

**February 16, 2020,**

**TODAY:**

**God's Rest: An Exposition of Hebrews 3:7-Chapter 4**

**Remember to Pray for the Persecuted Christians Across the  
World**

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven."

**Matthew 5:10**

2020  
**BIBLE READING**  
 PLAN

**DESERT LIGHT LET'S DO THIS!**

**There are 1,189** chapters in the Bible. If you read or listen to 4 chapters per day, less than 10 minutes (way less than many of you spend on Facebook!), 6 days a week, in 50 weeks you'll do **the whole Bible**.

**HERE IS THE PLAN, FOLLOW THE ORDER AND READ WHOLE BOOKS OF THE BIBLE:**

Bible reading chart

Reading Order	Books to Read
1	Genesis
2	Joshua thru Ruth
3	Job
4	Isaiah
5	Matthew
6	Romans thru 2 Corinthians
7	Exodus
8	1 and 2 Samuel
9	Psalms 1-50
10	Jeremiah and Lamentations
11	Mark
12	Galatians thru 2 Thessalonians
13	Leviticus
14	1 and 2 Kings
15	Psalms 51-100
16	Ezekiel
17	Luke
18	1 Timothy thru Philemon
19	Numbers
20	1 and 2 Chronicles
21	Psalms 101-150
22	Daniel thru Jonah
23	John
24	Hebrews thru Jude
25	Deuteronomy
26	Ezra thru Esther
27	Proverbs thru Song of Solomon
28	Micah thru Malachi
29	Acts
30	Revelation

## Take the Test on God's Rest

### 1 . What is God's rest?

- a) Making things happen
- b) Taking naps when I should be working
- c) The place where God wants me to be and He'll make it so.

### 2 . To Enter God's rest one must:

- a) Get hypnotized
- b) Fight for what I want
- c) Fight to trust Him
- d) Medicate

### 3 . After leaving Egypt, Israel didn't enter God's rest because they were:

- a) hard hearted, disobedient, and rebellious
  - b) living in sin, failed to go forward, and in unbelief
  - c) evil, deceived, and going astray in their hearts
  - d) all of the above
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## WE NEED TEACHERS WHO ARE CALLED BY GOD

"Therefore, pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest (**Matthew 9:38**)

### **WE NEED MORE TEACHERS CALLED BY GOD TO HELP WITH SUNDAY SCHOOL, NURSERY, YOUTH, AND HOME FELLOWSHIPS.**

If it's the time for you, and God is calling, we do need teachers for Sunday School, nursery, youth, home group, for after school bible clubs, and in other venues as God leads. "**Teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom**" Colossians 3:16

**Missionaries of the Month:  
Gavi and Elena Moldovan in Romania**



**1. FAMILY**

Our Daughter, Gabriella, her husband Gabriel and their 5 children are living with us since their house burned down. Pray for a move of the Holy Spirit to come from what looks like a tragedy to be a great blessing.

**2.** In Romania we partner with 20 organizations in church planting, cross cultural missions, evangelism, a prayer movement. This year, we want to have a national conference with pastors;and hopefully Pastor Eric will come.

Pry God will use us to start a whole new movement for the good news of Jesus and start new churches.

Pray for the persecuted Church!

The top 11 most dangerous countries to be a Christian are:

1. North Korea
2. Afghanistan
3. Somalia
4. Libya
5. Pakistan
6. Sudan
7. Eritrea
8. Yemen
9. Iran
10. India
11. Syria

**Pray for Christians in China and victims of the coronavirus:  
Latest headline since the events that have been in the news:  
from Breaking Christian News**

## **'When this battle is over, I will look up to the sky, With tears like rain': Christian Doctor Who Discovered Coronavirus Dies and Leaves a Tear-jerking Poem**

Christel Berns (Feb 14, 2020)

"...Hopefully, after the disaster, you'll remember someone once tried to let you know the truth as soon as possible..." -Dr. Li Wen Liang [[GODTV.com](http://GODTV.com)] Dr. Li Wen Liang was the doctor who first discovered the deadly novel coronavirus. The Chinese doctor is also a fellow brother in Christ. And on the morning of Feb. 7, the good doctor died sacrificing his life for those who were infected with the virus. And he left behind an emotional poem. (Image: via GOD TV)

### **Imprisoned for Warning of the Coronavirus**

According to a Facebook post from Dencio Acop, the doctor was arrested back in December. He was imprisoned "being a whistle blower 'spreading rumors' about a mysterious pneumonia like virus." And when the deadly virus did break out like he warned, Dr. Li Wen took care of patients even at the risk of being infected by the coronavirus himself.

"Our hearts are deeply moved by his sacrificial choice to spread awareness about the virus despite the risks he faced, especially to his reputation and to his own health," wrote Dencio Acop.

### **Dr. Li Wen's Legacy**

The doctor left a legacy that will always leave a mark in the hearts of the Chinese people. He cared for patients and tried to stop the spread of the virus knowing he might be infected. Doctor Li Wen chose to lay down his life for others.

