

**Daily Reflection on Scripture  
Week of August 19  
By the People – For the People  
Week 8 – Kylie Kosko's Story**



**Sunday August 19**

*Daniel 3:28 Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego! He sent his angel and rescued his servants who trusted in him!*

**Morning Prayer:** Morning has come and I open my eyes to see beauty all around me. God help me to trust in this beauty as a sign of Your never ending presence. Help me to see Your beauty even in things that others may not see. In this way I will walk with trust throughout my day. I will trust Your presence, Your love, Your forgiveness, Your inclusion and Your directions. In this once in a lifetime moment, I commit to trusting You in the moments to come. May it be so.

**Noontime Text:** Take a few seconds to look around. Look for the signs of God's presence. Look inside yourself and feel God's love in this moment. Trust it for it is true.

**Evening Prayer:** Evening has come and now I prepare to close my eyes to rest. I am thankful for this day to be alive. With gratitude I trust Your presence throughout the night.

**Monday August 20**

*Psalms 145:4 One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*

**Morning Prayer:** On this bright new day, I am aware that so much has taken place for me to arrive in this very moment. Some of it is known to me, and much of it is unknown. Generations upon generations of ancestors precede me, and countless moments of their lives have woven together as a tapestry of "mighty acts" that have brought me here. You've been there through their struggles and challenges, delights and joys, and times faith and doubt, and through them You've created me. I am grateful for all of the ways You express through me so I may support the next generation in knowing Your Presence and Your Love. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Pause and breathe. As God breathed through all of your ancestors, as God breathed through Jesus, God breathes through you. This is a mighty act of Love.

**Evening Text:** God, You are the unbreakable chain uniting all of life. As I prepare to rest, I am grateful for Your eternal presence expressing from generation to generation.

**Tuesday August 21**

*Psalms 100:5 For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.*

**Morning Prayer:** I begin my morning by declaring, God is good all the time, all the time God is good. Thank you God for Your steadfast love that endures forever. Thank you for Your faithfulness in days past and forever into the future. May I live my life today as an expression of gratitude for Your

unconditional love. May I be loving, kind, gentle, patient, forgiving, faithful to everyone I meet. I confess this will be a challenge at times and so I rely upon your strength to help me. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Love, joy peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Let these words guide your day. They are a sign of God's love.

**Evening Text:** For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. With those words in my heart I prepare to lay down to rest.

### **Wednesday August 22**

*Psalm 78:1-4 Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the Lord, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.*

**Morning Prayer:** Good morning God. I don't know what this day will bring for me, but I am going to face it carrying with me the collected stories of God's goodness, and grace, along with the wisdom of my own evolving story. May I face every challenge with a positive attitude, so that my words, actions and my whole life tell the living story of a glorious and loving God. This is my prayer today. May it be so.

**Noon text:** Pause to remember the stories that have been shared with you by others who found strength through their faith in God. Take comfort in those shared experiences.

**Evening Text:** I am grateful for those who have shared their faith stories with me. I will hold them close as I add the events of my day to my own story of love and grace.

### **Thursday August 23**

*Deuteronomy 6:5-9 Love God, your God, with your whole heart: love God with all that's in you, love God with all you've got! Write these commandments that I've given you today on your hearts. Get them inside of you and then get them inside your children. Talk about them wherever you are, sitting at home or walking in the street; talk about them from the time you get up in the morning to when you fall into bed at night. Tie them on your hands and foreheads as a reminder; inscribe them on the doorposts of your homes and on your city gates.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, my desire today is to love You with all I have. When challenges come and when doubts arise, help me to remember my intention. In this way I will be a living witness of loving You with my whole heart. I know I will stumble with living into my intention. And yet I also know that Your grace and compassion will empower me to forgive myself and in that way I will be telling the story of Your unconditional love to others. May I be a particular witness of Your grace to the children and students in the neighborhood. Through my actions and words may they see my desire to love You with all I have. In this way I can help them to also have a desire to love You and others in the way that You love us all. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Love God, your God, with your whole heart. Love God with all that's in you; love God with all you've got! In this way you will be helping to change the world.

**Evening Text:** God, this morning my intention was to love You with all I have. As I prepare to rest for the night, I continue holding that same desire. May it be so.

## **Friday August 24**

*Psalm 78:1-4 Listen, dear friends, to God's truth, bend your ears to what I tell you. I'm chewing on the morsel of a proverb; I'll let you in on the sweet old truths, stories we heard from our fathers, counsel we learned at our mother's knee. We're not keeping this to ourselves, we're passing it along to the next generation-God's fame and fortune, the marvelous things he has done.*

**Morning Prayer:** Gracious God, I begin this day with open ears and an open heart, ready to hear and receive Your truths. I know that You are with me always. You cover me with Your never-ending grace and love, and I am called to do the same for all those I encounter. How can I keep Your glory and the abundant blessings You have given me to myself? Today, I will be a vessel to pass on Your goodness. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** In this moment, I am focusing on You, God. Listening for the words You are speaking into me, for You know exactly what I need to hear.

**Evening Text:** Thank you, God, for all You have done for me today and always. In Your presence, I rest so I can be renewed and ready to spread Your love to others.

## **Saturday August 25**

*Psalm 78:5-7 Then [God] commanded our parents to teach it to their children So the next generation would know, and all the generations to come-Know the truth and tell the stories so their children can trust in God, Never forget the works of God.*

**Morning Prayer:** God, thank you for the years of my life. I confess that at times I grumble and complain about growing older. Help me instead to see all my years as a bank of wisdom - Your wisdom that can be a gift to young people. Help me to tell them the stories of Your grace in my life so that that they might discover Your grace as well. Thank you for the years of my life. Thank you for the wisdom I have gained. Thank you for any opportunity to tell stories of Your grace and love so that we never forget Your works. May it be so.

**Noon Text:** Take a moment to pause; notice the works of God all around you. Share what you see with someone else. In this way you will remember the works of God everywhere.

**Evening Text:** God, thank you for another day to grow in wisdom and grace. As I prepare to rest I pause to remember how Your works are everywhere, even in my sleep.