

YOUR WEEKLY WALK: Feb. 4-10, 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, Feb. 4 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Eph. 5.22: Wives be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord.

THINK ABOUT IT: In Eph 5.22-33 Paul described the proper relationship between husbands and wives. For the wife to be in subjection to her husband means she recognizes him as the head of the home. Husbands have been given leadership of the home based on these verses. The wife should recognize the husband as head of the home as she recognizes Christ as being head of the church. This relationship is an outgrowth of the wife's on-going and on-growing relationship with Christ. If husbands and wives are not growing in their relationship with Christ, then they will struggle in their relationship with each other as husband and wife.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord, strengthen our marriages through our personal, daily walk with You.*

TUESDAY, Feb. 5 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Eph. 5.25: Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her.

THINK ABOUT IT: Men are physical creatures, that's how God has made them. However, in this verse, the word Paul uses for 'love' is not a physical love. Rather, the word for 'love' used here means an intentional direction of the will towards another, wanting the best for them. *The Message* paraphrases this verse in this way, "Husbands, go all out in your love for your wives, exactly as Christ did for the church—a love marked by giving, not getting."

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Lord I pray that the husbands and wives of our church will love and respect each other in a way that honors You.*

WEDNESDAY, Feb. 6 (Sunday morning sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Eph. 5.30: because we are members of His body.

THINK ABOUT IT: Strong marriages make strong churches. Satan knows he cannot destroy the church, so he attacks the church through the family. As families grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ, as husbands and wives grow in their relationship with each other, churches are strengthened to serve the Lord and to withstand the attacks of the enemy.

PRAY ABOUT IT: *Father help our church families grow strong in their walk with You.*

Wednesday night @ Bethel – *the family place to be!*

6 p.m.: family meal;

Bethel 125th Anniversary Planning Committee meeting in Adult II classroom

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, Feb. 7 (Sunday night sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Mark 10.33: saying, “Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem, and the Son of Man will be delivered to the chief priests and the scribes; and they will condemn Him to death and will hand Him over to the Gentiles.”

THINK ABOUT IT: When Jesus said, “We are going up to Jerusalem”, He was including His disciples in His journey to the cross. Whether they understood it or not right then, the lives of the disciples were intertwined with that of Jesus; His mission became their mission. As disciples of Christ today, our walk with the Lord is no different – we follow the crucified Savior.

PRAY ABOUT IT: Lord help me to follow You daily as Your disciple.

FRIDAY, Feb. 8 (Sunday night sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Mark 10.43: But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant.

THINK ABOUT IT: James and John asked Jesus a very bold request: grant that we may sit, one on Your right and one on Your left, in Your glory (v. 37). They were focused on status; Jesus had to teach them and the rest of the disciples there is no status other than that of a servant in His kingdom.

PRAY ABOUT IT: Father help me to be Your faithful servant as I follow You.

SATURDAY, Feb. 9 (Sunday night sermon)

READ ABOUT IT: Mark 10.45: For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.

THINK ABOUT IT: This is the mission statement of Jesus; He came to serve and give His life. Our purpose, our mission in life as children of God is no different—to serve and if necessary give our lives for the sake of the gospel.

PRAY ABOUT IT: Lord help me to serve You faithfully regardless of the circumstances of my service.

SUNDAY, Feb. 10

READ ABOUT IT: Job 38.1-11

THINK ABOUT IT: After Job’s lament on his circumstances, and after his so-called friends offer their own spin on his circumstances, God spoke to Job. God simply asks Job, “Where were you when I created the earth? What kind of power do you have to tell the sea where to stop?” God was simply trying to get Job to understand that God’s ways were much higher than his, and that even though he did not understand his situation, Job was to fully trust and rely on God’s perfect plan. God told Job that He, as Creator, placed boundaries on the sea as to how far it could go. The same must be true in our marriages and relationships – if we don’t put boundaries in our marriages and relationships we will soon find ourselves drifting in dangerous territory that will harm those relationships.

PRAY ABOUT IT: Father, help me to make sure there are boundaries in my marriage and relationships that serve to keep me focused on protecting those relationships and honoring You.