### Wuhan Pastor's Moving Letter To Christians: **"We Are This City's Abraham And Jonah"**

In the post, Dencio also asked for prayers for the survived Liang family. Especially his wife who is 8 months pregnant and infected with the coronavirus. "May God heal them supernaturally and give them grace, peace, strength and comfort during this time," urging readers to pray.

### **The Poem**

But before this man of God went home to be with the LORD, he left a deeply touching poem. Further, he also quoted **2 Timothy 4:7-8**, **"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith'. Finally, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give to me on that Day, and not to me only but also to all who have loved His appearing."**

### **"The Hero Who Told The Truth" by Dr. Li Wen Liang**

I don't want to be a hero.

I still have my parents,

And my children,

My pregnant wife who's about to give birth,

And many of my patients in the ward.

Though my integrity cannot be exchanged for the goodness of others,

Despite my loss and confusion,

I should proceed anyway.

Who let me choose this country and this family?

How many grievances do I have?

When this battle is over,

I will look up to the sky,

With tears like rain.

I don't want to be a hero.

But as a doctor,

I cannot just see this unknown virus

Hurting my peers

And so many innocent people.

Though they are dying,

They are always looking at me in their eyes,

With their hope of life.

Who would have ever realised that I was going to die?  
My soul is in Heaven,  
Looking at the white bed,  
On which lies my own body,  
With the same familiar face.  
Where are my parents?  
And my dear wife,  
The lady I once had a hard time chasing?  
Fighting Until His Last Breath  
There is a light in the sky!  
At the end of that light is the Heaven that people often talk about.  
But I'd rather not go there.  
I'd rather go back to my hometown in Wuhan.  
I have my new house there,  
For which I still have to pay off the loan every month.  
How can I give up?  
How can I give up?  
For my parents without their son,  
How sad must it be?  
For my sweetheart without her husband,  
How can she face the vicissitudes in her future?  
I am already gone.  
I see them taking my body,  
Putting it into a bag,  
With which lie many compatriots  
Gone like me,  
Being pushed into the fire in the hearth  
At dawn.  
Goodbye, my dear ones.  
Farewell, Wuhan, my hometown.  
Hopefully, after the disaster,  
You'll remember someone once  
Tried to let you know the truth as soon as possible.  
Hopefully, after the disaster,  
You'll learn what it means to be righteous.  
No more good people  
Should suffer from endless fear,  
And helpless sadness.  
*'I have fought the good fight.*  
*And I have finished the race.*  
*I have kept the faith.*  
Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness.'  
2 Timothy 4:7, Holy Bible

## WEEKLY ACTIVITIES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Tuesday

**7:30 AM- International District ministries connection**

New Creation Church

**12 noon- Neighborhood ministry**

Meet for lunch at McDonald's Central and Wyoming NE and then ministry in the area around Desert Light.

### Wednesday

**9AM- Bible Study** at Church Facility

### 7pm Thursday

**Prayer** at Church Facility

**Friday 6:30pm** home group

### Sunday

**9:30 AM- Breakfast and Adult Sunday School**

**10:30 AM Worship**

**11AM Sunday School**



### **NewMexicoPrays.org**

- 1 . Pray for the lost to be saved.
- 2 . Pray for unity among churches and pastors
- 3 . Pray for our state to be healed from abortion
- 4 . Pray for violence to stop
- 5 . Pray for deliverance from substance abuse
- 6 . Pray for transformation in economy and education
- 7 . Pray to break the spirit of witchcraft
- 8 . Pray for racial reconciliation





**Also: Please donate to our breakfast ministry.  
We always need**



eggs, breakfast meats,



Juice,  tortillas, , cereal



, tater tots,



, syrup and coffee creamers

And of course.....  red and green chile!



AND COFFEE, HIGH QUALITY, GOOD GOURMET COFFEE!

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**Special call for a special job...**

**Volunteer needed to install 3 paper towel racks. Thank you in advance!**



## **From the Pastor's Heart:**

We've started 2020 in my messages doing a series on the basic devotions of the Christian life, reading scripture and prayer.

We've covered spending time in scripture, **"Take the Time to Read, Jesus Took the Time to Bleed,"** and 3 messages on prayer: **"The Sin of not Praying," "Destiny,"** and **"7 Questions on Prayer."**

My desire is for myself and all of us at Desert Light to have a vibrant, living, and fresh relationship with Jesus. It is exciting to hear that several have taken on reading the scriptures and listening to God speak through His word. It is also a natural thing to give messages on prayer when it is clear that God is calling Desert Light to be a praying congregation. We pray every service for people's needs and our bulletin is a tool for prayer for our missionaries, our state, and the persecuted church.

Then I received a text message that was a word from the Lord 1 1/2 weeks ago. It said, **"Stop striving to make it so. Strive to enter my rest."** Then it followed with the person saying, "don't know what the word "it" means. "It" was clear to me. The things I'd like to make happen in church, family, and life. That sent me to God and I discovered Hebrews 3:7- chapter 4 is all about God's rest. It also fits in with our series on the devotional life. So I've been praying, studying, and learning about God's rest and hope to share it with you all in this message. God is definitely speaking to me, may He speak to all of us.