

A few points and questions to consider:

So far we've covered about a third of Paul's letter to the Romans as we've studied the first five chapters. Using Brad's analogy of "climbing a mountain" and "stopping to enjoy the vistas" along the way, pause and consider all the Holy Spirit has taught you or that He has reminded you of in the passages.

What are the truths of these five chapters which resonate loudest in your spirit?

While all of us aren't musically talented – we may not sing very well or play an instrument – music and song has a way of speaking to us. Oftentimes, music stirs our hearts. Drawing from your own memories, using a hymnal, or drawing from other resources, jot down a few hymns, songs of praise, or Psalms (remember, the Book of Psalms is a "song book") that summarize your thoughts as you stand at the end of Romans 5.

In the quietness of your home or in your heart, sing these to the Father. Praise Him for the works of His grace that you have experienced, are now experiencing, and will one day experience in His presence.

Scripture Reading for May 13 Bible Study: Romans 6:1-14

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Once again, we encourage you to dig a little deeper into this passage by preparing a HEAR Report. As noted in previous weeks, HEAR is an acronym for Highlight, Explain, Apply, Respond.

- Read thru this passage and HIGHLIGHT a verse(s) that you found especially powerful.
- EXPLAIN the verse. What was the context and purpose for what was written and when it was written.
- APPLY the verse to yourself
- Lastly, RESPOND to the verse. Maybe there are changes God wants you to make in your life w.r.t. the verse. Or your response may be a prayer to God. It may be praising Him. However you feel led to respond.

As has been pointed out by others, the goal isn't for you / me to jot down a "profound truth" but to note the "truth you found."

Please email us and let us know how this passage spoke to you. Also let us know if you have any general comments, suggestions, etc. for this midweek Bible study program. *We want and need to hear from you.* Email address: [connect@madisonavenuebc.org](mailto:connect@madisonavenuebc.org)

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H.E.A.R. REPORT for \_\_\_\_\_ (Bible passage).

Highlight a verse(s)

Explain what the text means.

Possible questions to consider: *Why was this written? To whom was it originally written? How does it fit with the verses immediately before and after it? Why did the Holy Spirit include this passage in the book? What is He intending to communicate through this text?*

Apply "the significance of these verses to you personally"

Possible questions to consider: *How can this help me? What does this mean to me? What would the application of this verse look like in my life? What does this mean to me? How does this apply to my family, my church family, my community? What is God saying to me?*

Respond

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Matthew 7:7 (ESV), "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."

Source: Growing Up, Robby Gallaty