



**FRIDAY** **10-29-10**

**Read:** **Luke 18:9-14** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+18:9-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+18:9-14))

**Prayer:** Lord help me not to lose heart. You know me. I want what I think I want and I want it now. I hate to wait! You know me. My little corner of the world easily becomes the whole world, my aches and pains the only pain. When I pray, therefore, I mostly pray for myself. You know me! I attempt to use my faith to get what I want rather than allowing my faith to use me to get what You want. I want the world my way or no way. You know me!! More than that, You love me. Come to me, not as I want You to be, but rather as You are, a great God, Lord of heaven and earth, my Savior, my Friend, for this is why I do not lose heart. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** It's easy to be self-righteous. It's easy to fall into the "poor me" attitude. It's quite difficult to be open, vulnerable, and sharing of our inner selves. Connect with a trusted friend today and share your heart's struggle to follow Jesus. If you are not having a struggle, share your need to grow deeper in your commitment to walking with the Lord.

**Resolve:** I will walk with Jesus with my mind, heart, and checkbook.

**SATURDAY** **10-30-10**

**Read:** **Psalm 84: 1-7** ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+84:1-7](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+84:1-7))

**Prayer:** Lord, I will gather in Your church for worship tomorrow. I will put on my "Sunday best" to meet You. I will put my best foot forward. I will present myself to You and to my friends. We will all act like we want to act all during the week. Yet, You know us. We often fail to be the people we want to be. Our neat ordered appearance on Sunday is not always who we are throughout the week. Lord, You meet me where I am and bless me with Your love. I am Your child no matter what I do. Bring me close to You through the time of Worship and through the rest of the week. Forgive my failures and bring me the joy of Your forgiveness. Amen

**Journal Reflection:** Today is a wonderful day to be alive. Today prepare yourself to worship God in God's sanctuary with God's people. Pray for friends you will meet in church tomorrow. Telephone someone who needs to know God and invite them to come with you to worship. Let today be a day of joyful preparation for public worship. Expand your heart so that you are ready to share your life with Christ who gave his life for you.

**Resolve:** I will praise God today and tomorrow!

**LIFE APPLICATION QUESTIONS**

**For Sunday, October 24, 2010's Sermon**

**Foundational Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14**

([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=exodus+32:1-14](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=exodus+32:1-14))

**Scripture Questions**

**What is the scripture saying?**

- Any thoughts on what the descriptive phrase: "...how stiff-necked they are" (New RSV) in verse 9 means?
- Moses was on the mountain talking with God for 40 days and forty nights, a round number for an indefinitely long time (1 Kings 19:8; Matthew 4:2). What's it like waiting for God, or, for that matter, the messenger of God who is delayed? ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+kings+19:8](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=i+kings+19:8)) ([www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+4:2](http://www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=matthew+4:2))

**How is your life touched?**

- How strong is the urge to build our own replacement gods in the meantime?
- In verses 11-13 what does Moses do to help the children of Israel who are suffering the effects of PVS?
- Does anyone else we know from scripture do the same thing for us?

**What is God's invitation to you?**

- So, just how important is good quality communication skill, you know, clearly speaking and accurately listening, that is, getting all the facts in living life with each other and with Christ?