

# Through The Bible In One Year

## The Adventure of Many Lifetimes

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### Daily Scripture Selection

#### Week 38

**Day 260.** Isaiah 29.1; Galatians 3.10-22;  
Psalm 61.1-8; and Proverbs 23.18.

**Day 261.** Isaiah 28.14-30.11; Galatians 3.23-4.31;  
Psalm 62.1-12; and Proverbs 23.19-21.

**Day 262.** Isaiah 30.12-33.12; Galatians 5.1-12;  
Psalm 63.1-11; and Proverbs 23.22.

**Day 263.** Isaiah 33.13; Galatians 5.13-26;  
Psalm 64.1-10; and Proverbs 23.23.

**Day 264.** Isaiah 37.1-38.22; Galatians 6.1-18;  
Psalm 65.1-13; and Proverbs 23.24-25.

**Day 265.** Isaiah 39.1-41.16; Ephesians 1.1-23;  
Psalm 66.1-20; and Proverbs 23.26-28.

**Day 266.** Isaiah 41.17-43.13; Ephesians 2.1-22 ;  
Psalm 67.1-7; and Proverbs 23.29-35.

## Through The Bible In One Year: Week 38 Sunday Worship Lessons

First Lesson (Old Testament): Isaiah 30.8-11

Psalm: 64.1-10

Second (New Testament) Lesson: Galatians 5.1-6

Theme: The Illusion of Freedom, Or The Real Thing?

### **Sunday Scripture Selection and Theme Explanation, Week 38:**

'Ignorance is bliss' society says, and so practices living an illusion. We project false images of ourselves, propped up with all kinds of pretence. Commercials create unattainable images of what we can be and do, luring us to seek after mirages. We surround ourselves with possessions and pleasures and positions that give the illusion of freedom and life lived in fullness, when in fact we are enslaved by our illusions. Life lived this way is like seeking solid footing in quicksand. When one comes to Christ in faith, the illusions are exposed, often times through painful reality checks, and yet, ultimately we are set free. Such radical freedom, while scary to our false self that clings to illusion to preserve its fragile existence, is what our true selves truly long to share. We are set free to be who we are in Christ: children of God, accepted and loved for who we truly are.

### **Alternate Readings & Theme:**

1. Isaiah 40.1-5; Psalm 63.1-11; Ephesians 2.1-10. Like water to those dying of thirst, God provides freely what we cannot gain through our own striving: salvation by grace through faith, life as we long for it to be. We respond to God's gift of grace by doing the good work of God in telling others and serving their needs as God has done for us.
2. Isaiah 40.27-31; Psalm 66.1-12; Galatians 5.19-6.2. God gives us strength to carry one another's burdens, fulfilling the 'law of Christ,' which is to love one another as Christ loves us. For those who follow him, God 'will renew their strength' like the eagle, so they 'walk and do not grow weary,' which means show forth the fruits of the Spirit in their lives and serve day by day with God's love and strength instead of their own.