

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

### **Daily Prayer Journal**

**May 17-22, 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:** Psalm 104:1-4 and I Corinthians 14:1-33

([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+104:1-4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+104:1-4)) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+corinthians+14:1-33](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+corinthians+14:1-33))

**Theme:** "Take a deep breath. It calms the mind."

**Sermon:** "The Holy Spirit in our Worship"

**Question:** What can I do to become fired up for God?

#### **MONDAY                      5-17-10**

**Read:** **John 14:8-17** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+14:8-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+14:8-17))

**Prayer:** Spirit of Truth, blow into my life. Where I am untruthful, gently teach me to love the truth. Where I am ignorant of the truth, show me the truth. Where I am unwilling to hear the truth, shout it into my ears! Spirit of truth, blow into my life and transform me into a person who lives and shares God's truth. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** How is it that you lie to yourself? Do you refuse to see anything clearly? Do you ignore something because you do not want to face it? Every human being lies to themselves at some time. We easily make up excuses, blame, or create fantasies that are untrue. We cannot trust our own minds or hearts to define truth. Christ defines truth. The Holy Spirit brings truth. God's truth is to be lived, not just talked about. God's truth defines the good life for us all. Decide today that you will live within the power of the Spirit of truth in all you do and say today.

**Resolve:** Following Jesus, I am willing to live with You and Your Spirit of truth.

#### **TUESDAY                      5-18-10**

**Read:** **Acts 2: 1-21** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=acts+2:1-21](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=acts+2:1-21))

**Prayer:** Come, Holy Spirit, Come with wind and fire. Shake us to our foundations. Breathe upon us. You know us, how well we love the predictable, the secure, and the stable. You know how we curl up in the comfort of the conventional. You know us. We are always attempting to turn church into a merely human fellowship. We are quite content with the present arrangements. We die! Yet, we know that without Your life-giving breath, we are nothing. Without some power greater than our own, we are powerless in the face of death, prejudice, the walls that divide, words that hurt, diseases that will not be cured, and problems that seem insoluble. Come, Holy Spirit, Come with wind and fire. Shake us to our foundations. Breathe upon us. Amen (William Willimon, Pulpit Resource, Vol.26 No.2.p.39)

**Journal Reflection:** The Holy Spirit is blowing in our lives today. Choose today to lift your sail and let the Spirit blow you into a new part of life. If you are prone to the negative, let the Holy Spirit blow you into the positive. If you usually live with a fortress mentality, let the Spirit energize you to ministry outside your walls. Wherever the Spirit of Truth blows today, go with the Spirit!

**Resolve:** Come, Holy Spirit, Come into my life today!

#### **WEDNESDAY                      5-19-10**

**Read:** **Psalm 104: 24-34** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+104:24-34](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+104:24-34))

**Prayer:** Loving God, send Your Spirit and create within me a new heart. Send Your Spirit and renew my love for You and for all life. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** Let your prayer today be one that you breathe all day. Pray for God's renewal within everyone you touch. Pray for God to transform their lives with creativity and love. Open yourself so that you might be a channel for the Holy Spirit to work in someone else's life.

**Resolve:** Holy Spirit, recreate my world through me today.

## **THURSDAY** **5-20-10**

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

**Prayer:** Eternal Christ, bring us all together into one great team committed to giving new meaning and purpose to the principles of peace, love, mercy, and justice. Let us be Your team committed to overcoming the opposing forces of hate, destruction, and injustice. In other words, Jesus, create us into a Pentecost Team committed to bringing about the reality of the Kingdom of God on Earth. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** We all build up our fortresses ostensibly to protect ourselves, but actually to express our rebellion against God. The Tower of Babel is a story about each and every person who has walked upon the earth. Reflect today on your fortress tower. What are the bricks you are using? (fear of the unknown, pride, self-centeredness, insecurity) Who are the walls supposed to keep out? What is the “in” language of your fortress? Imagine a life without walls. Imagine following the Holy Spirit through the desert. Imagine trusting the Holy Spirit that much. If you can imagine it---you can do it!

**Resolve:** No walls and no tower in my life! I trust in God and God alone!

## **FRIDAY** **5-21-10**

**Read:** **Romans 8: 14-17** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+8:14-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+8:14-17))

**Prayer:** I am Your child, Loving God! I celebrate my heritage. I am thankful to be in Your family. I am grateful for the opportunity to grow under Your teaching. You are wonderful, magnificent, and marvelous, O my God and my Father. I love You. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** God reached out and touched you. You are God’s beloved child. Consider what it means to be God’s child. Think about the wealthiest person that you know. Think about being a child in that family. Think about the privilege, the wealth, the prestige, the power that you would have in that family. Now put into perspective the reality of the universe. That wealthy family you just thought about is poor in comparison to the riches of God. As God’s child you inherit the universe. Creativity, joy, peace, patience, self-control are just a part of your inheritance as you relate to God’s Spirit. Celebrate being God’s child!

**Resolve:** Today and everyday from now into eternity, I am God’s child.

## **SATURDAY** **5-22-10**

**Read:** **Isaiah 2: 2-4** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+2:2-4](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+2:2-4))

**Prayer:** God of the universe, I accept Your vision of the New World. There are so many visions running around in the minds of people today. I accept Your vision. I want to work with You and for You to bring Your vision to reality in my world at this time. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** The Prophet Isaiah shares God’s vision of the new age of humankind. Peace is the watchword. Justice is based upon truth. Life is lived in relationship to God who is our loving Father. The eternal power of God is the foundation of the new life with Christ in God’s new world. Pray and work for God’s New World to grow now.

**Resolve:** I am God’s partner in building up God’s New World.