

Walking in Christ's Light
Daily Prayer Journal

May 16-21, 2011

*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: Mark 2:1-12, John 6:1-21 (NRSV)

(www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+2:1-12) (<http://www.devotions.net/bible/00bible.htm>)

Theme: When paralyzed by fear, Trust Jesus

Sermon: "The Monster Under Megan's Bed"

MONDAY **5-16-11**

Scripture: Psalm 14 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=psalm+14)

Reflection: Quoting an ad for a digital camera, "We've made it so easy to use, you won't have to ask you kids for help." The young are the only reason the electronic gadgets of the Boomer generation work at all!

TUESDAY **5-17-11**

Scripture: 2 Samuel 11:1-15 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ii+samuel+11:1-15)

Reflection: Sometimes the younger humans process problems on more than one level. Consider the English teacher who wrote on the blackboard: "I ain't had no fun all summer." "Now Sidney," she asked, "What shall I do to correct this?" "Go get a boyfriend, MS. Hughes," Sidney replied.

WEDNESDAY **5-18-11**

Scripture: John 6:1-21 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=john+6:1-21)

Reflection: "Calvin and Hobbes" by Bill Watterson

Frame 1: (Calvin speaking to teacher)

Calvin: "Teacher?"

Teacher: "You have a question, Calvin?"

Calvin: "Yes! What assurance do I have that this education is adequately preparing me for this 21st century?"

(Next frame) "Am I getting the skills I'll need to effectively compete in a tough, global economy? I want a high-paying job when I get out of here! I want opportunity!"

(Last frame) Teacher: "In that case, young man, I suggest you start working harder. What you get out of school depends on what you put into it."

Calvin: "Oh, then forget it."

THURSDAY **5-19-11**

Scripture: Ephesians 3:14-21 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=ephesians+3:14-21)

Reflection: In 1995, Mississippi governor Kirk Fordice issued a challenge to each of the State's 5,500 churches and synagogues: "Help just one poor family to get back on its feet." Two-hundred sixty-seven took up the challenge. In 1996, only 15 were still matched with families.

FRIDAY **5-20-11**

Scripture: Mark 2:1-12 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=mark+2:1-12)

Reflection: If you're interested, there is a wonderful exercise in humility. It helps you appreciate that you don't have all the answers and that it's worth listening to people you never thought could teach you anything: Let your kids or grand kids tutor you in a subject they know more about than you do.

SATURDAY **5-21-11**

Scripture: Luke 24:13-35 (www.biblegateway.com/bible?passage=luke+24:13-35)

Reflection: This one gets asked a lot in church: "Would you recognize Jesus if he appeared in life in a manner you did not already know or with which you were completely comfortable?"