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**Week of: July 2, 2023 -**

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**Change**

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**Week of: July 9, 2023 -  
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**Welcome**

Gracious Lord, as we welcome our new pastor to our church family, we thank you for leading her to us and blessing us with her leadership and wisdom .We know You have good things planned for her and our church. Please surround her with Your love as she serves the church and our community. Grant her wisdom and strength to lead effectively and bring forth fruit in her ministry. Amen.



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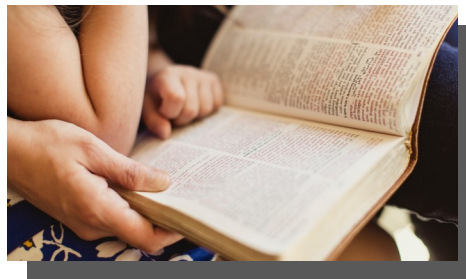


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**Week of: September 10, 2023 -  
Theme: Actions**

**Learning**

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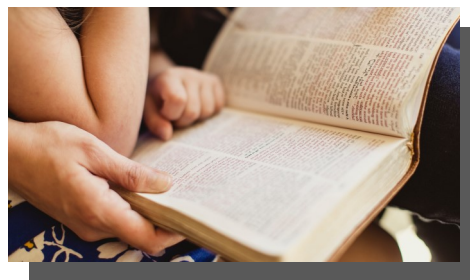


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**Week of: September 3, 2023 -**

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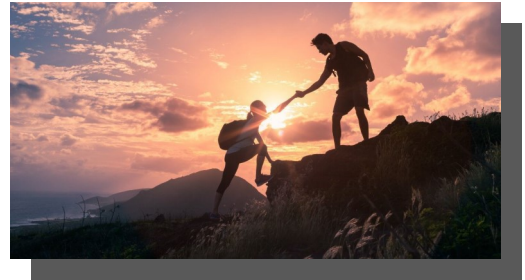
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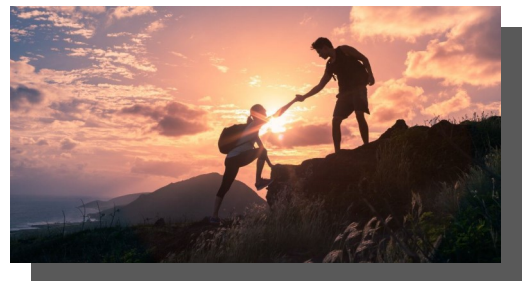
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**Growth**

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**Week of: August 20, 2023 -**

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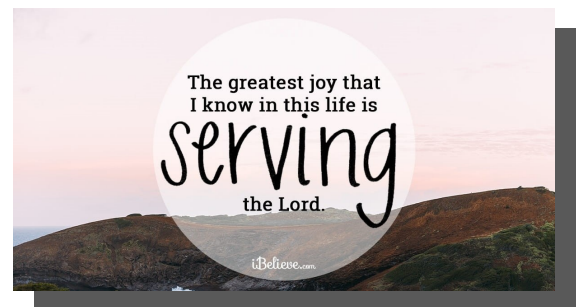
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