

Daily Reflection on Scripture Week of June 11 The Games We Play: Battleship



Each day slowly read the scripture a couple of times. Close your eyes and be with it for a moment in silence. How did it speak to you?

Sunday June 11

Romans 12:2 Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.

Sacred Pause: Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit in without even thinking. Instead, fix your attention on God. You'll be changed from the inside out.

Monday June 12

Romans 12:9-10 Love from the center of who you are; don't fake it. Run for dear life from evil; hold on for dear life to good. Be good friends who love deeply; practice playing second fiddle.

Sacred Pause: Some conflicts can be resolved by realizing that what the other person has done you have also done before. Jesus said to get the log out of our own eye first.

Tuesday June 13

Romans 12:11-13 Don't burn out; keep yourselves fueled and aflame. Be alert servants of the Master, cheerfully expectant. Don't quit in hard times; pray all the harder. Help needy Christians; be inventive in hospitality.

Sacred Pause: Conflicts often happen because we don't take the time to listen to the other person. Understanding before being understood opens new possibilities for peace.

Wednesday June 14

Romans 12:14-16 Bless your enemies; no cursing under your breath. Laugh with your happy friends when they're happy; share tears when they're down. Get along with each other; don't be stuck-up. Make friends with nobodies; don't be the great somebody.

Sacred Pause: Jesus said, love your enemies. How can you do that if you always see others being against you? Start by looking inside yourself to see where you are conflicted.

Thursday June 15

Romans 12:17-19 Don't hit back; discover beauty in everyone. If you've got it in you, get along with everybody. Don't insist on getting even; that's not for you to do.

Sacred Pause: Jesus said, you've heard it said, an eye for an eye, but I say to you no more "tit for tat". Practice compassion and forgiveness as the way to resolve conflict.

Friday June 16

Romans 12:20 Our Scriptures tell us that if you see your enemy hungry, go buy that person lunch, or if he's thirsty, get him a drink.

Sacred Pause: Love has always been and will forever be the best way to resolve conflicts. Fighting only creates more conflict. Jesus gave his life for this truth.

Saturday June 17

Romans 12:21 Your generosity will surprise (others) with goodness. Don't let evil get the best of you; get the best of evil by doing good.

Sacred Pause: Want to win in a conflict? Then go for a win-win. Like Jesus, we are to look for the best in others so others will look for the best in us. That's a win-win.