

Walking in Christ's Light

Daily Prayer Journal

January 26-31, 2009

*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 111:10 and I Corinthians 8:1-13

(www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+111:10)

(www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+corinthians+8:1-13)

Theme: Freedom in Christ is filled with Grace

Sermon: "Nothing But The Blood"

Question: How can I lead or follow someone who is not perfect?

MONDAY 1-26-09

Read: Mark 1:21-28 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+1:21-28)

Prayer: Most Gracious and Loving God, You do not withhold any good thing from Your children. Thank You for providing me with the power to overcome evil. Thank You for the Holy Spirit's presence every moment of every day. I truly need Your creative and energizing power in my life. Thank You for graciously and lovingly providing me with the power to choose wisely in each decision I face today. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Jesus taught with authority. The word means creative power in the original Greek language. Jesus is the living creative power of the universe in human form. When you are in a relationship with Jesus then Jesus' power is available to you. Choose today to stay in close contact with Jesus. Listen for His voice. Be aware of Christ's signs of hope given to you. Stay in touch with Christ's heart and your heart will be warmed, you will feel His presence and know what to do. Jesus power can be yours when you face the evil spirits of our world. Believe and trust in Jesus Christ and your life will become a creative power for God's goodness!

Resolve: I will trust in Jesus completely!

TUESDAY 1-27-09

Read: Psalm 111 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+111)

Prayer: Eternal God, You give me the ability to choose how my life will be today. Guide me in my choices. Help me choose to live in Your blessings and not fall into the temptation of the negative. Speak words of love through me and give me strength to stop any potentially hurtful language that might come from me. Guide me, lead me, teach me, and grow me Lord of my life. Amen.

Journal Reflection: God provides! What a concept! So often we think we must provide for everyone and that leaves us living anxiously. Sometimes we are aware that we might not be able provide for ourselves or our loved ones and that thought leaves us fear paralyzed with fear. There are times, we must confess that we are so sure of ourselves and what we can provide that become puffed up with pride. Consider today the truth of this wonderful Psalm! The feelings of awe that we experience in God's presence is actually the beginning of living wise in this world.

Resolve: I place my life in God's hands and I let go of my fear.

WEDNESDAY 1-28-09

Read: I Corinthians 8:1-13 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=1+corinthians+8:1-13)

Prayer: Jesus I ask for Your great love to be within my heart today. There are so many "meat" issues in my life. I am so quick to think I am better than someone else because of what I know. Deciding what is actually good and what is not good is quite difficult sometimes. I need Your grace to fill me up so that I will know how to choose the "Christ path" in each decision I face. Amen.

Journal Reflection: No matter what the issue, Christ's love is greater! No matter who is right, Christ's love is greater! No matter what dark sin lurks in our secret self, Christ's love is greater! God's grace triumphs over knowledge, doctrine, and our common sense. Paul is giving the Corinthians (and us) a lesson that grace comes before knowledge in church politics and everywhere else!

Resolve: I will seek to love like Jesus loves today.

THURSDAY **1-29-09**

Read: Deuteronomy 18:15-20 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=deuteronomy+18:15-20)

Prayer: Eternal God, thank You for sending Your prophets. Thank You for Your words of life that come through Your prophets. Thank You especially for the greatest prophet of all, Jesus Christ my Lord! I am blessed to be able to know His words and live in His truth. Amen.

Journal Reflection: God promised Moses to provide leaders for the people of Israel. They needed God guided leaders because the people proved to be a stubborn group. Elijah, Isaiah, Jeremiah, and a host of other leaders were ignored. Kings were followed spitefully. Even the great King David had difficulty with the people. Finally, God sent the greatest leader, Jesus! All of the law and the prophets are united in Jesus. Jesus is the one leader who reveals God as God truly is. Still, the people stubbornly rebelled. Consider the leaders you know in relationship to Jesus' leadership today. Remember Jesus' words. Let Jesus' life and teachings be first in your mind. Jesus came into the world for you. Whatever stubbornness you cling to, let it go today and listen to Jesus. Let Jesus teach you how to be a leader in your family, neighborhood, and church.

Resolve: I am a faithful follower of Jesus today.

FRIDAY **1-30-09**

Read: Matthew 7:24-29 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+7:24-29)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, I confess to You that I am often a hearer, but seldom a doer. I find so many reasons not to get involved. I am busy. Other things take up my time. I don't want to commit to something every week. I don't want to appear too "churchy". Holy Spirit, I am building my house on sand. Help me get out your "truth shovel" and begin to dig a solid rock foundation in You and You alone. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Jesus invites you to allow the creative power of God to live within you. To do so, you must put God in the center of your life. Building God's Kingdom is a priority task. Sharing your spiritual gift is a way of sharing God's blessings. Nothing and no one is more important than Christ. Review your schedule for this past week. How much time are you actually spending in building up God's Kingdom? Review your checkbook from last week. How much are you actually investing in building up God's Kingdom on earth? Ask God to help you evaluate yourself. Then, ask God to help you grow your faith to be able to live faithfully as a follower of Jesus.

Resolve: I am and will be one of God's Kingdom builders!

SATURDAY **1-31-09**

Read: John 7: 45-52 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+7:45-52)

Prayer: All-Powerful Creator, I acknowledge my place in Your universe. I am a small grain of sand in the ocean of eternity. I am limited. I am finite. I am mortal. What little I know is infinitesimal in comparison to You. Thank You for providing for me the opportunity to know You in a personal way. Thank You for accepting me as I am and inviting me to grow. Eternal God, I love You and I want to learn how to love You more. Amen.

Journal Reflection: Jesus' power is greater than political or religious roles. Jesus amazes priests, lawyers, and politicians. Jesus' power comes from the creative energy of God. Jesus' power is a force for the transformation of the world. Jesus' power is available to you. When you are connected with Jesus, you can help transform the world for good. Open your heart and mind to Jesus and experience God's creative energy flowing within you. Jesus will take you beyond politics and religion into a creative and transforming life of God's no strings attached love.

Resolve: I am open to Jesus' power transforming my life.