

YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Feb. 25 – Mar. 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. 4.11)

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

Monday, Feb 25 (Sunday morning sermon)

Read about it: Phil. 4.2: *I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in harmony in the Lord.*

Think about it: To 'live in harmony' means to have the same mind about something, or to be on the same page. Whatever the issues were between these two women in v. 2, they were not on the same page and their disharmony was affecting the church. In our marriages, husbands and wives must be on the same page, they must be of the same mind to ensure there is harmony in the marriage. Harmony is only achieved when both husband and wife are clearly communicating with one another and not at one another. Communication is the key to harmony in the marriage.

Pray about it: *Lord, help me to be better at both communicating and listening to my spouse for better marital harmony.*

Tuesday, Feb. 26 (Sunday morning sermon)

Read about it: Phil. 4.6: *Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.*

Think about it: Why is it easier for us to complain than it is to thank God in our marriages? Why is our default attitude one of criticism or grumbling instead of rejoicing and thanksgiving in our relationships? We have far more to thank God and praise God for than we do to complain against. Concentrate on thanksgiving, focus on praising God – your marriage will be the better for it.

Pray about it: *Lord help me to more thankful than I am critical.*

Wednesday, Feb. 27 (Sunday evening sermon)

Read about it: Mark 11.15: *Then they came to Jerusalem. And He entered the temple and began to drive out those who were buying and selling in the temple, and overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who were selling doves.*

Think about it: Jesus overturned the tables of the money changers and drove them from the temple grounds because they had turned the temple into a place of business. The temple was supposed to be a place of worship, the place where God resided among His people, and yet the religious leaders had turned it into something it was never intended to be. The facilities of any church are simply tools used for worship, evangelism, and Bible study. The facilities of any church are not more important than the mission of the church – the proclamation of the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must always make sure the focus of our ministries are on people and not buildings.

Pray about it: *Father, help me to understand that ministry is all about people, people for whom Christ died.*

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. 28 (Sunday evening sermon)

Read about it: Mark 11.17: *And He began to teach and say to them, "Is it not written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer for all the nations'? But you have made it a robbers' den."*

Think about it: Jesus quoted from both the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah about the purpose of the temple and the people's focus of worship. Worship had become nothing more than ritual to the people, it was simply something they did but had no lasting effect on their lives. Jesus condemned their lack of heart-felt worship. We must be careful in our own lives that our worship of God does not become a ritual we go through.

Pray about it: *Father may my life be a sacrifice of praise and worship to You at all times.*

Friday, Mar. 1 (Wednesday evening sermon)

Read about it: Matt. 7.20: *So then you will know them by their fruits.*

Think about it: Jesus warned His disciples to be on the lookout for the false prophet. Jesus used the example of the two trees and two kinds of fruit: the good tree would bear good fruit while the bad tree would bear bad fruit. True disciples of Christ follow Jesus as disciples, their spiritual growth results in spiritual fruit.

Pray about it: *Father, help me in my pursuit of spiritual maturity.*

Saturday, Mar. 2 (Wednesday evening sermon)

Read about it: Matt. 7.21: *Not everyone who says to Me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of My Father who is in heaven will enter.*

Think about it: A saving relationship with Jesus Christ is more than just a verbal statement, it is a relationship marked by a faith that works. While we are not saved by works, we are saved by a faith that works. The fruit of the Christian is the life that serves the Lord because of the Christian's love for the Lord. As Jesus said twice in these verses of Scripture, "You will know them by their fruits."

Pray about it: *Lord, may my life be a living testimony to my growing faith in You.*

Sunday, Mar. 3

Read about it: 1 Cor. 13

Think about it: All marriages go through "seasons" in life. From the beginning of post-honeymoon settling down to the years of raising children to the adjustments of the empty nest, all marriages go through seasons. Regardless of the season our marriages may be in, it is the unconditional love of God that is the glue to hold it together. Our love for our spouses must be as unconditional through the years as God's love is for us.

Pray about it: *Father, I pray You will help us keep our love for each other strong and growing through the seasons in our marriage.*

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