

## **YOUR WEEKLY WALK: Jan. 14-20, 2019**

*Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. (Eph. 4.1)*

A 7-day devotion based on the sermons of the week to help reinforce God's Word in your daily life.

### **MONDAY, Jan. 14 (Sunday morning sermon)**

**READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 2.13:** *But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** "God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation." What a powerful statement! God chooses with purpose. God has already determined from before He created the universe that all who placed their faith and trust in Jesus would be saved. God does not set some aside to be saved while He sets others aside to be lost. God's choice is to save all who by faith place their trust and believe in Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of sins. Praise God for His power to save!

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** *Father, thank you that You save all who trust in Christ.*

### **TUESDAY, Jan. 15 (Sunday morning sermon)**

**READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 2. 13:** *But we should always give thanks to God for you, brethren beloved by the Lord, because God has chosen you from the beginning for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and faith in the truth.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** Sanctification is another word for holiness. When God saves us, He fills us with His Holy Spirit, and it is because of His Holy Spirit that we begin to understand His Word. As we understand His Word we begin to understand His desire for us to live a life that honors Him. As we live a life that honors God, we grow closer to Him daily – this is the process of sanctification, growing closer to God in holiness daily by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** *Lord thank You for the power and presence of Your Holy Spirit that helps me grow closer to You daily.*

### **WEDNESDAY, Jan. 16 (Sunday morning sermon)**

**READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 2.15:** *So then, brethren, stand firm and hold to the traditions which you were taught, whether by word of mouth or by letter from us.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** Paul gave the church two commands: stand firm and hold on. Both commands deal with what they had been taught about the Word of God. As we stand in the truth of God's word we will be able to discern falsehood.

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** *Father, help me to stand firm daily in the truth of Your Word.*

Wednesday night @ Bethel – *the family place to be!*

6 p.m.: family meal;

6:40 p.m.: TeamKids;

7:00 p.m.: Bible studies:

"Living the Jesus way – the Sermon on the Mount (Matt. 5-7)", adult co-ed led by Pastor Ben;

"Love and respect" – adult co-ed marriage and relationship class led by Jason and Stacy Mesnard;

"Firm in faith" – women's Bible study led by Jamie Cearlock;

1 Corinthians – men's Bible study led by Dustin Jackson;

Youth Bible study led by Pastor Dave.

**THURSDAY, Jan. 17 (Wednesday night sermon)**

**READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 6.19:** *Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** A “treasure” is anything we value, anything we collect. While there is nothing wrong with having possessions in life, the key is not allowing what we have to possess us. Jesus taught a very important fact in this verse: life is temporary, don’t place too much emphasis on what will one day fade away (tomorrow’s devotion is the second part of this teaching)

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** *Father help me not to be so earthy-focused that I miss what is really important in life.*

**FRIDAY, Jan. 18 (Wednesday night sermon)**

**READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 6.20:** *But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** What is the one item here on this earth that will one day be in eternity? The spirit of man. If the spirit of man is the only item here on this earth that will be in eternity, then our focus must be on the one great treasure God has created: man. People matter to God because not only did He create man and woman, but Jesus Christ went to the cross and died to pay man’s sin debt so that man would not have to spend eternity in a Christless hell.

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** *Father thank you that You cared enough about sinful man to send Your Son to pay man’s sin debt on the cross.*

**SATURDAY, Jan. 19 (Wednesday night sermon)**

**READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 6.24:** *No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.*

**THINK ABOUT IT:** We will either serve God or serve the world. James wrote that to be friends with the world is to be enemies with God (Jas. 4.4). When we try to serve both God and the world we wind up with a divided heart, and a divided heart cannot serve God. Jesus taught, “No one, after putting his hand to plow and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.” (Luke 9.62)

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** *Lord help me not to have a divided heart, but to be singularly focused on serving You.*

**SUNDAY, Jan. 20**

**READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 3.1-18**

**THINK ABOUT IT:** Verse thirteen sums up Paul’s entire teaching to the church at Thessalonica, “*But as for you, brethren, do not grow weary of doing good.*” Sometimes we do grow weary because we don’t see or can’t see how God is working and we get frustrated or discouraged or both. We have to remember that God works in God’s way, and while we may not be able to see *how* God is working, we can take confidence in the fact that God *is* working. Our part is to continue to serve Him faithfully regardless of whether we see results or not.

**PRAY ABOUT IT:** *Lord, help me to not grow weary in my service to You.*