via the Word of the Lord Jesus.   | 350 |
| 5         | Acts 5:34-42     | Fence-sitters are in an awkward position.     | 278 |
| <u>6</u>  | Hebrews 13:11-17 | Our daily living IS living in His Word.       | 262 |
| 8         | Genesis 12:10-20 | An honorable heathen shamed Abram.            | 48  |
| 9         | Genesis 13       | God deals with Bethel, Sodom, and Hebron.     | 40  |
| 10        | Matthew 6:1-8    | Selfish deeds serve a selfish heart.          | 446 |
| 11        | Matthew 16:13-20 | Not seeking information, but commitment.      | 396 |
| 12        | Acts 7:54-59     | Jesus to the rescue! Stephen was delivered!   | 257 |
| <u>13</u> | Hebrews 13:7-9   | Some memorials have hearts and hands.         | 116 |
| 15        | Genesis 14       | Wars and strife come from wicked hearts.      | 7   |
| 16        | Genesis 15       | Trust in God provides access to His holiness. | 437 |

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| 17        | Matthew 6:19-21  | Where is your treasure, dear reader?         | 48   |
| 18        | Matthew 9:9-13   | Matt's social blunder brought him salvation. | 3    |
| 19        | Acts 8:13-25     | God is a giver, not a bargainer.             | 23   |
| <u>20</u> | Romans 8:5-11    | God wants us to know where we belong.        | 372  |
| 22        | Genesis 16       | The Arabs have a checkered past.             | 500  |
| 23        | Genesis 17       | God's contract had generous terms,           | 403  |
| 24        | Genesis 37:4-11  | but some heirs were not so generous.         | 328  |
| 25        | Luke 12:42-48    | To whom much has been committed...           | 398  |
| 26        | Acts 8:26-38     | A Bible searcher is given a Bible teacher.   | 16   |
| <u>27</u> | Romans 6:15-23   | Sin-slavery pays off with death!             | 334  |
| 29        | Genesis 18:1-15  | His promise was nothing to snicker at.       | 339  |
| 30        | Genesis 18:16-33 | Prayer can extend the time of grace.         | 504  |
| 31        | 1 Samuel 19:1-7  | We can speak up for others, too.             | 519  |

## — SEPTEMBER —

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|-----------|-----------------------|--|-----|
| 1         | Luke 13:31-35         | Jesus favored an enemy with the Truth.           | 340 |
| 2         | Acts 9:1-8            | We want to know how to serve Jesus.              | 401 |
| <u>3</u>  | 1 Peter 3:13-17       | We want what Jesus wants, even backlash.         | 393 |
| 5         | Genesis 19            | Many don't escape from a low-life-style.         | 383 |
| 6         | Genesis 21:1-21       | "God was with the lad" says a lot.               | 337 |
| 7         | 1 Samuel 24:16-22     | "The LORD judge between you and me."             | 46  |
| 8         | Luke 13:22-30         | See Jesus from your kitchen window?              | 360 |
| 9         | Acts 9:17-30          | A 180° turn-around; praise the Lord!             | 322 |
| <u>10</u> | Romans 14:12-19       | Offense = causing harm to someone.               | 395 |
| 12        | Genesis 22            | Self-sacrifice = the way of redemption.          | 170 |
| 13        | Luke 15:11-20         | Drawn home by the Father's generous love.        | 280 |
| 14        | James 2:8-13          | Just one pin-point will burst a balloon.         | 382 |
| 15        | Luke 9:57-62          | Ready and willing, but not committed.            | 365 |
| 16        | Acts 12:1-11          | Special training for staying the course.         | 529 |
| <u>17</u> | 1 Corinthians 7:17-24 | With God you should be yourself!                 | 24  |
| 19        | Genesis 26            | God refreshed the Covenant.                      | 26  |
| 20        | Daniel 5              | In spite of God's handwriting on the wall, . . . | 642 |
| 21        | Matthew 11:16-19      | Our children can enjoy greater wisdom.           | 629 |
| 22        | Luke 17:11-19         | Serve God from a converted heart.                | 447 |
| 23        | Acts 13:42-49         | God be with you till we meet again!              | 643 |
| <u>24</u> | James 1:2-8           | God does not begrudge us His attention.          | 562 |
| 26        | Genesis 29-30         | What goes around comes around.                   | 358 |



