

**Walking in Christ's Light**  
**Daily Prayer Journal**  
**January 11-16, 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: Isaiah 62:1-5 and John 2:1-11**

([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+62:1-5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+62:1-5))

([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+2:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+2:1-11))

**Theme: Always Choose Life**

**Sermon: "Celebrate Life Everyone"**

**Question: What can I do to experience the power of God each day?**

**MONDAY** 1-11-10

**Read: John 2:1-11** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+2:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+2:1-11))

**Prayer:** Lord Christ, come into my life bringing Your glory. Forgive me all the ways I have trivialized and scaled down Your glory. Forgive me for the ways in which I have used You for my purposes rather than to allow You to use me for Your work. I come before You daring to ask for Your glory to fill my life. Grant me grace to behold Your glory, to allow You to rule, to speak to others sharing the power of Your being in my life. You are in my life, Lord Christ, I worship and submit to You. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** God is a God of surprises. We cannot predict what God will or can do. Who would have ever thought that Jesus' first miracle would be at a party to save the host embarrassment when he ran out of wine? We would expect something else. We want God to do really big things! But then, who would expect God to be born in a stable to a poor adolescent girl. God is full of surprises! Ask the Holy Spirit to open your eyes and ears to God's miracles happening all around you today. Let God move you out of your self imposed box of expectations and experience the surprising acts of God going on all around you!

**Resolve:** I am open and willing for God to surprise me today!

**TUESDAY** 1-12-10

**Read: Isaiah 62:1-5** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+62:1-5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+62:1-5))

**Prayer:** Loving Father, rejoice over me! I acknowledge that there are days that I cannot rejoice over myself. I am too aware of my short comings. Teach me, Loving Father, that You can rejoice over me just as I am. Your grace covers me. Your mercy surrounds me. Your Love fills me. Thank You for rejoicing over me when I cannot find joy in myself. Amen.

**Journal Reflection:** So often we take ourselves much too seriously. We frown. We fear. We frustrate. We forget. We fumble around. These "f" words rob us of life! Choose today to find something to laugh about! Choose today to see the world as a much bigger place than just your home. Today may be the worst day of your life, but God will still give you something to laugh about. Find it! God's joy is available to God's people at all times. The Apostle Paul learned to rejoice in the Lord in all things. (Philippians 4:4) Find Christ's joy today!

**Resolve:** I can and will laugh at least once today!

**WEDNESDAY** 1-13-10

**Read: I Corinthians 12:1-11** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+corinthians+12:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+corinthians+12:1-11))

**Prayer:** Holy Spirit come into my life. Bring strength for the day, so that I may do my best. Bring rest for the night, so that I may be refreshed. Bring light for the way, so that I may walk assured of Your presence. Bring grace for the trials, so that I may put my trust in You always. Bring Your undying love, so that I may live for You, with You, and by You!

**Journal Reflection:** God's plan for God's kingdom on earth is a "Body". You are a part of the Body of Christ! Celebrate your place in Christ's body today. The Holy Spirit gives you talents to help Christ's Body to grow. You are an important part of Christ's Body! Without your talent, Christ's Body is lessened!

**Resolve:** I will joyfully be a growing member of Christ's body today.

## **THURSDAY** 1-14-10

**Read: Psalm 36:5-10** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+36:5-10](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+36:5-10))

**Prayer:** Eternal One, let the water from Your fountain of life flow within my life. Fill me up to the brim, then over flow me. Let Your gift of life be manifest in me. Let Your gift of eternal life over flow and wash away all of my fears, limitations, prejudices, and shortcomings. I desire, O Lord, My God, to drink from Your fountain of life for all eternity. I desire, O Lord, My God, to share Your holy water of life with people whom I meet that are obviously thirsty. Let me begin today! Amen.

**Journal Reflection:** In your mind's eye see God's flowing fountain of the water of eternal life. Let yourself imagine what it must be like to drink from that fountain. Many people have written poems, songs, and stories about God's life giving fountain. Let yourself be free to write your own creative work. Let God's Spirit fill you up. Then let the overflowing of God's life in you be a creative and joyful work that you can share with others. Christ's living water is available to you today. Drink of it and be refreshed.

**Resolve:** I am willing to be open to the indwelling, overflowing Spirit of God in my life.

## **FRIDAY** 1-15-10

**Read: Mark 16: 9-20** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+16:9-20](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+16:9-20))

**Prayer:** Lord God of Power and Might, Miracle Worker of all Miracles, God of all Gods, I give You my allegiance. I promise to follow You. I promise to listen as You teach. I promise to accept Your disciple without grumbling (too much). Lord God, I promise to live my life to the best of my ability in relationship with You. I only ask that You guide and protect me from the evil one. Empower me, O Holy God, to let go of the negative, to overcome the fear, and to celebrate with Your joy all day today! Amen.

**Journal Reflection:** This ancient addition to Mark's gospel teaches us an important lesson. Jesus' followers have available to them the power of Almighty God. Jesus' followers have the protection of the Eternal God. Why is it that we live such weak and wimpy lives then? Perhaps we are weak because we have a tenuous connection to the Lord of all life! Behavior usually is a better indicator of belief than words. Live today in the confident assurance that God is with you. Live today with the sure and certain knowledge that the evil one cannot touch you or your family because God is protecting you. Let go of fear and walk with confident faith!

**Resolve:** With God for me, I can live without anxiety and fear!

## **SATURDAY** 1-16-10

**Read: Numbers 17: 1-11** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=numbers+17:1-11](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=numbers+17:1-11))

**Prayer:** Christ, I thank You for living in relationship with me. I thank You for the gentle nudges that surprise me. I thank You for the ideas that float into my mind at just the right time. I am so often amazed at what happens when I do listen to You. Forgive me for constantly forgetting the reality of Your presence. When I do forget, thank You for surprising me in such creative ways. Amen.

**Journal Reflection:** God keeps surprising us. Grumble and complain and God will cause a dead stick to bloom right in from of your eyes. The people of Israel learned this lesson in the desert. We still need to learn it even in suburbia. Look around you today for God's surprises. Let the children teach you about awe and mystery. Stop long enough today to allow the Spirit of God to open up your eyes to the miracles of life all around you. Allow yourself to see the world as a little child. When you do not know so much then God's surprises are easy to notice! Be less of a "know it all" and more of a "faith it all."

**Resolve:** Trusting God! Trusting God with all my heart, soul, mind, and life!