

Chronological Deep Dive Reading Program – Pause Week Remarks... from Pastor, Troy Phelps

Dear brothers and sisters,

At this time, I need to keep the Bible Reading plan on pause.

We are continuing to walk alongside our daughter through her eating disorder challenge. We have clearly seen God's involvement in getting her the care she desperately needs, but it's going to be a long process with ups and downs. This week, as you may have seen on Facebook, she had to go to the hospital and leave the eating disorder home she was in to receive emergency care for what turned out to be "re-feeding syndrome". When the body is so greatly depleted of nutrition, when nutrition is re-introduced it can sometimes lead to a life-threatening condition where certain levels of vital chemicals drop in the blood and if not supplemented, can lead to death. Thankfully the doctor at the home was monitoring her blood and saw the dip and had us get her to the hospital. My wife Cindy has been staying with her 24/7 at the hospital, and Parker, Cadence and I were able to visit her yesterday, and I'm currently on a train back down to see her today. Thankfully her levels have responded to the hospital supplements and she may get released to go back to the eating disorder home to continue her journey there. I can not thank you all enough for your constant and faithful prayers to the Almighty! God is Good and will see us through.

In addition, my wife and I have both been greatly limited in our own health. My wife has been battling a weakened and unstable low back for several weeks now, and a week ago (Sunday morning at 3:30 AM) I woke with a pinched nerve in my neck and severe pain that resulted in me having to go to the hospital. They did an MRI of my neck and found two bulging disks one of which is causing pain and numbness down my right shoulder/arm/fingers. This pain has been very difficult for me, especially during this time with

Ciara. I'm working on several paths to try to get my neck right, but I'm living with constant pain and numbness which makes it more difficult to work and do all that I need to. I would greatly appreciate your prayers for both my neck and associated pain/numbness and also for my wife's back and strength.

I hope to resume this reading plan soon, but need to take it one day/week at a time right now.

In the meantime, elder James Malizia has provided these links that would be worth studying before we resume the study that covers the time period between the Old and New Testaments.

1. Bible "Cliff Notes": Between the Testaments

<https://www.ucg.org/learn/blogs/bible-cliff-notes-between-testaments>

2. The Bible and Archaeology: The Intertestamental Period—Daniel's Prophecies Come to Pass

<https://www.ucg.org/good-news/good-news-magazine-may-june-1999/bible-and-archaeology-intertestamental-period-daniels>

3. The Transition from the Prophets to the Gospels

<https://www.ucg.org/learn/bible-study-course/bible-study-course-lesson-2/bible-study-course-lesson-2-word-god-6>

Thank you in advance for your prayers and understanding.

Troy