

## **YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Mar. 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. 4.11)*

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

### **Monday, Mar. 4**

**Read about it:** Matt. 7.24: *Therefore, everyone who hears these words of Mine and acts on them, may be compared to a wise man who built his house on the rock.*

**Think about it:** Matt. 5-7 is referred to as the Sermon on the Mount. In these three chapters, Matthew records one of the greatest sermons ever preached, a sermon in which Jesus taught what it means to be a disciple of Christ. Jesus wrapped up His sermon with three word pictures, the third picture was of the two builders and the two foundations. The message of v. 24 is simple: the wise person will not just *hear* God's word but will put it into action.

**Pray about it:** *Lord help me to not just hear Your word but to put it into action in my life.*

### **Tuesday, Mar. 5**

**Read about it:** Matt. 7.26: *Everyone who hears these words of Mine and does not act on them, will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand.*

**Think about it:** While Matt. 7.24 gives us the picture of the wise man who heard and did God's Word, this verse gives us the opposite picture: the foolish man who heard God's word and ignored it. Both men (vv. 24, 26) heard God's Word; the difference was, one obeyed it and one did not.

**Pray about it:** *Lord help me not to ignore Your word.*

### **Wednesday, Mar. 6**

**Read about it:** Matt. 7.25a: *And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and slammed against that house.*

**Think about it:** For both the wise and foolish man, the storms of life came. Nowhere in the Bible do we read that obeying God's word keeps us from the storms of life. God's word helps us through the storms in life because we understand who God is and how the storms of life strengthen our faith in Him. The storms in life will come, the question is, how equipped are we to handle them? Only God's word can prepare us to navigate those storms.

**Pray about it:** *Father help me to trust in You and to gain my strength from You when the storms of life come.*

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 Bible study 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, Mar. 7**

**Read about it:** Ps. 149.1: *Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and His praise in the congregation of the godly ones.*

**Think about it:** The “new song” that God puts in our heart is the song of salvation. Salvation is the new covenant God made with us through the shed blood of Jesus (Luke 22.20). Paul wrote that when God saves us we, “walk in the newness of life” (Rom. 6.4). When we gather for worship every week, we should be singing praises to God because of the new song of salvation; our praise should be filled with thanksgiving to God who forgave us and saved us.

**Pray about it:** *Father may my praise of You be in response to Your great salvation in Jesus Christ.*

### **Friday, Mar. 8**

**Read about it:** Ps. 145.4: *One generation shall praise Your works to another, and shall declare Your mighty acts.*

**Think about it:** The only way the generations coming behind us will know of God and His great love is if we pass it on to them. The testimonies of a current generation to younger generations is vital to the growth of our faith. In fact in biblical times the only way faith was passed on was through one person telling another. In our technologically advanced world today this important part of our faith is being lost quickly. We spend so much time on social media that we are losing the vital importance of passing along our faith in one-on-one conversations. Take time to personally pass along your faith to others.

**Pray about it:** *Lord help me to be constantly passing along my faith to the generations coming behind me.*

### **Saturday, Mar. 9**

**Read about it:** Ps. 141.3: *Set a guard, O Lord, over my mouth; keep watch over the door of my lips.*

**Think about it:** It has been said that whatever is in the well will come up in the bucket. If we have love and forgiveness in our heart, then our speech will reflect it. If we harbor ill-will towards others, if we are unforgiving and ungrateful, that will also be reflected in our speech. When we allow God to guard our speech, then what is said will honor God.

**Pray about it:** *Lord help my speech to honor You at all times.*

**DON'T FORGET TO SET YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD ONE HOUR BEFORE GOING TO BED.  
Daylight Savings Time goes into effect tonight.**

### **Sunday, Mar. 10**

**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 holds 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.*