

Walking in Christ's Light

Daily Prayer Journal

May 31-June 5, 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 146 and John 16:5-15

(www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+146) (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+16:5-15)

Theme: "It's ok to get angry with God. God can take it."

Sermon: "Spiritual or Religious? Is there a difference?"

Question: How can I connect with the Spirit of Truth on a daily basis?

MONDAY 5-31-10

Read: John 16:5-15 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+16:5-15)

Prayer: When I am wrapped in self-pity, Christ, open my eyes to see those people who are truly suffering. Then, Christ, fill me with a desire to ease their pain. Teach me, Christ, how to live beyond my personal feelings by sharing Your great love with those who need it. Amen

Journal Reflection: The Spirit of Christ is alive within you. Jesus promised that the connection with God will be secure through the Spirit of Truth that would come after he went back to heaven. Spend time today becoming aware of the Spirit of Christ within you. Christ is not "way out there". Christ is alive, present, and actively guiding you from within your heart and soul. Listen and be assured that the Spirit of Truth is with you now and forever.

Resolve: I will be open to Christ's Spirit today and every day.

TUESDAY 6-1-10

Read: Psalm 8 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+8)

Prayer: Great loving God, You come to us as our Father, as Jesus Christ, and as the Holy Spirit. I am bold to come to You because You invited me to do so. When there was nothing but chaos, You created life. Keep creating, Father, because we are in great need of life. When humans wandered from Your way, You sent Jesus to show us the way to abundant life with You. Keep teaching us, Jesus. When my heart grows cold and hard, Holy Spirit warm me up and refresh my love. Great loving God, I praise and glorify You. Amen

Journal Reflection: This creation psalm moves us beyond ourselves. So often we live with our heads down, just grinding out life. The psalmist invites us to look up and see God's creation with fresh eyes. Become aware once again of your special place in the universe. God created you to be just a little lower than the angels! Let yourself be thrilled to know that God is "mindful" of you! Walk through today with your head up and eyes open so that you see the creative beauty of God that is all around you and within you.

Resolve: I am a special creation of a Loving God.

WEDNESDAY 6-2-10

Read: Romans 5: 1-5 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=romans+5:1-5)

Prayer: Holy Spirit, I have so many faults and weaknesses. I am aware of some and unaware of others. I seek to live beyond them, but often fall back into them. Grant me patience with myself as I seek to grow in goodness, mercy, love, and joy. Amen

Journal Reflection: Hope comes through suffering. Be honest, we don't want to suffer at all. Such is the nature of life; however, everyone suffers. Our choice is what we do when circumstances of pain and difficulty come to us. We can choose to allow our hearts to be filled with God's love, persevere, and grow in our hope. Or, we can turn into whining victims. We will all suffer, but with Christ's help we can choose to grow in God's hope! After all, God promises to be with us in all times through all things. You are not alone—ever!

Resolve: My hope is in God and God alone.

THURSDAY **6-3-10**

Read: Proverbs 8: 1-4, 22-31 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=proverbs+8:1-4;22-31)

Prayer: God of all wisdom. You are the source of the knowledge of right living. You are the one who teaches how to choose wisely. You are the one I can turn to in decision times. Thank you for being present with me, especially in the tough times of my life. I pray for wisdom Lord. Grant my prayer so that I may serve You and Your people in a better way. Amen

Journal Reflection: Wisdom is a rare commodity. Wisdom is not an easy buy. Knowledge we can buy from books, schools, television, the World Wide Web, and other sources to numerous to mention. But wisdom is bought with the price of our lives. We grow into God's wisdom through experience. If we are opened up to God then God is our teacher and we can develop wisdom. God's holy wisdom knows the right path into abundant life. God's holy wisdom does not just know the facts; it knows true Godly values. Open yourself to God's wisdom teaching today and every day so that your life will be blessed by God.

Resolve: God's wisdom is my goal today.

FRIDAY **6-4-10**

Read: Revelations 4: 1-11 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=revelations+4:1-11)

Prayer: Eternal God, I confess today that I often take You for granted. I am so centered upon my little corner of the world that I do not consider Your majesty and power. Thank You for forgiving my pride. Moreover, thank You for continuing to reveal Yourself to me so that I may grow in my worship and praise of You. Amen

Journal Reflection: What a vision! Reread the Holy Scripture! In your mind's eye place yourself before God's throne. Hear the voices of the heavenly beings sing out their worship. Hear the elders lift their praise. Wow! God is God of the universe and beyond. When the Bible says that God is eternal it means that God is beyond any constraints of time, space, or matter. Abundant life now is God's promise. Eternal life with God is also God's promise to you. Hold this heavenly vision from Revelation in your mind all day. Praise and worship God today in all you do.

Resolve: I give you honor, worship, praise, and glory, O Eternal God!

SATURDAY **6-5-10**

Read: Isaiah 6:1-8 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=isaiah+6:1-8)

Prayer: Lord God, there are days when I think I am too busy today to listen to You. I have so much to do. My "to do" list is really too long. I know that I am going to be running about so much that I will not remember to be mindful of You. So, God, in the midst of my self-arrogance today, please God, do not be too busy to watch over me. Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!! Amen

Journal Reflection: Here is another vision of the true Worship of God. Isaiah is in the midst of grief and anxiety over the death of his friend King Uzziah of Israel. At this point of personal pain, God shows up. Isaiah had a carefully crafted schedule that day and God messed it up. God called to him and asked Isaiah to change his plans and be willing to do God's mission. Our God is a God of surprises. When you least expect God to be present, God becomes real! Are you willing to have your carefully laid plans changed by God? If not, what are the reasons you are holding back? Decide today to go when and where the Lord sends you. Trust God and live abundantly.

Resolve: I love You, Lord. I lift my voice to You in praise!