

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal
March 8-13, 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: Mark 2:1-12 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+2:1-12)

Theme: The greatest hurts in life are those we cause ourselves.

Sermon: "Walking Away From Hurt" Rev. John Harris, Pastor, Milford Presbyterian Church

MONDAY **3-8-10**

Read: Matthew 9:9-13 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+9:9-13)

Prayer: God of all people regardless of their gender, national affiliation, educational status, or economic condition, Thank You for the healing power of Your Son, Jesus Christ my Lord. I give thanks that Jesus sees in each person the need for forgiveness and wholeness. Teach us, Lord Jesus, how to see this world through Your eyes. Help me to tear down the walls that divide us. I put my trust in You and You alone knowing that You can and will bring about the great miracle of reconciliation with all people. Amen

Journal Reflection: Matthew was one of the wealthiest men in Galilee. His friends were rich. His home reflected his upper class economic status. However, money was not a hindrance to Matthew in following Jesus. Matthew recognized the importance of investing his life in eternity, not in material, transient wealth. Matthew invested his life and wealth in following Jesus. What can you invest to be a more faithful follower of Jesus?

Resolve: No matter what it is, Lord Jesus, I will let it go and follow You.

TUESDAY **3-9-10**

Read: Genesis 12:1-9 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=genesis+12:1-9)

Prayer: God of the journey, you have called me and set me on the road of life. Grant that I will follow You when You give directions to change destinations or respond to new challenging possibilities. Give me courage to follow You no matter what the outward circumstances might be. Inspire me by the faithful testimony of the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before me. I pray that Your Spirit, Jesus will be present with me today and everyday as I walk this road of life. Amen

Journal Reflection: God spoke to an elderly gentleman from Iraq and asked him to take a journey to Israel and Egypt! Abraham could have said no. Abraham could have said wait until my children are grown. Abraham could have come up with a multitude of excuses. Instead he trusted God and followed God's directions. Your task today and every day is to follow Abraham's example.

Resolve: I will journey with God each day of my life.

WEDNESDAY **3-10-10**

Read: Psalm 33:1-12 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+33:1-12)

Prayer: My soul will wait upon the Lord my God today. I will put my trust in God and affirm God's truth in my decisions. God is my help. God is my defender. My heart rejoices because I can trust in the Holy Name of Jesus Christ. Lord God, let Your steadfast love be upon me, abiding within me, and flowing through me today and every day of my life. Grant that the decisions I make today are choices based upon Your love and eternal values. Amen.

Journal Reflection: God invites you to sing a new song with your life each day! The creativity and energy for a new song comes from an attitude of rejoicing and praising God. You can ask Christ to help you turn off the negative "ants" inside your head and replace them with praise! Begin with praise today and watch God's creativity flow through you all day long!

Resolve: I rejoice in God my Savior today and every day of my life.

THURSDAY**3-11-10**

Read: Romans 4:13-25 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+4:13-25)

Prayer: Eternal Creator God, who created me and whose child I am, help me to number my days and live each one with wisdom. Give me Your Holy Spirit to guide and strengthen me so that the world will be a better place because I have passed through it. In the name and Spirit of Jesus I pray. Amen

Journal Reflection: Faith is a verb! Faith is an action verb! “To faith” means that you actually live in trust and obedience with God as your Lord and Master. “Faithing” is living a commitment to follow Jesus no matter what the cost. “Faithing” is actually living what you talk. When faith is a verb in your life then your language, checkbook, decisions, and recreation all joyously reflect the Spirit of Jesus Christ. When you are “faithing” life with Christ you are living a joyous adventure that lasts for all eternity!

Resolve: I faith life with Jesus today and everyday!

FRIDAY**3-12-10**

Read: Romans 12:1-2 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+12:1-2)

Prayer: Almighty God, who is able to make all things new and to restore life anew every morning, help me to be less conformed to this world today so that I can be transformed by the constant renewing of my mind and heart through the Spirit of Jesus Christ, my Lord. Amen.

Journal Reflection: We live on a shadowed planet where evil touches everything and everyone. No wonder people reject each other, harm each other, and viciously attack each other. Anywhere evil can spark conflict, dis-ease, or death evil will do so. The good news of Christ is that God does and will overcome evil. Even when you are rejected, God can turn the rejection into something good. Even when you are in the midst of a trial God will bring you through. Even if life has thrown you a curve ball, God will give you eyes to see it and strength to hit the ball out of the park! Trust in God and you will find the pain of this world replaced with the mercy of God’s unconditional love and strength.

Resolve: I will live within the circle of God’s love today.

SATURDAY**3-13-10**

Read: Luke 10: 3-12 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+10:3-12)

Prayer: Merciful and Loving God, if it were not for Your mercy I would remain lost in sin and confusion. Thank You for Your extravagant grace and Your mercy without limit. In this hour hold me in love, even as a mother cradles her child. Amen

Journal Reflection: Travel light, are Jesus’ instructions on living a life of transforming power. Leave behind the regrets of yesterday. Let go of today’s guilt. Turn loose tomorrow’s fear. Travel light with Jesus and you will travel with joy and love. Grasp the joy of friends on the faith journey. Grasp the joy of God’s surprises and God’s new songs on the journey. Accept the gifts of the Holy Spirit provided just when you need them. When you walk with Jesus you are sharing the good news of God’s Kingdom that is within you and around you. Celebrate God’s Kingdom vision of peace for all as you travel light following Jesus.

Resolve: I will drop off whatever I need to let go of to follow Jesus today.