

Prayfaithfully

.....Daily Devotions

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Sunday, June 11, 2017

Text: Matthew 25:35-40

For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me. Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?’ And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’

I think you get the drift of the next portion of scripture without having to type it all out. This is my favorite scripture passage in the Bible. Life gets so hectic and busy that we miss so many opportunities to serve. How many times have we talked to someone at church or elsewhere and after leaving them we say to ourselves, “Now why didn’t I say a certain thing or mention prayer?” It is so important to really pay attention to all around us as we walk this journey called life. Jesus is omnipresent. Just look around!

Let us pray: *Heavenly Father, please guide our footsteps as we walk this journey. Amen.*



Monday, June 12, 2017

Text: I John 4:7-10

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God’s love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

God’s love is our reason for hope. Without a sense of purpose there is no hope. But the Lord created each person for a reason: to love God and to be loved by Him. God’s love is personal and God’s love is unconditional and it is available to everybody. He didn’t just say He loves you; He proved it by giving His Son as a sacrifice for sin. What a message we have to share

with everyone. I know sometimes it becomes difficult to sway something in public. That's where your and my actions speak louder than words.

Let us pray: *Dear Lord, give us the courage to proclaim and witness to all people about this tremendous love you have for all. Amen.*



Tuesday, June 13, 2017

Text: Romans 10:14-15

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news?"

Have you ever had a Bible study on the importance of feet? Probably you haven't, right? In talking about all the armor we need to put on to help us in our mission, we hear about the feet. The Roman soldiers had sandals that had a spike in the heel. It allowed them to be able to stand firm when facing opposition or danger. That's exactly what our Heavenly Father wants for every one of us. He wants all of us to stand firm in the face of trouble. This is only possible when we plant our feet on the firm foundation of faith in Jesus Christ. It would be well worth while to check our foundations!

Let us pray: *Lord, please guide our feet and help us to stand firm in our faith. Amen.*



Wednesday, June 14, 2017

Text: 2 Corinthians 1:3-4

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolations, who consoles us in all our afflictions, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God.

The Lord's compassion is personal and always available. We receive His comfort through the Holy Spirit, who lives within us. He is always available. There is no time when we cannot come to Him, whether at day or night. God's comfort is adequate for anything we face. I can attest to this as having health problems, I know he is present in my situation and we all can feel that comforting presence in our lives.

Let us pray: *Lord, may we take time out in our busy lives to thank you for your presence and comfort that can only come from you. Amen.*



Thursday, June 15, 2017

Text: 2 Corinthians 9:8-9

And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work. As it is written, He scatters abroad, he gives to the poor, his righteousness endures forever.

When we stop and itemize our blessings, they become too numerous to count. We need to, from time to time, take inventory of our blessings. Do you realize that all of these blessings can become a curse unless we share – share!!! We are not to stockpile our blessings and sit back and say, “Wow, how blessed am I!” Many people are in need and we have been sent to help. Go with God’s blessings.

Let us pray: *Thank you for the blessings we have been given from you, Lord. May we see people in need and share from our bounty. Amen.*



Friday, June 16, 2017

Text: John 17:18

As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world.

Being retired, getting up in the mornings brings with it some challenges. First I have to check to see if the wife has something for me to do and then have coffee and watch the news on TV. It is easy to fall into a rut.

We need to see that purpose that Christ has for us. Christ was sent to serve and that is our mission also. Just as Jesus was sent by the Father, so we are sent by Christ – to carry His message of hope throughout the world. This is a routine we need to adopt for our daily life, whether actively working or retired.

Let us pray: *Help us to pray each day for clarity and focus as we serve the Lord today. Amen.*



Saturday, June 17, 2017

Text: Revelation 4:9-11

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elder fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing, “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory

and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created.”

We serve a fantastic Awesome God! Every aspect of our lives is affected by this Awesome God that we serve. I don't know how I would be able to live without His presence in my life. The Bible holds all the knowledge that we need to serve God and our own family. He is present each and every day. Each morning is a new day full of His blessings and His grace. You can't do better than that, can you?

Let us pray: *Lord, I just want to say a huge thank you for being present in my life. Help me to share that new day with others. Amen.*

