

YOUR WEEKLY WALK: Jan. 28 – Feb. 3, 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. 28 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Luke 23.39: *One of the criminals who were hanged there was hurling abuse at Him, saying, "Are You not the Christ? Save Yourself and us!"*

THINK ABOUT IT: Jesus was crucified between two thieves. One thief could have cared less who Jesus was, all he wanted to do was get down from the cross. He was disrespectful (hurling abuse), he was a disbeliever ("Are You not the Christ?"), and he was demanding ("Save Yourself and us!"). The thief was right next to the source of his salvation and all he could do was yell at Jesus and make demands. If he would have confessed his sins and trusted Christ, he would have been saved. Unfortunately for him, he died *alone* – without Jesus; he died *apart* – separated by unbelief from the saving grace of God; and He died *absolutely* – forever lost in a Christless hell. With Jesus, you are never alone.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father, thank you for your Spirit that dwells within each believer so that we are never alone.*

TUESDAY, Jan. 29 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Luke 23.40: *But the other answered, and rebuking him said, "Do you not even fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?"*

THINK ABOUT IT: The other thief crucified with Jesus had a totally different attitude. First, he professed fear of God, no doubt because he knew both he and his fellow criminal would soon be standing before God in eternity! Next, he admitted their sin (under the same sentence of condemnation, we are suffering justly and getting what we deserve, v. 41). Third, he professed that Jesus was innocent (this man has done nothing wrong, v. 42). Finally, he simply asked Jesus to remember him; Jesus promised him heaven (paradise) that very day (vv. 42-43). When we confess our sins and repent, Jesus saves us and gives us life and life everlasting.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord thank you for Your salvation that is as close as a prayer.*

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 30 (Wednesday evening sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 7.1: *Do not judge so that you will not be judged.*

THINK ABOUT IT: To judge someone means to make a determination about them based on outward appearances. Jesus warned those listening to Him that we have no right to judge anyone because the scale we use on others will be used on us. There is only one judge and He is God.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father help me not to have judgmental attitudes and thoughts towards others.*

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. 31 (Wednesday night sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Matt. 7.2: *For in the way you judge, you will be judged; and by your standard of measure, it will be measured to you.*

THINK ABOUT IT: When we judge someone, the standard we use is ourselves, and we are all sinners. God is the only judge; the standard He uses is His righteousness and holiness. When we compare ourselves to God's standard, we fall way short every time; this is why we are never to judge anyone.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father thank you that You judge based on Your character and not by human standards.*

FRIDAY, Feb. 1 (Sunday night, Rehoboth Evangelism Conference)

READ ABOUT IT: Luke 9.51: *When the days were approaching for His ascension, He was determined to go to Jerusalem.*

THINK ABOUT IT: Jesus was singularly focused on going to Jerusalem. Why? Jerusalem was where the cross was, that was where He would be crucified for the sins of man. His focus was on completing the will of God for the glory of God. Our service to the Lord should be the same – singularly focused on completing the will of God for the glory of God in our own lives. God saves us and equips us to serve Him for His glory – that's our focus.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father help me to be focused on serving you with the gifts You have given me for Your glory.*

SATURDAY, Feb. 2 (Sunday night, Rehoboth Evangelism Conference)

READ ABOUT IT: John 9.4: *We must work the works of Him who sent Me as long as it is day; night is coming when no one can work.*

THINK ABOUT IT: The only day we can serve the Lord is today. The only day we can witness to the saving grace of Jesus Christ is today. The only day anyone will hear the life-transforming message of the gospel is today. John 9.4 is a sobering message: we only have the days God gives us to proclaim His message of salvation; let's be good stewards of those days.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord help me to be more evangelistic in my dealings with a lost world.*

SUNDAY, Feb. 3

READ ABOUT IT: Eph. 5.31: *For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and shall be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.*

THINK ABOUT IT: God established the family long before He established the church. God put man and woman together because man did not have a, "helper suitable for him (Gen. 2.18)." God created woman from man's rib so they would walk side-by-side through life, supporting one another, and loving each other as Christ loves the church. The marriage that honors God is the marriage that mirrors Christ and His church.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father, thank You for Your design for the family.*