

## Walking in Christ's Light

### Daily Prayer Journal

May 24-28, 2010

*Growing our souls is a partnership with Christ.*

*To enable your soul's growth, use this material with Christ as your guide.*

#### Next Week's Sermon

**Scripture: Matthew 10:24-39** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+10:24-39](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+10:24-39))

**Sermon: "Trying to Dance" or "Let's be friends"**

#### Monday: **5-24-10**

**Read:** **Jeremiah 20:7-13** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=jeremiah+20:7-13](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=jeremiah+20:7-13))

**Reflection:** Top 10 Rejection Lines Given by Women

(and what they actually mean...):

10. I think of you as a brother. (You remind me of that banjo-playing geek in *Deliverance*.)
9. There's a slight difference in our ages. (You are a Jurassic geezer.)
8. I'm not attracted to you in that way. (You are the ugliest dork I've ever laid eyes on.)
7. My life is too complicated right now. (I don't want you around hearing the phone calls from the other guys I'm seeing.)
6. I've got a boyfriend. (Who's really my make cat and a half-gallon of Ben and Jerry's.)
5. I don't date men where I work. (I wouldn't date you bud, if you were in the same "solar system.")
4. It's not you, it's me. (It's not me, it's you.)
3. I'm concentrating on my career. (Even my boring job is better than dating you.)
2. I'm celibate. (I've sworn off men like you.)
1. Let's be friends. (I want you around so I can tell you in excruciating detail about all the other men I meet...that "male perspective" thing.)

**Prayer:** God of love, take hold of me in this act of worship, and don't let me go until I have been blessed by a vision of love...infinitely generous, gentle, and forgiving; simple, wholesome, mysterious, profound.

#### Tuesday: **5-25-10**

**Read:** **Romans 5:12-21** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+5:12-21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+5:12-21))

**Reflection:** Rejection is certainly upsetting, but it is nothing compared to the destruction of both soul and body. That's agony. That's hell. -General George Patton

**Prayer:** Gracious God, the Love in which all are accepted and no one rejected; Living God Love itself, live in my heart now and forever.

#### Wednesday: **5-26-10**

**Read:** **Psalms 69:1-18; 34-36** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+69:1-18;34-36](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+69:1-18;34-36))

**Reflection:** Those who seek happiness too intensely will have little of it.

True happiness requires walking the way to the cross, a way that involves pain and rejection. -Calvin Miller

**Prayer:** Joy, Lord, so that we may ride above life's storms. and rise above sorrow; peace, so that we may meet trouble with courage, and treat other people gently and generously; love, so that we may be whole human beings even though we give ourselves away in service to others.

**Thursday:** **5-27-10**

**Read:** **II Kings 4:8-16a** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ii+kings+4:8-16a](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ii+kings+4:8-16a))

**Reflection:** The best and most beautiful thing that can happen to you in this life, is that you should be silent, and let God work and speak. *-Day Hammatskjold*

**Prayer:** Living God, as my mouth expresses gratitude, fill my heart with praise.

**Friday:** **5-28-10**

**Read:** **Romans 6:1-11** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+6:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+6:1-11))

**Reflection:** Sometimes we are so busy trying to solve our own problems that we forget to listen to the One who has the solutions.

**Prayer:** As we dance on with you in this life, Lord, fill us with joy deeper than sorrow and stronger than death.

**Saturday:** **5-29-10**

**Read:** **Matthew 10:34-42** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+10:34-42](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+10:34-42))

**Reflection:** Afraid of flying? These are lines, supposedly overheard on actual flights...

There may be 50 ways to leave your lover, but there are only four way out of this airplane.

Should the cabin lose pressure, oxygen masks will drop down from the overhead area. Please place the mask over your mouth and nose before assisting children or adults acting like children.

As the plane landed and was coming to a stop at the gate, a lone voice came over the loudspeaker: "Whoa, big fella...WHOA!"

An airplane pilot confesses that he hammered his ship into the runway upon landing. The flight steward greeting the passengers as they got off was approached by a little old lady walking with a cane.

"Sonny, mind if I ask you a question," she asked?

"Why no, Ma'am," said the steward. The lady continued, "Did we land or were we shot down?"

**Prayer:** Living God, live in me and drive out fear. Give me the confidence of love, the kindness, compassion, self-sacrifice of love. Living God, make your home in me, now and forever.