

Walking in Christ's Light

Daily Prayer Journal

March 15-20, 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 44:6-11 and Acts 2:9-25

(www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+44:6-11)

(www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=acts+2:9-25)

**Sermon: "When Short Cuts Lead to Dead Ends" Rev. Daniel Michalek,
First Presbyterian Church, Brighton**

MONDAY 3-15-10

Read: Isaiah 53 (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. I cannot understand your love. I can only accept Your gift and return my thanks for your willingness to be 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. Ponder and give thanks for Jesus today!

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

TUESDAY 3-16-10

Read: Mark 9:2-9 (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. Thank you for accepting me just the way I am. 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 Jesus. God tells us to listen to Jesus with all our mind and heart. Allow these divine words to stay with you all day today. Hear the command to listen to Jesus.

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

WEDNESDAY 3-17-10

Read: II Kings 2:1-12 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ii+kings+2:1-12)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, Breath of God, breathe 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 am 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, 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.

THURSDAY

3-18-10

Read: II Corinthians 4:1-6 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ii+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. Christ is the One who will transform this world. Christ moving through you can help the transformation process work. 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.

Resolve: I will be a positive witness for Jesus today.

FRIDAY

3-19-10

Read: Psalm 50:1-6 (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! In fact, You are mystery beyond mystery. In reality, You are the One God, Creator of all there is. I worship You with my whole heart, soul, mind, and body today! Amen.

Journal Reflection: Holy Scripture clearly teaches that God is Judge over all creation. 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. God is not interested in your wallowing in negativity and self-loathing. God loves you and God wants you to live a full, free, and abundant life. In a prayerful spirit, visualize God the Judge and listen to what God says to you about your life.

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

SATURDAY

3-20-10

Read: Exodus 20:8-11 (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 tomorrow, 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.

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