

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal
January 25-30, 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: I Corinthians 13:1-13 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+corinthians+13:1-13)

Theme: "All that truly matters in the end is that you loved."

Sermon: "Love is not all you need!"

Question: How can I love and be loved in a Christ like fashion?

MONDAY **1-25-10**

Read: John 1:35-42 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+1:35-42)

Prayer: Heavenly Abba, Your blessed strength comes surging into my life so miraculously—through my mind, through my emotions, through feelings that sweep over me to lift me in the same way that a tired bird is lifted by an unexpected gust of wind and is raised to a higher altitude and soars on with new strength and energy. Thank You for lifting me up and helping me to joyously soar upon the wings of Your Spirit today! Amen.

Journal Reflection: Andrew invited his brother Simon (renamed Peter by Jesus) to meet Jesus. Andrew is a model for each of us who follow Jesus. Andrew did not have a "sales pitch". Andrew did not have the right words. Rather, Andrew invited Peter to meet Jesus. You can do the same through inviting a friend or family member to join with you in worship or in a Lifegroup. There are many people searching for what Jesus can give them. In your mind identify one person you can invite to join you in worship this Sunday. Begin to pray that the Holy Spirit will give you the opportunity to invite them to encounter Jesus this week.

Resolve: I will follow Andrew's example.

TUESDAY **1-26-10**

Read: Acts 18:24-28 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=acts+18:24-28)

Prayer: O Jesus Christ, Light of the world, thank you for lighting my world with your Holy Presence. Even the dark shadows of doubt and sadness disappear in the brightness of your heavenly light. Shine down upon me and my family this day so that we will all be energized by Your light and love. Thank You! Amen.

Journal Reflection: In verse 26 we see the great influence of loving mentors. Apollos needed some help in his understanding of Christ Jesus. Priscilla and Aquila became mentors and the results were outstanding! Give thanks to God for your mentors in the faith. Also, ask God for insight into who you can mentor this week. There are people who know about Jesus, know of Jesus, but have not yet met Jesus personally. They need someone who will help them go deeper into the faith so that Jesus can become real in their life.

Resolve: I choose to share my faith in Jesus with someone this week.

WEDNESDAY **1-27-10**

Read: Psalm 71:1-6 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+71:1-6)

Prayer: Gracious and Loving God, thank You for the exciting day you have for me today. Thank You for what You are doing in me and through me as I look to You, my Source and Inspiration. I celebrate Your presence in my life every second of today. Amen.

Journal Reflection: God was present when you were conceived. God has been present in your life from that moment until now. The psalmist challenges you to continually praise God for your life. God is your rock solid foundation to real life now and eternal life with God. Give thanks to God for God's protection. Give thanks for God's loving kindness and tender mercy. Give thanks that God will forgive much quicker than even you forgive yourself.

Resolve: My praise is continually of You, O God my Creator!

THURSDAY 1-28-10

Read: I Corinthians 13:1-13 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+corinthians+13:1-13)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, there is a new mood that comes with the morning sunrise to drive the darkness and discouragement away. When I see the shining rays of the sun lighting up the morning sky I am reminded of Your power and presence in me. There is a new hope rising with me. Thank You, Holy Spirit, for Your presence, Your peace and Your power. Help me to have the courage to live within the center of Your presence all day today. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Christ like love is the greatest of all spiritual gifts! Reread this chapter and place the name of Jesus whenever you read love. Now reread it again and place your own name instead of love. Which part of the love definition do you need to work upon? Make an action plan (what, who, when) with one or two of the difficult parts of love and decide that you will work on them this year. Ask God to help you love more like Jesus loved today and every day for the rest of this year.

Resolve: I desire to grow in Christ-like loving of all God's people today.

FRIDAY 1-29-10

Read: Jeremiah 1:4-10 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=jeremiah+1:4-10)

Prayer: Loving God, to come to you is to experience coming to my true home. Every family takes its name from you and every household of faith is patterned after your Holy relationship. Thank you for showing us the power of your love in Jesus. Thank you for providing access to your love through the Holy Spirit. Thank you for creating us to give and to receive your love, O Great and Marvelous Creator. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Jeremiah did not know what to say on behalf of the Lord. He was overwhelmed by the task of sharing God's message. It is indeed an awesome thing to speak for God. However, the assurance that God gives to Jeremiah is valid for you as well. If you will begin the process of conversation about God, then God will give you the appropriate words to share. Your task is not to have all the right words. Your task is not to sell someone else on God. You are only called to be a witness of the power of Christ in your life. Your task in sharing your faith is to be aware of God's direction to speak to a certain person and to actually begin the conversation. God will take care of the rest. Trust God and share your faith in Jesus Christ this week.

Resolve: I will resist excuses and banish fear in order to trust God more.

SATURDAY 1-30-10

Read: Luke 4:21-30 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+4:21-30)

Prayer: O God, who brings good news to the poor, release to the captives and sight to the blind, let your word this day be fulfilled in my life. Save me from the arrogance of thinking that you act only in my life, that you speak only to people like me, and that your saving power is bound by the narrow range of my spiritual vision. Make me aware of my desperate need and spiritual dependence so that I may respond to your grace with surprised joy and to your salvation with sudden thanksgiving. Amen

Journal Reflection: Jesus' hometown people rejected him. They could not overcome their assumptions and prejudgments about him. They were blinded by their expectations. What assumptions do you have that are keeping you from sharing life with Christ more fully? What expectations do you have that keep you from celebrating Jesus' presence more completely? Examine yourself today and decide to be one of the people who stand beside Jesus, no matter who might reject Him. When you take your stand with Jesus you are on the right side even if the entire city rejects you.

Resolve: I will walk with Jesus no matter what.