

MONDAY 9.12.22 – Matthew 5:13-16

Have you ever interacted with a stranger and walked away thinking, "I wonder if that person is a Christian," just something about the way they acted that seemed to suggest that they knew Jesus in a personal way. Perhaps the more Important question to ask is "do the strangers you meet throughout the week walk away thinking that about you?" Does that light of Christ, which is in you, shine brightly in the midst of a dark world?" As you ponder these thoughts let me give you a few things that may help you do better:

- 1.As you enter each day ask God to help you be a light to a dark world.
- 2.Ask God to bring at least one person into your life today that truly needs to experience the love of Christ.
- 3.Ask God to give you courage and wisdom as you share the love of Christ with that person.

Purpose to "let your light shine before others," today.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 9.13.22 – Titus 2:11-14

God’s grace is so great... it does not stop at salvation, but continues to impact every area of our lives. God’s grace is active. He does not sit idly by and leave you without guidance or conviction. The grace of God that results in salvation should be continuing to have a profound effect upon your hearts:

"looking for the blessed hope and the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior, Christ Jesus" (2:13)

Take account in your life, in your mind, in your heart, and see if you find the results of saving grace. Examine yourself to see if you are eager to do good if you look forward to the return of Christ, and if you avoid the sin of this present evil age.

Seek Him because He has bought you with His blood (Acts 20:28). You are not your own. Live God’s love by honoring Him and helping your neighbor.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 9.14.22 – Acts 17:16-34

Mark Twain observed, "Courage is not the lack of fear. It is acting in spite of it." In Acts 17, Paul journeyed to the city of Athens. Ancient Athens was a center for the arts, learning, and philosophy, being the home of such luminaries as Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle. It played a large part in the cultural and political impact on the European continent—particularly Ancient Rome. Athens was an intimidating place. However, Paul knew that he had a message that is far superior to all the intellectual pursuits of Athens. Paul possessed the good news of Jesus Christ—the truth that would set men spiritually free and give them eternal life. Paul shared fearlessly that life-changing message with the common people, philosophers, and leaders of the city. Like Paul, ask God to give you the courage and opportunity to "fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel" (Eph. 6:19).

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 9.15.22 – Joshua 1:6-9

Three times! Three times we are commanded... not asked... commanded to be strong and courageous in these verses. I know it can be difficult. It can be near impossible to steer clear of anxiety, sadness, anger, and/or fear when you feel down and out for any reason. Your earthly life will continuously challenge you as you strive to live more Christ-

like as the Bible teaches you. Your human emotion and sinful nature will have you turning to earthly vises to deal with the pain and suffering when you are overwhelmed. If you feel fearful or discouraged, look to God for guidance. Turn to prayer, to worship, to the Bible to get back on track.

PRAYER: Father God, please give me strength when I am weak, love when I feel forsaken, courage when I am afraid, wisdom when I feel foolish, comfort when I am alone, hope when I feel rejected, and peace when I am in turmoil. Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 9.16.22 – Psalm 27:7-14

FINDING HIS BEAUTY. David is having difficulties, but the beauty of God enables him to live in confident peace (verses 1 and 6). If our hearts delight in God and his face, then we can contemplate losing earthly joys without fear. Even if our mother and father forsake us, we can face it (verse 10). Why? If our greatest treasure—communion with the living God—is safe, of what can we be afraid? Yet we are afraid of so many things. So our fears can serve an important purpose—they show us where we have really located our heart’s treasure. Follow the pathway of the fear back into your heart to discover the things you love more than God.

PRAYER: Lord, I will obey you simply because you are worthy of it and it is my duty. But don’t let my service to you remain at that level. Show me your beauty—attract my heart, capture my imagination, so that I find joyful pleasure in serving you. Amen.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNINGS – 9:40AM

Kids CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
**available during 9:40 only at this time*

NURSERY (through Age 3)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)

Adults Through September, our Sunday Morning E2 Classes will be a lead-in to our special preaching series in October – REVIVAL: Rekindling The Fire.

All our adult classes will be using the same videos each week. From David Jeremiah we will be using two videos, The Apathy of America and The Remedy of Revival from Max Lucado's series on the Holy Spirit. We will also use the video Unforced Influence-Alive in Us covering the Holy Spirit's role in revival.

Please join us for these special sessions as we learn about our need for revival and the role of prayer and the Holy Spirit in bringing revival to the church. We will also spend some time praying for God to move in a fresh way at Shiloh.

These classes will be held September 4, 11, 18:

- 9:40am in room B1-B2, Joel Day, facilitator
- 9:40am in room B8-B10, Lane Kemler, facilitator
- 9:40am **AND** 11:00am in room B11, Barry Wills, facilitator

No sign-up is necessary for these classes, so plan to attend at 9:40am or 11:00am this Sunday!

SUNDAY EVENINGS – 6:00PM

Kids MESSIAH KIDS (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
CURRENT SERIES: Answers for Kids

Youth YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
*5th–8th Grade meet downstairs
9th–12th Grade meet upstairs*

Adults DIVE DEEP WITH DOUG
LOCATION: Worship Center
CURRENT SERIES: Journeys of Paul

SERMON NOTES

SERIES: POWER: A Continued Study in Acts 12-18

SERMON: "Topsy-Turvy" (Power in Impact)

SCRIPTURE: Acts 17:1-15

You might not be called to go to a foreign country, but every believer is called to be a witness. Jesus says: "You will be my witnesses."

What does a witness do?

1. Faithfully _____ the Word of God (vv 1-9)

Paul was a powerful witness for Jesus Christ. He communicated the gospel wherever he went, and he did it in three ways. He reasoned, explained, and proved.

Some people will accept the message of the gospel. Others will reject it. Our responsibility is to communicate the gospel accurately and prayerfully to others. Leave the results up to the Holy Spirit.

2. Faithfully _____ the Word of God (vv 10-15)

Follow the example of the Bereans. They listened carefully to what Paul had to say, but they didn't blindly embrace whatever he said. They didn't take his word for it. Instead, they went back to the Word of God. They compared what Paul said to what the Scripture teaches.


- **ROMANS 4:3**

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day
TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



September 12th – September 16th

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip () every believer. We desire to see every person take their next step with God, both individually as well as with families and small groups (E2 Communities). This devotional is to aid us in just that. We invite you to join us in daily devotion.

OVERVIEW:

Monday's and Tuesday's readings will be a follow up on today's message from Acts 17 and the Power of Impact. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us to continue in this series as we continue in Acts 17 and look at Power in Courage.

KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

"All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in Him receives forgiveness of sins through His name."

–ACTS 10:43