

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal

July 5-10, 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 9:51-62 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+9:51-62)

Theme: "Yield!"

Sermon: "Journeying with Jesus"

Question: What do I need to give up to allow Jesus to lead me?

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**MONDAY** **7-5-10**

**Read:** Luke 9:51-62 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+9:51-62](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+9:51-62))

**Prayer:** Loving Christ, keep me from pettiness today. Let me be large in thought and in actions. Help me to be done with faultfinding and leave off self-seeking. I desire to put all pretense out of my mind and meet each person face to face without self-pity and without prejudice. Help me, Lord Jesus, to take time in all things so that I may be serene, straightforward, and unafraid. Help me in the little things of life so that I will be prepared when the big things emerge. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** Following Jesus is a challenging walk. Jesus does not invite you to a Saturday afternoon tea. Jesus invites you to join Him in transforming the world. Jesus wants you to challenge the principalities and powers of this present world. A journey with Jesus is a lifetime dangerous adventure. Sometimes following Jesus will put you in tough places. The good news is that no matter where you are, Jesus is with you. Celebrate your walk with Jesus today.

**Resolve:** I will follow Jesus no matter where the path goes.

**TUESDAY** **7-6-10**

**Read:** II Kings 2:1-14 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ii+kings+2:1-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ii+kings+2:1-14))

**Prayer:** God of Surprises, I am constantly aware of something new that You are doing in my life and in our world. Thank You for surprising me. Thank You for being so secure that You can be different. You are the surprising and unchangeable God. You are a mystery to me, and yet You are so close to me. Thank You God for being so much more than I can ever imagine. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** The prophet Elijah left and his "mantle" dropped onto the shoulders of Elisha. God did not leave God's people without a prophetic voice of power. God surprised Elisha with a new job. God will not leave you alone. And, at just the moment you do not expect it, God will surprise you! Look around today for signals of God's loving presence in your life. Give thanks to God for each one.

**Resolve:** God will not leave me or ever forsake me.

**WEDNESDAY** **7-7-10**

**Read:** Galatians 5:1-25 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=galatians+5:1-25](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=galatians+5:1-25))

**Prayer:** Spirit of true freedom, teach me about real freedom today. Teach me about loving God so much that I am free to express my love with whomever I meet. In You, Christ, I am free to share joy in whatever way the Spirit leads. With You at my side, I am free to talk with anyone and everyone I meet. I want to celebrate Your gift of freedom in my life today! Amen

**Journal Reflection:** True freedom is not from something. True freedom is for something. In Christ Jesus, we have the freedom to be for justice, righteousness, mercy, forgiveness, and love. In Christ, you can speak truth and live honestly without fear of rejected by God. Let your love for Christ deepen today so that you might share Christ's freedom all day. Look for one specific way that you can share Christ's love freely today.

**Resolve:** When Christ makes me free, I am free indeed.

**THURSDAY** **7-8-10**

**Read:** Psalm 77:1-2,11-20 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+77:1-2;11-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+77:1-2;11-20))

**Prayer:** Lord God, I am having a “bad hair” week. I am afflicted in soul and body. My heart is heavy. I feel as if life is just arranging deck chairs on the Titanic. I hardly have the strength to find a seat on a lifeboat. I need to find Your Lifeboat, God. I need to know Your love. I need to know Your presence that will carry me through to a better day. I know nothing can separate me from You. Thank You for Your assurance. I am going to rest in You through this storm! Amen

**Journal Reflection:** It is good to know that we can share our distress with God. You do not have to hide behind a façade of rightness. You do not have to put on a happy face with God when life is throwing dirt at you. You can share honestly what is happening in your life with God. God is good. God is willing to listen. God will respond! Trust in the Risen Jesus Christ who experienced all the evil that this world could throw at him and emerged victorious!

**Resolve:** I am developing an honest relationship with the Risen Savior Jesus Christ.

**FRIDAY** **7-9-10**

**Read:** Romans 6: 1-14 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+6:1-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+6:1-14))

**Prayer:** God, I find it much easier to live under the law. Just tell me what to do and I’ll do it. (Most of the time anyway) I like the easy way. But, then I know myself well enough that I will resent the law and break it when it suits me. Help me grow into Your grace filled life, God. I am willing to learn to be responsible for myself. Some days I just don’t like it very much. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** How can we live without the law? Paul is questioned continually on this issue. Paul responds that we will live under God’s grace. God’s law is there to bring us into God’s grace! Love God with all your heart, soul, mind, and being, then you are free to live beyond the law.

**Resolve:** I am born to love God and live free.

**SATURDAY** **7-10-10**

**Read:** Psalm 16 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+16))

**Prayer:** (a prayer from John Baille) Here we are, O God, of little power and of mean estate, yet lifting up our heart and voice to You before whom all created things are as dust and a vapor. You are hidden behind the curtain of sense, incomprehensible in Your greatness, mysterious in Your almighty power. Yet here we speak with you familiarly as child to parent, as friend to friend. O God take this day’s life into your own keeping. Control all our thoughts and feelings. Direct all our energies, instruct our minds, sustain our wills, take our hands and make them skillful to serve You. Take our feet and make them swift to do Your bidding. Take our eyes and keep them fixed upon Your everlasting beauty. Take our mouths and make them eloquent in testimony to Your love. Make this day a day of obedience, a day of spiritual joy and peace. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** God instructs us through our hearts at night. Pay particular attention to that still small voice within you. Listen for God. God does communicate. We need to be willing to listen. Take the time to ask for God’s voice to be heard and you will be blessed.

**Resolve:** I will listen for God tonight.