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| 27   | Genesis 31        | Reconciliation after a painful separation.       | 279  |
| 28   | 2 Samuel 12:18-23 | The baby's soul was safe with God.               | 595  |
| 29   | John 9:1-5        | More purpose than punishment.                    | 523  |
| 30   | Acts 14:19-23     | It is easy to slip from life to death...to life. | 448  |

## — OCTOBER —

|           |                        |   |     |
|-----------|------------------------|---|-----|
| <u>1</u>  | James 4:7-10           | We avoid whatever will throw dirt on Jesus.     | 405 |
| 3         | Genesis 32             | Jacob wrestled the Champion to a draw.          | 455 |
| 4         | Genesis 33             | True reconciliation gives generous terms.       | 439 |
| 5         | Exodus 2:16-25         | God does work in mysterious ways!               | 524 |
| 6         | Luke 12:54-57          | Hypocrisy stifles the voice of conscience.      | 421 |
| 7         | Acts 15:6-12           | Are we convinced how sinners are saved?         | 380 |
| <u>8</u>  | 1 Thessalonians 4:9-12 | Godly love is not a fuzzy abstraction.          | 349 |
| 10        | Genesis 34             | Enough blame to go around for everyone.         | 317 |
| 11        | Genesis 35             | Death holds a strong hand on this sinful Earth. | 552 |
| 12        | 1 Samuel 3:10-14       | The LORD struck a spark with this lad.          | 628 |
| 13        | Matthew 5:33-37        | God has strong feelings about His Name.         | 287 |
| 14        | Matthew 10:16-22       | We may crawl or fly from danger.                | 236 |
| <u>15</u> | Acts 17:16-28          | Testify to Creation and the God of Creation!    | 13  |
| 17        | Genesis 37             | Envy • hatred • revenge • murderous intent!     | 215 |
| 18        | Genesis 39             | Enter the devil in Mrs. Potiphar's corner.      | 318 |
| 19        | Mark 9:38-41           | All shall receive a reward as Jesus sees fit.   | 410 |
| 20        | Acts 19:1-11           | They got an adult instruction course.           | 485 |
| 21        | James 3:5-10           | Let's tame our voice to serve Jesus!            | 537 |
| <u>22</u> | Proverbs 3:1-8         | Solomon was wise on worthwhile matters.         | 43  |
| 24        | Genesis 40             | Bad things happen in jail, but God can bless.   | 449 |
| 25        | Genesis 41             | The mills of God grind slowly but very fine.    | 413 |
| 26        | Proverbs 16:1-9        | God-given insights into human affairs.          | 472 |
| 27        | Matthew 5:21-30        | Create in me a clean heart, O God!              | 325 |
| 28        | Matthew 19:3-8         | If you want God's opinion, here it is.          | 621 |
| <u>29</u> | Acts 19:23-40          | We don't go to court on religious issues.       | 466 |
| 31        | Genesis 42             | Conscience is a sharp saw in a deft hand.       | 317 |

