

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal
October 5-10, 2009

*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: Psalm 31:5 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+31:5)

Theme: Spiritual Priorities for Life

Sermon: "Rocks for Your Life"

Question: What are healthy spiritual priorities for my life?

MONDAY **10-5-09**

Read: Psalm 31:1-5 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+31:1-5)

Prayer: Creator God, pull me away from all negative thinking today. Remind me to lift my eyes and see the beauty of Your creation. Recharge me with the positive spirit of Jesus Christ my Lord so that I can and will achieve what is good and positive today. Be the rock of strength in my life, today, Spirit, so that I can stand with You and share hope with everyone I meet. Amen.

Journal Reflection: The psalmist encourages you to put your trust in God, the rock of your world. Don't look for the exotic theories or intellectual propositions to save you. Look for key items you take for granted but cannot live without. Water, heat, rock, and air are critical creations! Give thanks to God each time you encounter one of these four elements today. Especially give thanks for the solid rock foundation of your life that enables you to share God's goodness. Commit your life to God again and again today!

Resolve: I thankfully praise God for life today.

TUESDAY **10-6-09**

Read: Mark 10:17-31 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+10:17-31)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, speak to me, tell me the words of life, even when they are words I do not want to hear. I am trapped in so many webs of my own devising. I am clinging to so many things without which I think I cannot survive. Lord Jesus, call me forth to the freedom that comes from serving You, to the peace that comes from walking in Your way rather than continuing to trudge along in my own way. Lord Jesus, speak to me the words of life today and I will listen. Amen.

Journal Reflection: In this Scripture Jesus turns our common sense upside down. We think wealth has to do with money and possessions. Jesus points out that we are wrong. In the eternal scope of creation wealth is life here and life forever. God, the giver of life, is willing to be your best friend. With friends like God, no can stand against you no matter how much money they might possess. With Jesus as your friend life eternal is your destiny! Today is a great day to make an investment in God's bank! Give an extra gift to God. Share a gift of love with a friend. Share the gift of joy to someone who is downcast. You can invest in God by sharing the love, joy, peace, and hope of Christ with someone today.

Resolve: I am blessed by God with wealth beyond measure.

WEDNESDAY **10-7-09**

Read: Psalm 22:1-15 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+22:1-15)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, I lift up my loved ones to You this day with the prayer that Your hand will continue to keep, care and protect them. Help them, O Spirit of compassion and truth, to keep You at the center of their dreams, plans, and accomplishments. Thank You for their special love. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Jesus quoted this Psalm from the cross. A part of the human condition is to feel cosmically alone. In that condition we must continue to worship God even if we do not feel God's presence. Faith is walking the unseen path toward an unseen goal trusting that when we arrive God will celebrate with us. And, as we look back we will see in the sand the footprints where God carried us without our knowledge.

Resolve: I will trust in God no matter what happens to me.

THURSDAY 10-8-09

Read: Hebrews 4:12-16 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=hebrews+4:12-16)

Prayer: Lord Jesus, I pray that You will come into a heart where you have never been, into a mind that has never grasped you before, into a life that has never embraced You. May life abundant with You begin for someone today. And, if I am so privileged, Lord Jesus guide my words and actions so that I can share Your message with someone so that they can choose to come into a Kingdom relationship. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Jesus is the Word of God. (John 1:1) The challenge of this Scripture is to know that the Word of God knows everything about you: every secret, every sin, every thought, word, and deed of your life! The Word of God has the power to judge you. The Word who is truth and justice in full form can hand out the consequences for your actions. Yet, because of the power of God's grace given through Jesus, the Word becomes your advocate for mercy. You can boldly go where no human could ever go before because Jesus is your High Priest and advocate.

Resolve: I trust Jesus with my life now and for all eternity.

FRIDAY 10-9-09

Read: Job 23:1-9, 16-17 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=job+23:1-9; 16-17)

Prayer: O Mighty Physician, work through physicians to bring Your special healing touch this day to those who lie sick and in pain upon their beds. Release Your healing power within them. Encourage them. Surround them and under gird them with Your Holy Presence. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Job's cosmic loneliness leaves him feeling totally trapped by life and without any tangible hope. He complains to God. He cries out to God. But, he refuses to abandon God. He continues to believe that God is good all the time whether it seems like it or not at the time. Job's witness for you is to keep your mind and heart focused upon God no matter how negative the situation is today. God is a God of surprises and will show up when you least expect God to be with you. Push through the pain and you will find God on the other side!

Resolve: I will follow God's path regardless of my external circumstances.

SATURDAY 10-10-09

Read: Amos 5:6-7, 10-15 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=amos+5:6-7; 10-15)

Prayer: Eternal God, I pray today for all persons who call themselves Christians. May we be so filled with the reality of the living resurrected Christ that through the power of His Spirit within us we'll be able to love people the way He first loved us. He respected us. He accepted us because He understood us. He had hopes for us and He's kept working with us. Thank you, Jesus! Help us to all pass Your love to others whom we meet each day. Amen

Journal Reflection: The prophet Amos challenges the people of Israel to live up to God's justice. Feed the poor! Care for the widows and orphans! Treat strangers and foreigners with compassion and dignity! God's favorite children are the ones who are neglected by the powerful. Amos challenges God's people to stand up for the oppressed and to stand by the depressed. Amos reminds us all that true worship of God is both reflective and active. We must pray and actively seek justice for God's children who are experiencing injustice. Look around you today for opportunities to actively share God's goodness with those who are trapped in evil.

Resolve: I will choose God's good today!