

REVEILLE'S GPS WEEKLY SCRIPTURE GUIDE

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October 27-November 2, 2025 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sermon Title: "THE King's Dominion" by Rev. Bayo Ogungbade

Use the space below to reflect on the questions in this week's devotionals.

make class and sermon notes, and write down prayers and concerns.			

Questions for small groups and individual reflection:

- 1. Reflect on your life experiences this year. In one word, how would you summarize your year? Why?
- 2. Have you experienced more joys and gains this year, or more struggles and challenges?
- 3. Who would you identify as a "saint" in your life? Why?
- 4. Have you made any significant life changes in light of the passing of a loved one? (ex: for my grandmother, I promise that I'll pray more, go to church more, turn my life around, etc.)
- 5. Are there any grudges, burdens, or baggage that you're struggling to accept and let go of? Why?

Monday, October 27: Read Ephesians 1:11-16

Imagine stepping onto a roller coaster for the first time with no idea what it really was. The ups and downs, twists and turns would be terrifying. What is happening?! Where is this going?! Surely we are all going to die?! Then it comes to an end. We arrive safely. We look around and see others smiling and cheering. Slowly it dawns on us that this was the whole *point* of what we stepped into – to fully experience the highs and lows, twists and turns, while simultaneously secure in the knowledge that we are ultimately safe and headed to a planned destination. This was all part of the ride, and others are on it with us; others have designed the seat belts, safety tracks, and soft landing to protect us.

In his sermon this All Saints Sunday, Bayo will use this roller coaster analogy to illustrate how our lives are roller coasters, not merry-go-rounds. There will be challenges, victories, highs, and lows, but the Good News is that we're not alone for the ride; we are also in the company of Christ and also in the company of the children in heaven. As we read in today's scripture, we are included in an ultimate plan designed by the one who knows the ending - a glorious ending of salvation, community, and love.

➤ **Relationship Opportunity:** Do you like roller coasters? Why or why not? How might your answer affect how you view life's ups and downs?

Tuesday, October 28: Read Ephesians 1:17-23

Paul's prayer for the church at Ephesus clearly comes from a place of wisdom and spiritual enlightenment. Paul experienced his own ups and downs (to put it mildly), both before and after encountering Jesus on the road to Damascus, yet is able to keep his eyes fixed on the ultimate destination and ultimate purpose - sharing the Good News that we are all called to share in the riches of Christ's glorious inheritance and power. This is the firm ground upon which we can all stand, even when everything seems topsy-turvy.

Relationship Opportunity: Discuss a time when someone who'd experienced their own highs and lows inspired and comforted you by showing you the hope and ultimate purpose of it all.

Wednesday, October 29: Read Luke 6:20-31

Jesus didn't come to preserve the status quo and keep us on the easy, comfortable merry-go-round of life. Jesus usually turned things upside down, challenging traditional beliefs, ingrained habits, and cultural norms. We can see this in today's familiar passage, calling us "blessed" when we experience poverty, hunger, grief, hatred, insult, and rejection. He warns against the comforts of wealth, satiety, carefreeness, and popularity. In other words, our perceived "lows" and "highs" may not be what they seem. When have we encountered saints who both comforted us during our lows and warned us against the highs? How did they help us? Why did we need them?

➤ **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** Spend time today reflecting on those who have helped you navigate the roller coaster of your life. If they are still on earth, reach out to them and let them know the difference they made.

Thursday, October 30: Read Lamentations 3:19-23

Not every low is an amusement park ride. Some lows are tragic, devastating, and impossible to make sense of. We don't need to hear, "Buck up! It's all just part of the ride." We need someone who will sit with us in our grief, help give voice to our anguish, and acknowledge our affliction. We need someone who can empathize with our pain. Many have found comfort in the book of Lamentations because it offers hope while fully acknowledging the reality of pain and suffering. As we approach All Saints Sunday, we acknowledge that some of us are in this pain right now, possibly having suffered a devastating loss of a loved one or facing our own mortality. Today, we give thanks for a Creator and a community of saints who feel our pain and sorrow, stay with us through it, and show us that a new morning is coming.

➤ **Discipleship and Relationship Opportunity:** Who is experiencing this kind of low right now? How might you be uniquely qualified to sit with them in their pain? What next step will you take?

Friday, October 31: Read Hebrews 12:1-3

We were never meant to go on this roller coaster alone. We are all in it together, and we are surrounded by those who have gone before us, and by those who need us to show them the ropes. Together, as a community of saints, we can run with perseverance the race marked out for us. With Jesus as our pioneer and perfecter of faith, we can withstand lows and accomplish highs unimaginable on our own.

➤ **Discipleship and Study Opportunity:** How are you surrounding yourself by a cloud of witnesses every day? Daily scripture reading? Weekly small groups? Monthly community outreach?

Saturday, November 1: SCRIPTURE MEMORIZATION: Hebrews 12:1-2a

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith."

Sunday, November 2: Let us prepare our hearts and minds for worship in reading our Prayer of Common Confession: Lord God, we confess that we have fallen short as your church. You have called us to walk in faith, but instead, we walk in fear. You have called us to remember your goodness, but instead, we ruminate on our shortcomings. You called us to honor the saints, but instead, we're too caught up in seeking our own glory. Forgive us, O Lord, and help us to model our lives in light of your truth, hope, and love. Help us to walk in the strength of the saints who have walked before us, so that we can help bring forth the Kingdom on Earth as it is in heaven. May it be so, in Christ's name. Amen.