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| 1         | Genesis 43                            | It is godly work to awaken a dull conscience.    | 384  |
| 2         | Ruth 1:1-18                           | The LORD got through to her heart.               | 338  |
| 3         | Matthew 12:46-50                      | Kingdom water is thicker than blood ties.        | 298  |
| 4         | Acts 20:17-38                         | In the Kingdom we listen to His ambassadors.     | 442  |
| <u>5</u>  | Ephesians 5:22-33                     | Jesus, Head and Husband of the Church.           | 357  |
| 7         | Genesis 44                            | God guided the brothers back into His flock.     | 388  |
| 8         | Genesis 45                            | God turned sin to serve His good purposes.       | 434  |
| 9         | Psalms 57                             | Let us trust God to deliver us from calamities.  | 435  |
| 10        | Matthew 21:28-32                      | God's Spirit trumps human devilry.               | 29   |
| 11        | Matthew 23:27-36                      | How to escape the condemnation of hell?          | 372  |
| <u>12</u> | Acts 21:8-14                          | Man proposes, but God disposes.                  | 425  |
| 14        | Genesis 46                            | When God gives a clear directive, we follow it.  | 533  |
| 15        | Genesis 47                            | God blessed Egypt for His people's sake.         | 540  |
| 16        | Exodus 5:1-9                          | Don't ever underestimate God.                    | 580  |
| 17        | Mark 12:41-44                         | She put no cash value on her blessings.          | 443  |
| 18        | Acts 24:10-16                         | Serve the God of Scripture and Resurrection.     | 416  |
| <u>19</u> | James 4:1-6                           | Who's our best friend?                           | 424  |
| 21        | Genesis 48                            | Jacob blessed his sons and grandsons.            | 599  |
| 22        | Genesis 49                            | Blessings come to those who serve God.           | 48   |
| 23        | Isaiah 55:8-11                        | God's Word works like rain and snow.             | 41   |
| <b>24</b> | <b>Thanksgiving:</b> Matthew 15:29-38 | Jesus shares His supplies.                       | 568  |
| 25        | Acts 24:24-27                         | Some folks toy with their eternal opportunities. | 278  |
| 26        | Philippians 1:20-30                   | Glory be to God for His mercies!                 | 527  |
| <b>27</b> | <b>Advent:</b> John 8:48-59           | Abraham rejoiced to see Jesus' day.              | 64   |
| 28        | Genesis 50                            | We anticipate our reunion with all of them.      | 615  |
| 29        | Exodus 1                              | It was sinful but legal to kill babies.          | 299  |
| 30        | Ecclesiastes 12:13-14                 | There's no way God can be fooled.                | 15   |

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| 1        | Acts 28:16-31           | Paul's Kingdom work went on and on.     | 66   |
| 2        | 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17 | We love our brothers and sisters.       | 464  |
| <u>3</u> | Revelation 21:5-7       | We hold these words precious.           | 72   |
| 5        | Philippians 2:5-11      | Jesus gave up His regency for us.       | 104  |
| 6        | Genesis 49:8-12         | Jacob previews Jesus as Shiloh.         | 77 7 |
|          | Numbers 24:15-19        | Balaam sees Jesus as Star of Jacob.     | 99   |
| 8        | Micah 5:2-5             | Micah sees Bethlehem as His birthplace. | 647  |

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| 9    | Jeremiah 33:14-16    | THE LORD OUR RIGHTEOUSNESS.                    | 2    |
| 10   | John 1:1-5,14-18     | The Word became flesh.                         | 101  |
| 12   | Luke 2:21-24         | And Jesus was His name.                        | 114  |
| 13   | Luke 2:25-38         | These believers were ready and waiting.        | 137  |
| 14   | Matthew 2:1-12       | Again, man proposes, but God disposes.         | 127  |
| 15   | Matthew 2:13-23      | Jacob's Heir arrived on schedule.              | 71   |
| 16   | Luke 2:39-52         | Jesus excelled in all human attributes.        | 133  |
| 17   | Psalms 24            | Questions and Answers for you and me.          | 73   |
| 19   | Matthew 3:13-17      | Praise the Spirit for these testimonies!       | 74   |
| 20   | Matthew 4:1-11       | Self-sacrifice was His constant purpose.       | 142  |
| 21   | John 1:19-28         | John did not compete with Jesus.               | 63   |
| 22   | John 1:29-34         | John's insight came by divine revelation.      | 165  |
| 23   | John 1:35-51         | Revelations to download in our future, too.    | 270  |
| 24   | John 3:22-36         | Blessed are we to have Jesus as Savior!        | 88   |
| 25   | <b>Christmas Day</b> | Enjoy Jesus' birthday with Him and His family! | 90   |
| 26   | John 4:3-26          | Her Christmas gift came as a surprise.         | 279  |
| 27   | John 4:27-38         | No water-pot needed for the water of Life.     | 502  |
| 28   | John 4:39-45         | Christmas with missionary out-reach.           | 67   |
| 29   | John 4:46-54         | Conversion, new life, and sharing Christ.      | 70   |
| 30   | Romans 10:1-15       | Our heart's desire and prayer for others.      | 507  |
| 31   | Mark 1:21-34         | Jesus is working 24/7 all year long, forever.  | 110  |

