

**Dead in Our Suffering**  
**2 Kings 14:23-29, Pew Bible p. 321**  
**January 28, 2024**

**I. The Terminal Disease of Sin (V. 23-24)**

- A. Unbroken sin leads to apathy toward God and His word.
- B. Unbroken sin leads to preoccupation with yourself.

**II. The Unfathomable Grace of God (V. 25-29)**

- A. God's fidelity to His own word
- B. God alone can save.

## **Group Discussion Questions**

1. Read 2 Kings 14:23-29.
2. Have you ever gone through a time in your life where you were apathetic toward God and His word? If so, how did God get your attention?
3. If you took an inventory of your time and how it is spent in any given week, what would it say about your relationship with God?
4. Have you ever considered the God-centeredness of God? How is that statement about God revealed in Scripture?
5. Christians ought to find much comfort in God's self-accountability to His word. How might God's fidelity to His word address our stress, anxiety, worry, depression, or any other troubling experience?
6. Before God saved you, who (or what) else did you put your trust in for fulfillment in life? How does that measure up to the life you have in Christ?
7. Pray for our church members to look to Christ, the Author and Perfector of our faith, for their example of how to love God and neighbor. Come to the church prayer meeting this Wednesday from 6:00–6:30 pm in Worship Center Room 103.

## **Church Reading Plan (1/29-2/4)**

Read Ephesians 1-6

***Ephesians 4:1-3 (ESV)***

*<sup>1</sup> I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, <sup>2</sup> with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, <sup>3</sup> eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.*

**Wednesday Night Prayer Meeting**

- PRAYING for God's direction in filling staff vacancies in the year 2024 and for the Lord to unite our church in an important season of change.

**Pray for Our Church Family Needs:**

- PRAY for missions and missionaries:  
Andy & Lindsay M. in Spain; Luke P. in Maricopa, Arizona; Nathan & Becky F. in Indonesia; Doug & Cheryl D. in Thailand; Jules S. in Thailand; and Sylvia M. and Andrew M. at ASU West, Glendale, Arizona.
- PRAY for all our students: elementary school, middle school, high school, and college. No matter whether they are in the classroom, an online setting, or a home school setting, our students are forming minds that need to focus on Christ.
- PRAY for family & friends of church members who need salvation or to renew their relationship with Jesus:  
Sharon L. (children & grandchildren); Marge D. (son, Matthew); Rezwana D. (parents); Margaret J. (Tom & Bob); Sophia W. (husband); Ida S. (granddaughter & her husband); Charity M. (daughter); Kayla P. (nephew, Jordan); and Gary & Betty B. (grandchildren & siblings)
- PRAY for families who are grieving the recent loss of loved ones:  
Family of Sam B.; and Dorothy C. (sister's husband)
- PRAY for those struggling with ongoing health and other issues:  
Michelle L. (health); Leon V. (chemo); Jan B. (health); Stan & Twyla H. (health & other issues); Mimi M. (health); Edna N. (health); Helene D. (eyesight); Elaine W. (health); Kelly J. (health); Debbie P. (health); Ed G. (health); Ken & Darlene R. (health); Anne W. (chest pain/lung issue); Marge D. (health); Rita H. (surgery recovery); Nancy S. (rehab); Ann C.-W. (cough/fatigue); Debbie B. (surgery recovery); Margaret J. (surgery recovery); Larry D. (surgery recovery); Laura M. (health); Sherri O. (upcoming heart surgery); Charity M. (respiratory infection); Michelle LaM. (upcoming specialist appts. & biopsy); Linda S. (pneumonia); and April H.-F. (wisdom in choice of upcoming treatment plan)
- PRAY for others that you are aware of.