

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal
February 1-6, 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: Luke 5:1-11 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+5:1-11)

Theme: "If a relationship has to be a secret, you shouldn't be in it."

Sermon: "If Jesus were here today: Would Jesus be a Christian?"

Question: How can I be a public Christ follower?

MONDAY **2-1-10**

Read: John 12:1-8 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=monday+12:1-8)

Prayer: Almighty and Eternal God, You alone are God. There is no other God in the entire universe. May everything in this galaxy and every existing galaxy praise You. May everyone on earth praise You. And, may we learn from You how to care for each other and care for your creations as You care for us. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Mary and her sister Martha were filled with love and thanksgiving for Jesus. He had raised Lazarus their brother from the dead. The natural response was to give to Jesus. Mary gave something very precious in order to share her love and appreciation with Jesus. The generous heart grows out of a thankful spirit. Open your heart to giving thanks for all Jesus has done for you then, following Mary's leadership, let your thanksgiving result in an act of generosity.

Resolve: I will be one of God's generous hearts today.

TUESDAY **2-2-10**

Read: Luke 19:1-10 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+19:1-10)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, in this time of quiet prayer, I come face to face with You. When I consider your relentless, self-giving love for me, I am ashamed of the shallowness of my love for You. When I remember the times that You have forgiven me, I recall how often I have been unforgiving with my neighbors. When I take stock of Your many blessings to me, I admit how miserly I have been in giving to You and others. Lord Jesus, forgive me again. Free me for joyful fellowship with You. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Zacchaeus, the outcast wealthy collaborator with the Romans was transformed by Jesus love into a generous committed follower of Jesus. When Jesus entered his house, Zacchaeus heart was warmed and his pocketbook was opened. Invite Jesus to your home again today so that Christ's great love might touch your heart and challenge you to become a "giver" not a "hoarder." God truly blesses those people who trust in God enough to live with an open hand of generosity.

Resolve: I will joyfully give to God today.

WEDNESDAY **2-3-10**

Read: Psalm 138 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+138)

Prayer: Loving Savior, as You forgive me of the good that I do not do and all that I do that I should not do, so help me to forgive others. Let Your forgiving spirit grow in my heart and mind so that I am linked with Your spirit of forgiveness all day long. And, Gracious Savior, help me to forgive myself for all that I have done. Take away the haunting of my soul by sins that You have already forgiven. Amen.

Journal Reflection: God's steadfast love endures forever the Psalmist reminds you today. Keep that thought close to your heart today. When you are discouraged remember it. Hold that thought in your mind today. When you question yourself or God, remember it. God's steadfast love does not depend upon you or your actions. God's steadfast love for you endures no matter what you do or what circumstances surround you. Celebrate God's steadfast love all day today!

Resolve: I give thanks to God for God's steadfast love.

THURSDAY **2-4-10**

Read: I Corinthians 15:1-11 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+corinthians+15:1-11)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, I thank You that You know me and You know my needs more clearly than I do. I can rest secure and at peace in knowing that You will grant me just what I need for today and each day for the rest of my life. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Read today's Scripture at least twice. Let the truth of it sink deep into your soul. Many Biblical scholars think this is the first written confession of faith. It was written down perhaps a decade after Jesus' resurrection because many of the witnesses are still alive and can be interviewed. The focus is upon the Good News of Jesus' resurrection from the dead! Everything in our faith proceeds from that incredible truth. Give thanks today for personally knowing the Greatest News in the world. Give thanks for those who have passed this truth on to you! And, ask the Holy Spirit to allow you to share this Good News with someone this week!

Resolve: I will thankfully and joyously share the Good News today.

FRIDAY **2-5-10**

Read: Luke 5:1-11 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+5:1-11)

Prayer: Loving and Eternal Parent, thank You for this quiet time, this private place, this very intimate moment for a secret sentence from You that speaks to my deepest need: I love You, Lord! I love You with all my heart, mind, soul, and being!" Amen.

Journal Reflection: In your mind's eye imagine the scene described by today's Scripture. The fish filled boat holds such great promise. Think of the temptation that must have gone through the mind of at least one of the fishermen, "Jesus is a great fish finder, if he stays with us we will all be rich!" However, Jesus has other plans. True wealth, Jesus knows, is in God honoring relationships. Jesus invites his new friends to focus upon God's true wealth and let go of the temporary riches of a fish filled boat. What do you need to let go of in order to celebrate God's true wealth today? Decide what is holding your back from full discipleship with Jesus. Then, ask the Holy Spirit to give you strength to let it go!

Resolve: I will celebrate life abundant with Jesus today.

SATURDAY **2-6-10**

Read: Isaiah 6:1-8 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+6:1-8)

Prayer: High and Exalted, God of the Universe, I need Your strength in my spirit today. I need You to help me to "mount up with wings of an eagle." I sense a new surge of energy whenever I open my heart to You. Today I am open, fill me up until I am overflowing with Your power and Your love! Amen

Journal Reflection: Wow, what worship! Imagine the entire temple filled with just the hem of God's robe! Imagine the awesome majesty of God's presence in our Worship tomorrow. Pray for us to be aware of God's powerful and miraculous Spirit among us. Pray for your heart to be willing for God to make known God's Spirit to you and to everyone in worship. Pray for willing hearts to pray the commitment prayer of Isaiah, "Send me, Lord, Send me!" The truth of this Scripture is for your life as well as for the prophet's. Let your fervent prayer be for an "Isaiah Worship experience" for all of God's church tomorrow and every time we gather for Worship.

Resolve: I will seek to worship God in spirit and in truth.