

Devotions – June 5-11, 2016

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Sunday, June 5, 2016

Text: Philippians 4:13

"I CAN Do All Things through Christ who strengthens me." (*author emphasis*)

This is one of my favorite verses in the Bible. I have always felt the Lord's strength, empowerment, after I read this. I have this verse all over my home, to keep reminding me. Some days it is hard to think of yourself as being strong and empowered, but in reading just this verse, it certainly helps keep a more positive image, even when the day hasn't been going that well.

Let us pray: *Lord help us to gain your strength every day. There are many negative things out there in the world, let us feel your presence and your strength and not the negativity. In Jesus name-Amen*



Monday, June 6, 2016

Text: Philippians 4:6

"Don't worry about anything, instead, pray about everything: tell God your needs, and don't forget to thank him for his answers."

I worry a lot. I try not to but that doesn't always work out. I have read this verse in the Bible many times. I worry about finances, loved ones, whether people I know are happy, if the bathroom is clean, if what medical tests say are correct, etc. etc. - you get the idea. The main thing I worry about is friendship. Sometimes things happen and are said, and people do not always get the right picture. Instead of asking that person or talking to them, they assume what someone had told them is correct.

Let us pray: *Lord, help us to feel your presence every day. We need to tell you our needs, not always someone else. Help us to worry less. We ask you this in Jesus name. Amen.*



Tuesday, June 7, 2016

Text: John 3:16

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life."

This has to be one of the more well known and loved verses in the Bible. Some who are not even well versed in the Bible certainly know what John 3:16 is. It is amazing! If you believe in God you will have eternal life!! That is so fantastic! Jesus died on the Cross so that our sins may be forgiven. Forgiveness is such a wonderful thing. It is a weight taken off of our shoulders. Also, to know when we lose someone here on Earth, we will see them again in everlasting life is really something to look forward to. I know we grieve here, but we will be so happy to be able to see our loved ones again in eternal life. I know I will. I have lost so many good friends and relatives, it will be great to see them again!

Let us pray: *Heavenly Father, we thank you for the forgiveness of our sins and for life everlasting. We love you and thank you for this and the many things that you do for all of us. In your name we pray, Amen.*



Wednesday, June 8, 2016

Text: Romans 13:8

"Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law."

I really like this verse. What it means to me is to not owe anyone anything, just LOVE. We show our love for others through many different ways. Sometimes we try to do our best to help them when they are in need. We try to help them with many things, and this is good. That is what we are here to do. It is so nice to feel the only thing we owe anyone is Love!

Let us pray: *Lord, help us to be kind and to show others our love for them. Amen.*



Thursday, June 9, 2016

Text: Philippians 4:12

"I know what it is to have little, and I know what it is to have plenty. In any and all circumstances I have learned the secret of being well-fed and of going hungry, of having plenty and of being in need."

In our day to day activities we see lots of different people and things. We see some who drive really fancy and what looks like expensive cars. We see people who drive old, rusty and noisy cars. We can tell that there is a difference of lifestyle and financial differences with these people just by the appearance of their car, among other things of course. I know more about the financial downside other than the upside I am sorry to say. But as I have gotten older, I find that this and these type of things have made me the person that I am. Some in the same situation have a kind of jealousy toward those who have more than they do. I don't think that I do. What I disagree with sometimes is the attitude of those who have more to treat people differently and not too nicely.

Let us pray: *Lord, we ask you to help us to feel toward everyone the same way regardless of their financial situation and others. We ask you to keep the jealousy toward some people away from us and to work on changing our way of thinking. We ask you this in Jesus' name, Amen.*



Friday, June 10, 2016

Text: Matthew 7:12

"In everything do to others as you would have them do to you; for this is the law and the prophets."

This verse is the Golden Rule. Some people do think they are better than others. For various reasons I guess, looks, thin or heavy, pretty or ordinary, highly intelligent or not, etc. etc. - the list goes on and on. As Christians we should not feel that we are, or that others are better than we and vice versa.

Let us pray: *Lord, we ask you to help us to not be so judgmental about other people and things. We ask for your wisdom and strength to show us kindness so that we may also be that way to others. Amen.*



Saturday, June 11, 2016

Text: Psalm 146:8

"...the Lord opens the eyes of the blind. The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down; the Lord loves the righteous."

Sometimes I think that we all need a kind of 'kick in the head' to see the obvious that can be so right in front of us. We are “blind to it.” Love is sometimes like that, too. We think that people don't like us and they love and care for us deeply.

Let us pray: *Lord, I ask you for your help, strength, and love to help guide us in the right direction, and try not to totally miss some of the obvious things that are right in front of us. In your name we pray, Amen.*

