

***Walking in Christ's Light***

**Daily Prayer Journal**

**March 2-7, 2009**

*Growing our souls is a partnership with Christ.  
To enable your soul's growth, use this material with Christ as your guide.*

<p><b>Next Week's Sermon</b> <b>Rev. Daniel Michalek</b></p>
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**MONDAY 3-2-09**

**Read:** Mark 9:2-9 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+9:2-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+9:2-9))

**Prayer:** Holy God, mystery beyond our comprehension or understanding I praise you and worship you. Whenever I encounter a small portion of your presence in my life, I am overwhelmed. I am out of control whenever you are near me. Holy God, like Peter, I do not know what to say or do. Thank you for my spiritual experiences with You even though I am overwhelmed every time. Thank you for accepting me just the way I am and challenging me to grow. Thank you for helping me to grow more and more in love with you. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** Put yourself in the disciples' place. Even though you know the "rest of the story" could you have done any better? Ultimately, God is fully mystery. The most we know of God comes from what we learn from Jesus. God tells us to listen to Jesus. Allow those divine words to stay with you all day today. Hear the command to listen to Jesus. Respond to the command to listen by actually doing it when you reread the Scripture.

**Resolve:** I acknowledge Jesus' authority within and over my life.

**TUESDAY 3-3-09**

**Read:** Psalm 50:1-6 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+50:1-6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+50:1-6))

**Prayer:** Mighty and Awesome God, Creator of every atom that exists in the universe, I come before you today with a trembling soul. I only approach you because Jesus tells me that I can. So, in Jesus name, I bring to you my love, worship, and praise. Truly, You are an awesome God! Amen.

**Journal Reflection:** Holy Scripture clearly teaches that God is our judge. At some point, God will review your life. God will hold you accountable for what you do and what you do not do with the gift of life that God is giving you. In a prayerful spirit, visualize God the Judge and listen to what God you hope God will say to you. If there is something you need to repent of before facing the ultimate justice of God, today is a good day to repent and ask forgiveness!

**Resolve:** I trust in God's love and mercy, as well as God's justice.

**WEDNESDAY 3-4-09**

**Read:** II Corinthians 4:1-6 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=11+corinthians+4:1-6](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=11+corinthians+4:1-6))

**Prayer:** Lord God, you see my sins more clearly than I can. You know when I am untruthful and when I think evil of others. You see my anger and unfairness to my friends. You know how hard it is for me to forgive. Lord, you know when I am indifferent to reading the Bible; when I forget to pray; the times I come unwillingly to worship; and yet I turn to you, when I am in trouble. Lord, I sin. I so often forget how much you love me. Forgive me once again and restore a right relationship between us. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** As a follower of Jesus Christ you are a witness to God's power to transform this world into a better place. You are not pointing to yourself, rather you point to Christ through your living. Think of one Christ like attribute or value that you want to accentuate today. Let your living out of this value point to the Living, Risen Savior who is alive within your life today. Let the light of Christ shine through you so that others may find the light of Christ through you.

**Resolve:** I will be a shining witness for Jesus today.

**THURSDAY 3-5-09**

**Read:** II Kings 2:1-9 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=11+kings+2:1-9](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=11+kings+2:1-9))

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit, Breath of God, breath on me. Let me know the power of your indwelling burning love. Fill me with your spirit so that I might live for you as Elijah and Elisha lived for you. Help my love for you to grow each day so that I can be in touch with You, listening to You every moment of every day. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** In this passage of Holy Scripture we read of Elijah's powerful exit from this life. Moses and Elijah were taken home to God in a different way. God honored Moses, the Lawgiver and Elijah, the Prophet in a special manner. Can we understand it? No. Can we believe it? Absolutely! If you have trouble today, just remember the mountain top experience of Peter, James, and John who witness to the reality of Moses and Elijah being present with Jesus in heavenly glory. Such visionary experiences are gifts from God. Open your heart and mind to be willing to experience the Holy Spirit in a dream or vision. Elisha was not going to be deterred. Take his determination and wait upon the Lord who will come!

**Resolve:** I am open to the working of the Holy Spirit in my life.

## **FRIDAY**                      **3-6-09**

**Read:** Isaiah 53 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+53](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+53))

**Prayer:** Jesus, Lord of my life, Savior of my soul, I am so thankful today for your taking upon yourself the sin of my life and the sin of the world. I cannot understand your love. I cannot understand Your willingness to suffer for me. I will just accept it and give thanks for Your being in my life. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** This portion of Scripture tells us of God's suffering servant. Jesus read this as a youth in synagogue school. Jesus lived this portion in his ministry. Jesus was the "suffering servant" for the world. Read carefully what he did for you, your family, and your friends. Through Jesus, you have life eternal. Read and reread this passage of Holy Scripture while you give thanks to Jesus every time!

**Resolve:** Thank you, Jesus for your gift to me of eternal life.

## **SATURDAY**                      **3-7-09**

**Read:** Exodus 20:8-11 ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=exodus+20:8-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=exodus+20:8-11))

**Prayer:** Awesome God, thank you for creating Sunday. You know how much I need a time to just sing, pray, listen, and rest easy in your grace. I confess that I am too busy, too self-absorbed, too concerned about what I ought to do next and how I look and what I ought to feel. Cure me of my self-absorption. As I prepare to worship you tomorrow draw me out of myself. Allure me, O God. Ravish me, beckon me, O Loving Savior. Help me to be able to relax, let my guard down, and bask in your glory. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** God was not joking when the Ten Commandments were given to human beings. A day of rest from work in order to worship God and enjoy family and friends is a command, not a suggestion. With God's directions in mind, choose to make Sunday, God's day of rest and worship. Begin the day with God in worship. Then, plan a special family or friend's time for the remainder of the day. The Sabbath is given to you for you to remember to enjoy the gift of life that God is giving you. God gives you the Sabbath to remind you that there is at least one day when the world can do without you! After all, God can take care of the world without your help for at least 24 hours!

**Resolve:** I will enjoy Sabbath tomorrow with God, my family, and friends.