

Step Into Scripture: Shadows

Day 57 Reading: Numbers 7 and Day 57 of Step Into Scripture

Week 9: Walk By Faith

The end of Leviticus and the beginning of Numbers emphasize the importance of walking by faith. The narrative in the book of Numbers depicts Israel's journey from Egypt to the Promised Land, which foreshadows our own spiritual journey. This week, we'll highlight three key faith principles: trusting God's provision as exemplified in the Year of Jubilee, believing in God's unseen presence symbolized by the hidden tabernacle articles, and following God's guidance through the cloud and fire. Each principle encourages us to rely on God's promises, embrace spiritual restoration through Christ, and submit to His direction in life. This section of scripture provides assurance that just as God was with Israel in the wilderness, He will be with us as we continue our journey toward eternal fulfillment in a promised land.

Discussion Questions:

1. What does the concept of the Year of Jubilee teach us about trusting God's provision in our lives?
 - The Year of Jubilee required Israel to stop working for a year and trust that God would provide for their needs.
 - Can you think of a time when you had to fully trust God for something you needed? How did it feel to rely on Him?
2. How can we apply the principle of believing in God's presence, as shown in the story of the hidden tabernacle articles, in our everyday lives?
 - The Israelites had faith in the unseen presence of God, even when they couldn't physically see the holy items.
 - How does knowing that God is always with you, even if you can't see Him, change the way you face challenges in life?
3. Why is it important to follow God's direction instead of trying to forge our own way, similar to how the Israelites followed the cloud and fire?
 - The Israelites moved only when God commanded, illustrating how we should seek to follow Christ's guidance.
 - Have you ever made a decision without seeking God's guidance first? What was the outcome?
4. In what ways do you think our modern lives resemble the journey of Israel in the wilderness?
 - Israel's journey between redemption and the Promised Land is comparable to our current lives as we await the fulfillment of our salvation.

- What specific areas of your life feel like a wilderness right now, and how might you start walking by faith in those areas?
5. What does 1 Corinthians 10:11–12 teach us about the importance of learning from the past when it comes to our faith?
- This passage highlights that the experiences of Israel were examples for us to learn from in our faith walk.
 - How can you use lessons from your own past to guide your faith journey and help others in your community?

Prayer

- Ask for prayer requests from the group.
- Pray for the faith to trust in God's provision as highlighted in the study.
- Ask God to help us recognize His unseen presence in our lives.
- Pray for guidance to follow His leading in our daily decisions.