

## Bible Character series of readings – week 4

### 22<sup>nd</sup> November – Mark

**Monday: Acts 15:35-41. Close to Barnabas:** As Paul and Barnabas plan their second missionary trip Barnabas wants to take Mark with them again, but Paul refuses. Even though Mark let them down previously (13:13), Barnabas encourages Mark to come with him. Who are you seeking to encourage in their ministry?

**Tuesday: 2 Timothy 4:1-11. Faithful co-worker:** Paul says in Colossians 3:23, “whatever you do, work at it with all of your heart”, being faithful to that which God has called you to do. What are you involved in and are you giving it your all? What is God calling you to do? Remember; work at it with all your heart.

**Wednesday: Colossians 4:10-11 & Philemon v24. Restored to Paul:** Although Paul’s refusal to take Mark with him on his second missionary journey may have caused some friction between them, he did not allow it to remain that way. What are your relationships like with others? Are there things that need to be put right?

**Thursday: 1 Peter 5:1-13. Companion to Peter:** Mark enjoyed a close relationship with Peter, calling him ‘my son’. Spend a few moments reflecting upon those whom God has brought into your life, praying and thanking God for them.

**Friday: Mark 8:1-26; 10:45. His Gospel theme:** Mark presents Christ as the Servant as he focuses on Mark 10:45. Take a moment to ask yourself: “How much of my life and ministry is spent serving and ministering to others?”