

MONDAY 11.14.22 — MATTHEW 11:28-30

28 "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. 29 Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. 30 For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
The law of the Pharisees was a heavy burden on the people. Jesus died on the cross to free us from the heavy burden of the law. He did all the heavy lifting for us at the cross and now he says to you and me, "Come to me and I will give you rest." He went on to say, "learn from me... and you will find rest for your souls." Jesus knew that true peace and rest comes from total submission to God. He modeled true obedience for us throughout his life and then ultimately by being willing to die on a cross for you and me (Philippians 2:8). Now he is asking us to come to Him in true obedience and as we do, we will find rest for our souls. I am reminded of the song I was taught in Sunday School, "Trust and obey for there is no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

TUESDAY 11.15.22 — 1Timothy 4:7-8

7 Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. 8 For physical training is of some value, but godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.

As an athlete, or a musician, or _____ (you fill in the blank) enters training they always do so with a goal in mind. Further, if their desire is to truly become great, they do not just train in one area, but their training becomes a lifestyle. In our passage today Paul instructs us to "train yourself to be Godly. As we enter our Godly training program our goal should be to be Godly, and our desire should be to become great. As we consider this, our training program should not consist of a list of dos and don'ts, but rather a complete change in lifestyle. WWJD bracelets have fallen out of style, but the idea of asking ourselves "what would Jesus do?"

should be ever present on our minds. In Colossians 3:23 Paul tells us "Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord." Are you ready for a lifestyle change? Me too. Let's not wait until the new year, let's get started right now.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

WEDNESDAY 11.16.22 — ACTS 18:18-19:7

During his 18-month stay in Corinth, Paul modeled servanthood, ministering for the Lord with humility. Samuel Logan Brengle, a leader years ago in the Salvation Army, once said, "If I appear to be great in their eyes, the Lord is most graciously helping me to see how absolutely nothing I am without Him and helping me to keep little in my own eyes. He does use me. But I'm so concerned that HE uses me and that it is not of me the work is done. The ax cannot boast of the trees it has cut down. It could do nothing but for the woodsman. He made it, he sharpened it, he used it. The moment he throws it aside it becomes only old iron. Oh, that I may never lose sight of this." Humbly ask God to help you to never lose sight of your dependence on Him.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

THURSDAY 11.17.22 — Proverbs 29:23

Let us take a moment to pray today... Gracious and loving God, thank You for Your many words of encouragement, example, wisdom, and warning in the Scriptures. We pray

that we may take to heart all that You would teach us. We pray that You would keep us from taking selfish pride in the many things that we are blessed with only by Your power and generosity. We pray that we may humbly follow the path You have laid out for us. In Christ, may we grow in grace and humility of heart. By the Holy Spirit, may we use our gifts to love on others and honor You. Lord, we pray that our earthly lives are a direct reflection of the character of Christ to Your praise and glory. In the wonderful and matchless name of Christ Jesus we pray... AMEN.

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

FRIDAY 11.18.22 — Psalm 18:20-27

Friendship with God. The word "faithful" (verse 25) refers to pledged love between covenant partners. God responds in kind (verses 25-26) so he can be not just a King but also a friend. Aristotle thought it impossible that humans could be friends with a god, because friends have things in common, and can say, "You, too?" But in becoming human, God's first great act of friendship, he became like us, drawing near to us so we could draw near to him. Since he humbled himself to get near us, only the humble, not the haughty, can be his friends. In his second great act of friendship, he gave his life for us (John 15:13). In our suffering, then, we can look at Jesus and say, "You, too?"

SPACE FOR REFLECTION

SUNDAY MORNINGS — 9:40AM

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)
 LOCATION: Kid's Wing on the Lower Level
available during the 9:40 service
- 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** Our November Sunday Morning E2 Classes will again all be focused on the same series.
THE ANSWER IS PRAYER will be offered at
 9:40am in room B8-B10 with Barry Wills
 9:40am in room B11 with Jack Devlin & Joel Day
 11 am in room B11 with Mike Williams & Bob Simpson

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 DEEPER WITH DOUG
 LOCATION: Worship Center
 See your bulletin for special Sunday evening events during November

ADVENT STUDIES "MISSING PEACE"

Begins the Week of November 27th

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS 6:30PM YAC Barry Wills

THURSDAY EVENINGS 6:30PM Home of John & Heather Vance

WOMEN'S ADVENT STUDY 9:40AM Sunday Mornings

SEE BULLETIN INSERTS FOR MORE INFORMATION

WINTER E2 CLASSES - Beginning Dec. 4th at 9:40AM

THURSDAY MORNINGS 9am-11am - Women's Study - YAC

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY GROUPS OR CLASSES, PLEASE USE THE CONNECT CARD IN YOUR BULLETIN. THANK YOU!

Recharging Your Batteries

Power in Rejuvenation

Acts 18: 1-18

In Acts 1:8, Jesus says that we will be His witnesses. There are three phases to His plan:

- Phase 1—Start _____
- Phase 2—Launch _____
- Phase 3—Go _____

What does God use to recharge your batteries?

1. _____ (vv 1-3)

- 1 Corinthians 16:19
- Romans 16:3-4

Do you know someone who is going through a tough time right now? Allow God to use you to recharge their batteries. You might do that through a personal visit or sending them a note by way of text, email, or snail mail.

2. _____ (vv 6-8)

God means for the circumstances in your life to energize you—not to defeat you.

3. _____ (vv 9-10)

Invest time in reading the Bible every day. Do not look at it as a legalistic duty. Rather, it is the way to plug into godly truth and to have your spiritual batteries recharged to live a life pleasing to the Lord.



November 14th - November 18th

INTRODUCTION:

Part of our purpose and strategy as a church is to Edify and Equip (E2) 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 Sunday's message from Senior Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message, "The Magnificence of Insignificance," with Senior Pastor Doug Lyon on Nov. 20th.

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