

YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Mar. 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, Mar. 11 (Sunday morning sermon)

Read about it: 1 Cor. 13.1: *If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal.*

Think about it: In 1 Cor. 12, Paul wrote about the many different spiritual gifts given to the church for the purpose of building up the church. In 1 Cor. 13 Paul takes a pause to teach the church a very important truth: all the gifts in the world are useless and mere religion apart from love. Love is the framework from which we use those gifts to the glory of God. The same is true of our marriages—without love, the love of God as the basis of everything we do, our marriages are nothing more than shells. Love must be the framework in which our marriages take place.

Pray about it: *Lord, help me to demonstrate Your love in my life and marriage.*

Tuesday, Mar. 12 (Sunday morning sermon)

Read about it: 1 Cor. 13.8: *Love never fails; but if there are gifts of prophecy, they will be done away; if there are tongues, they will cease; if there is knowledge, it will be done away.*

Think about it: Love is eternal; it was there before the world was created and it will be there after the world is gone. God is love (1 John 4.8), and because God is love and because God is eternal, love is eternal as well. This is the love our marriages must emulate, the eternal and unending love of God demonstrated to us through Jesus Christ.

Pray about it: *Lord thank You that Your love for me will never fail. Help me to demonstrate that same love in my life.*

Wednesday, Mar. 13 (Sunday evening sermon)

Read about it: Mark 11.22: *And Jesus answered saying to them, "Have faith in God."*

Think about it: Jesus did not just tell the disciples, "Have faith," He told them, "Have faith *in God*." God is the object of our faith. Jesus spoke in reference to prayer because God and only God has the power to answer prayer. To have faith in God means to have confidence and assurance in who God is and what God can do. If we want our prayers to work, then our prayers must be grounded in the truth that God hears our prayers and that God is able to answer those prayers for His glory.

Pray about it: *Father, help me not to doubt the power of prayer and not to doubt Your power to answer prayer.*

Wednesday night @ Bethel – THE family place to be.

6 p.m.: family meal

6:40 p.m.: TeamKids

7:00 p.m.: Bible studies:

"Life under the sun: The Book of Ecclesiastes", 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, Mar. 14 (Sunday evening sermon)

Read about it: Mark 11.24: *Therefore I say to you, all things for which you pray and ask, believe that you have received them, and they will be granted you.*

Think about it: While we may be people who claim to believe in the power of prayer, oftentimes we pray but in the back of our mind we think, "It's not going to happen." When we do this, we are not demonstrating true belief in prayer. If we, in our minds, are firm and sure of our prayers being answered by God, then we are living the truth of this verse.

Pray about it: *Father, even when faced with difficult situations, help me to be confident in my prayers.*

Friday, Mar. 15 (Wednesday evening sermon)

Read about it: Ecc. 1.8: *All things are wearisome; man is not able to tell it. The eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor is the ear filled with hearing.*

Think about it: Ecclesiastes 1 can be a depressing chapter to read. The writer of Ecclesiastes, possibly Solomon, seems to be in despair because according to him, life has no meaning. Apart from a relationship with Jesus Christ, this is true, life has no meaning. Jesus Christ puts life into perspective; the cross demonstrated not only the devastation that sin causes, but the power of God's love to overcome sin. The resurrection demonstrated that life is about much more than what is on this earth. Life has meaning in Jesus Christ.

Pray about it: *Lord thank you that in Jesus Christ there is life and life more abundantly.*

Saturday, Mar. 16 (Wednesday evening sermon)

Read about it: Ecc. 1.18: *Because in much wisdom there is much grief, and increasing knowledge results in increasing pain.*

Think about it: The pursuit of knowledge for the sake of knowledge is a useless pursuit. There is nothing wrong with knowledge, but knowledge alone will do us no good apart from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. A person can become an expert in the Bible and still die and go to a Christless hell apart from a saving relationship with Jesus Christ. Knowledge that leads to Jesus is the best kind of knowledge a person can have.

Pray about it: *Lord, help me to grow in my relationship with You, and help take what I learn of You and share it with others so they can come to know You as well.*

Sunday, Mar. 17

Read about it: Gen. 2.18: *Then the Lord God said, "It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him."*

Think about it: From the beginning God saw that it was not good for man to be alone. God made woman from the rib of man (Gen. 2.22) so that husband and wife would walk side-by-side through life, sharing all that life has to offer. This is one of the many blessings of marriage, the shared life.

Pray about it: *Father, thank you for creating life to be shared with others.*