

YOUR WEEKLY WALK: Jan. 7-13, 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. 7 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 2.1-2: *Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.*

THINK ABOUT IT: Paul made reference to the return of the Lord in every chapter of 1 & 2 Thessalonians, and later would write about it again to the church at Corinth. That the Lord will return is a fact, and on that day He will gather the church to Himself. Only those who have placed their faith and trust in Jesus will be gathered to the Lord, and God knows those who belong to Him. Before that day comes, make sure you are ready. The only way to be ready is through the saving grace of God by faith in Jesus Christ.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father, thank you that one day Jesus will return. Lord in my life help me to ready at all times for that great day, and to share with others how they can be ready.*

TUESDAY, Jan. 8 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 2.1-2: *Now we request you, brethren, with regard to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our gathering together to Him, that you not be quickly shaken from your composure or be disturbed either by a spirit or a message or a letter as if from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord has come.*

THINK ABOUT IT: Paul wanted to reassure the church the second coming of the Lord had not happened yet. Paul knew if the church thought they had missed the return of the Lord it would absolutely affect their faith. Staying grounded in God's Word is a great way to make sure we are not being misled by the "fake news" of Satan.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord help me to stay grounded in your Word as a defense against the attack of false news that goes against Your truth.*

WEDNESDAY, Jan. 9 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 2.10: *and with all the deception of wickedness for those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth so as to be saved.*

THINK ABOUT IT: Satan deceives to draw people away from the truth of Jesus Christ. When we submerge ourselves in the truth of God's Word then it is much easier to identify the lies of Satan.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father, help me not to be led astray by the lies of the enemy.*

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. 10 (Sunday night sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Mark 10.13: *And they were bringing children to Him so that He might touch them; but the disciples rebuked them.*

THINK ABOUT IT: The disciples thought they were doing Jesus a favor by restricting access by children to Him. Jesus used the children to teach the disciples an important lesson about the kingdom of God: access is open to all who will by faith come to Him.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord thank you that Your invitation to salvation and eternal life is open to all who will by faith receive You.*

FRIDAY, Jan. 11 (Sunday night sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Mark 10.14: *But when Jesus saw this, He was indignant and said to them, "Permit the children to come to Me; do not hinder them; for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.*

THINK ABOUT IT: The disciples missed the whole point of what Jesus was trying to teach them. The, "such as these" was not a reference to children, but rather those who come in child-like faith to Jesus. This is how we must come to Jesus and live for Him daily – with and in child-like faith.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord help me to totally and completely trust in You daily.*

SATURDAY, Jan. 12 (Sunday night sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Mark 10.15: *Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it at all.*

THINK ABOUT IT: Children were not considered as of much worth in the first century. Receiving the kingdom, "like a child" means we understand our helplessness apart from God, and our total dependence on Him for everything. While children may have been considered of not much worth in the first century, Jesus considers everyone of great value, and that value was demonstrated through His death on the cross for the sins of man and His resurrection three days later.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord thank you for the fact that Your salvation is open and available to all; thank you that no one is unimportant to You.*

SUNDAY, Jan. 13

READ ABOUT IT: 2 Thes. 1.13-17

THINK ABOUT IT: Paul challenged the church to, "stand firm and keep a strong grip on the teaching we passed on to you (NLT)." These are very important reminders to stay strong in our faith as we serve the Lord. The stronger and longer a local church, "stands firm", the greater its witness will be for the Lord.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord, help us as Your body of believers to stand firm in our faith and to keep a strong grip on Your Word.*