

YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Feb. 11-17, 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. 4.11)

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

Monday, Feb 11 (Sunday evening sermon)

Read about it: Mark 10.46: Then they came to Jericho. And as He was leaving Jericho with His disciples and a large crowd, a blind beggar named Bartimaeus, the son of Timeaus, was sitting by the road.

Think about it: Jesus encountered all types of people in His ministry. Jesus did not have an office from which He worked out of and sent the disciples from. Jesus walked among humanity. He met people where they were in life. The same is true of us today, ministry is about following Jesus on this road called life, meeting people where they are and relating the love of God to them with the hopes of pointing them to the only source of hope and life in this world, and He is Jesus Christ.

Pray about it: Lord, help me to realize that You have called me to walk with Jesus on the road of life, and to share the good news of Jesus along the way.

Tuesday, Feb. 12 (Sunday evening sermon)

Read about it: Mark 10.50: Throwing aside his cloak, he jumped up and came to Jesus.

Think about it: The cloak was a very important garment of the first century. The cloak provided warmth, protection, and even as a cover when sleeping. The cloak could have been all that Bartimaeus owned, and would have been what he put down on the ground to collect the few coins people gave him as he sat and begged. Yet his cloak was not more important than getting to Jesus. In our lives, we have to throw off anything that might hinder our coming to and walking with Jesus, even as important as it might be.

Pray about it: Lord if there is anything in my life that is hindering me from following You, help me to identify it and throw it aside for Your glory.

Wednesday, Feb. 13 (Sunday evening sermon)

Read about it: Mark 10.52: And Jesus said to him, "Go, your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and began following Him on the road.

Think about it: Where was faith? Faith was the confidence and assurance Bartimaeus had in Jesus to heal him. It was faith in Christ that was important. Faith is not a philosophical concept or a religious idea; faith is not a blind leap into the unknown nor is it a guess or a maybe. Faith is the person of Jesus Christ. In Christ we have the assurance of the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting; this is not a hope or a guess or a maybe—it is the guarantee of the One who conquered sin, death, and the grave.

Pray about it: Father, may my life be a testimony to my faith in You.

Wednesday night @ Bethel – THE family place to be.

6 p.m.: family meal

Women's Ministry meeting – church library

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 taught 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, Feb. 14 (Wednesday evening sermon) – HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY

Read about it: Matt. 7.7: Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and it will be opened to you.

Think about it: In the Greek language, this verse could be read this way: keep on asking, keep on seeking, keep on knocking. Our prayer life is a continual dialogue with God. Paul wrote we are to pray without ceasing (1 Thes. 5.17) which means we are to be ready to pray at all times and pray for specific items throughout the day. Along with the continuing activity of prayer are the promises found here: it will be given, you will find, it will be opened; great promises from the Word of God when it comes to our prayer life.

Pray about it: Lord, help me to be a person of prayer.

Friday, Feb. 15 (Wednesday evening sermon)

Read about it: Matt. 7.11: If you then being evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him?

Think about it: God's Word gives promises about our prayers. The key to effective prayers is this: praying in God's will. While we may not be able to discern God's will, we simply have to ask ourselves this question: will the answer to this prayer honor God? The answer to that prayer is a good indicator whether the prayer is in God's will or not.

Pray about it: Father, thank You for Your prayer promises in Your Word. Help me to pray those prayers that honor You.

Saturday, Feb. 16 (Wednesday evening sermon)

Read about it: Matt. 7.12: In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets.

Think about it: This one verse is often referred to as the Golden Rule. In the Ten Commandments, the last six commandments deal with our relationships with our fellow man. If we treat those we come in contact with, with the grace and love of God, then we are honoring the Word of God. Just think of how God has treated you; a good rule to follow when thinking of how to treat others.

Pray about it: Lord, thank You for how You love me in spite of who and how I am. Help me to love others with the love You love me with.

Sunday, Feb. 17

Read about it: Job 38.1-11

Think about it: Just as the sea shore, as a boundary, defines where the sea will stop, boundaries define who we are. Boundaries also define what our marriages are supposed to look like. We are responsible for our marriages in concert with the leadership of the Holy Spirit. The boundaries we place should serve to honor God and protect and define our marriages.

Pray about it: Father, help me to guard my marriage and relationships with boundaries that serve to honor You.