

## YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Feb. 18-24, 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 18 (Sunday morning sermon)

**Read about it: Job 38.4: Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth? Tell Me, if you have understanding.**

**Think about it:** After Job had spent considerable time lamenting his condition and complaining to God, God asked Job a series of questions beginning with: Job, where were you when I created the heavens and the earth? Job did not have God's perspective on his life and God was trying to get Job to understand the bigger picture. In life we may not always have the proper perspective on events which can lead us to complain. Isa. 55.8-9 teaches us that God's ways and thoughts are not like man's. In our marriages, as with life, we may not always have the proper understanding or answers to what is happening. However, when we place boundaries on our marriages to define and protect our marriages, we will have a proper framework from which to navigate those times of uncertainties.

**Pray about it:** Lord, help me to understand that boundaries help put definition in life, and that for marriages to survive and thrive there must be boundaries grounded in You.

### Tuesday, Feb. 19 (Sunday morning sermon)

**Read about it: 2 Cor. 6.14: Do not be bound together with unbelievers; for what partnership have righteousness and lawlessness, or what fellowship has light with darkness?**

**Think about it:** Boundaries give definition to life and to our marriages. Boundaries help define what our marriage is and what it is not. Boundaries grounded in faith in Jesus Christ and led by the Spirit of God will help to keep that marriage strong against influences that may seek to weaken or destroy the marriage.

**Pray about it:** Lord I pray that You are honored in the relationships that I have.

### Wednesday, Feb. 20 (Sunday evening sermon)

**Read about it: Mark 11.2: And said to them, "Go into the village opposite you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, on which no one yet has ever sat; untie it and bring it here."**

**Think about it:** The disciples may have been a bit confused by what Jesus told them to do. They had been with Him for three years and had seen many miracles and had been involved in many ministry activities. They had never seen Jesus riding on any type of animal in His ministry, so this request to get a donkey (colt) may have seemed confusing. There are times when we may not understand what God is leading us to do. God simply desires us to be obedient; His will is good, pleasing and perfect (Rom. 12.2). Regardless of God's reasons for sending us out, our part is to be obedient and serve Him for His glory.

**Pray about it:** Father, help me to be obedient to your call in serving regardless of where it leads.

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 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. 21 (Sunday evening sermon)**

**Read about it: Mark 11.9-10:** Those who went in front and those who followed were shouting: “Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord; blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David; Hosanna in the highest.”

**Think about it:** Jesus entered Jerusalem on the first day of the week to the cheers of the people. They were celebrating because they thought Jesus was coming to kick the Romans out and set up His rule as king of Israel. What they did not understand was that Jesus was coming as the Son of Man and the Son of God, to die on a cruel cross for the sins of man. The disciples were following the king into Jerusalem; His call is to follow Him all the way to the cross (Mark 8.34).

**Pray about it:** Father help me to be a faithful follower of You.

**Friday, Feb. 22 (Wednesday evening sermon)**

**Read about it: Matt. 7.13:** Enter through the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and there are many who enter through it.

**Think about it:** in Matt. 7.13-14, Jesus is not teaching about the difference between the saved and lost person, He is teaching about the difference between those who take discipleship seriously and those who do not. The wide gate and broad way represents those who profess faith in Christ and yet do not follow the road of the disciple. All Christians are saved as disciples of Christ and have been called to walk the road of the disciple.

**Pray about it:** Father, help me to pursue spiritual maturity as your disciple.

**Saturday, Feb. 23 (Wednesday evening sermon)**

**Read about it: Matt. 7.14:** For the gate is small and the way is narrow that leads to life, and there are few who find it.

**Think about it:** The pursuit of spiritual growth is both an expectation and a choice. God expects His children to pursue spiritual growth. At the same time, the pursuit of spiritual growth is a choice each follower of Jesus must make. God saves us as His followers, His disciples – saved and equipped to pursue spiritual growth and to grow as disciples. There are no exemptions when it comes to spiritual growth.

**Pray about it:** Lord, thank You for equipping me to grow as a follower of Jesus Christ through the person of the Holy Spirit.

**Sunday, Feb. 24**

**Read about it: Phil. 4.1-7**

**Think about it:** There were two women in the church at Philippi that did not get along – Euodia and Syntyche. No one knows what the issue was but Paul urged them to, “live in harmony in the Lord.” That word ‘harmony’ means to agree together or have the same mind about something. Disagreements will surface from time to time in our marriages and relationships. Being willing to work through those times of disagreements helps strengthen marriages. The enemy is always looking for ways to attack our marriages and relationships, being out of harmony with each other is one way he attacks.

**Pray about it:** Father, help me to guard against disharmony in my marriage and relationships.

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