

THE STORY PERSONAL DEVOTIONS CHAPTER 25

Journal your answers as you read through the chapter this week. You may read one day and journal the next, or spread the questions over the whole week.

Day One

1. Jesus' audience thought he was going to establish His kingdom by force, but He strongly rebuked Peter for such thinking. Reflect on a time when you have struggled between doing things the easy way and doing things God's way.
2. Despite confessing Jesus to be the Christ, and witnessing the transfiguration, Peter continued to struggle to be faithful. What miracles has God done in your life that you sometimes forget?

Day Two

1. During the Festival of Tabernacles, a celebration of God's provision while Israel wandered in the desert, Jesus claimed to be the way of salvation. Why would He choose this festival to make this claim? Does John 1:14 bear on this?
2. Look up 1 John 1:5-7 and 2:8-11. Jesus said that His followers "will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life." How does Jesus illuminate our Lower Stories?
3. Why did Jesus delay in coming to Mary and Martha? What does this tell you about God's timing? Does this relieve or intensify your own anxieties and concerns?

Day Three

1. Who do you think was most surprised at Lazarus' resurrection?
2. Those who opposed Jesus "loved human glory more than the glory of God." Honestly evaluate yourself: whose glory do you pursue most often? Whose approval do you seek?