

## Walking in Christ's Light

### Daily Prayer Journal

June 28 – July 3, 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

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**Scripture:** Mark 2:13-17 (NIV) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+2'13-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+2%2713-17))

**Theme:** Healing

**Sermon:** "Healing, Wholeness & Love".

**Question:**  
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#### Monday, June 28

**Read:** Proverbs 12:15-18 (TNIV) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=june+28](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=june+28))

**15** The way of fools seems right to them, but the wise listen to advice. **16** Fools show their annoyance at once, but the prudent overlook an insult. **17** An honest witness tells the truth, but a false witness tells lies. **18** The words of the reckless pierce like swords, but the tongue of the wise brings healing.

**Journal Reflection:** Words are one of the most powerful tools we possess. They have power to destroy and to heal. The condition of our hearts makes the difference. Reflect on your words so far today and notice how they impacted the people and situations around you. Look at your words not with judgement upon yourself, but with grace enough to just notice.

**Prayer:** Dear God, change me from within that my whole life including the words that come out of my mouth might be a blessing to you and healing to those around me.

**Resolve:** I will choose my words wisely today that they might have healing power.

#### Tuesday, June 29, 2010

**Read:** Malachi 4: 1-3 (The Message) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=malachi+4:1-3](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=malachi+4:1-3))

**1-3** "Count on it: The day is coming, raging like a forest fire. All the arrogant people who do evil things will be burned up like stove wood, burned to a crisp, nothing left but scorched earth and ash— a black day. But for you, sunrise! The sun of righteousness will dawn on those who honor my name, healing radiating from its wings. You will be bursting with energy, like colts frisky and frolicking. And you'll tromp on the wicked. They'll be nothing but ashes under your feet on that Day." God-of-the-Angel-Armies says so.

**Journal Reflection:** What images come to mind when you read about those who honor God? A picture is drawn here of energy, power, playfulness and interestingly "healing". God's Spirit brings healing, or wholeness, to our lives. In what way do you not experience wholeness in your life. this passage reminds us that God both desires for us and can bring wholeness to our experience of living.

**Prayer:** God burn out of me any impurity that is preventing me from living the healed and whole life that you have designed me to live.

**Resolve:** I will lay my life in your hands today God. I surrender to your healing power.

#### Wednesday, June 30, 2010

**Read:** Mark 2:13-17 (TNIV) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+2:13-17](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+2:13-17))

**13** Once again Jesus went out beside the lake. A large crowd came to him, and he began to teach them. **14** As he walked along, he saw Levi son of Alphaeus sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," Jesus told him, and Levi got up and followed him. **15** While Jesus was having dinner at Levi's house, many tax collectors and sinners were eating with him and his disciples, for there were many who followed him. **16** When the teachers of the law who were Pharisees saw him eating with the sinners and tax collectors, they asked his disciples: "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" **17** On hearing this, Jesus said to them, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

**Journal Reflection:** In Jesus' day, the Pharisee and others in the ruling classes labelled the masses of common folk as "sinners" due to their lack of education among other things. It was considered unclean for a Pharisee to associate with these common people and the Pharisees were trying to trap Jesus by his choice to eat with them. Jesus aligns himself with the common folk who can hear his message of forgiveness and healing and reverses the tables essentially declaring his lack of interest in associating with the Pharisees. Healing is available for those who are aware of their sin.

**Prayer:** Jesus, I confess that I am in need of healing of my attitude, my thoughts, and my actions. God, heal me with your forgiveness and make me whole.

**Resolve:** I will accept Jesus' forgiveness and follow Him.

## **Thursday, July 1, 2010**

**Read:** Luke 6:17-23 (TNIV) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+6:17-23](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+6:17-23))

17 He went down with them and stood on a level place. A large crowd of his disciples was there and a great number of people from all over Judea, from Jerusalem, and from the coastal region around Tyre and Sidon, 18 who had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases. Those troubled by evil spirits were cured, 19 and the people all tried to touch him, because power was coming from him and healing them all. 20 Looking at his disciples, he said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 21 Blessed are you who hunger now, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 22 Blessed are you when people hate you, when they exclude you and insult you and reject your name as evil, because of the Son of Man. 23 "Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

**Journal Reflection:** Identification with Jesus is a blessing that provides a lifting from your current situation and a restoration into wholeness through healing. This healing brings wholeness to all aspects of life where it previously was not present. How have you encountered the blessing of wholeness that Jesus provides?

**Prayer:** God, help me to embrace your healing power and bring wholeness to my life.

**Resolve:** I will identify with Jesus today.

## **Friday, July 2, 2010**

**Read:** Acts 3:1-16 (The Message) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=acts+3:1-16](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=acts+3:1-16))

1-5 One day at three o'clock in the afternoon, Peter and John were on their way into the Temple for prayer meeting. At the same time there was a man crippled from birth being carried up. Every day he was set down at the Temple gate, the one named Beautiful, to beg from those going into the Temple. When he saw Peter and John about to enter the Temple, he asked for a handout. Peter, with John at his side, looked him straight in the eye and said, "Look here." He looked up, expecting to get something from them. 6-8 Peter said, "I don't have a nickel to my name, but what I do have, I give you: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, walk!" He grabbed him by the right hand and pulled him up. In an instant his feet and ankles became firm. He jumped to his feet and walked. 8-10 The man went into the Temple with them, walking back and forth, dancing and praising God. Everybody there saw him walking around and praising God. They recognized him as the one who sat begging at the Temple's Gate Beautiful and rubbed their eyes, astonished, scarcely believing what they were seeing. 11 The man threw his arms around Peter and John, ecstatic. All the people ran up to where they were at Solomon's Porch to see it for themselves. 12-16 When Peter saw he had a congregation, he addressed the people: "Oh, Israelites, why does this take you by such complete surprise, and why stare at us as if our power or piety made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his Son Jesus. The very One that Pilate called innocent, you repudiated. You repudiated the Holy One, the Just One, and asked for a murderer in his place. You no sooner killed the Author of Life than God raised him from the dead—and we're the witnesses. Faith in Jesus' name put this man, whose condition you know so well, on his feet—yes, faith and nothing but faith put this man healed and whole right before your eyes.

**Journal Reflection:** All things are possible with faith in Jesus, even the healing of a man who had never walked from birth due to physical limitations. On Solomon's Porch Peter makes a declaration about the source of the healing -- it is by faith in Jesus' name that wholeness was restored.

**Prayer:** Jesus, restore my faith in you that your power might be alive in my life.

**Resolve:** I will put my faith fully in Jesus.

## **Saturday, July 3, 2010**

**Read:** Revelation 21:1-5 (NIV) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=revelation+21:1-5](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=revelation+21:1-5))

1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. 2 I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and he will live with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. 4 He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away." 5 He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

**Revelation 22:1-8 (NIV)** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=revelation+22:1-8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=revelation+22:1-8))

1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb 2 down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. 3 No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. 4 They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 5 There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever. 6 The angel said to me, "These words are trustworthy and true. The Lord, the God of the spirits of the prophets, sent his angel to show his servants the things that must soon take place."

**Journal Reflection:** The book of Revelation provides a beautiful picture of Heaven, which is a place completely healed and restored to fulfill what God intended with creation. Our lives are just such a creation that God is in process of restoring.

**Prayer:** God, allow me to grasp more of your design for my life and with fear and trembling empower me to live it!

**Resolve:** I will live my life as God intended for me to live.