

## MONDAY 2.17.25 - Matthew 5:9

Interesting, that in the Beatitudes Jesus expresses how people may experience special graces of God by exhibiting certain spiritual fruit. Mourning their sinful estate, being meek in the face of evil, showing mercy even to enemies, the Holy Spirit of God blesses these people in ways the world cannot grant awards. But for those who practice peacemaking, it is different. A world full of sinners, who share selfishness and egotism as primary motivators, whose life plan is to get the most out of life or trample down those who are in their way, peacemakers are a unique feature of life. Others look to them to provide what is needed for any situation. And even the world recognizes them and knows them as the 'sons of God'. They know! What a great unity club that is of which to be a part. Sons of God.

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## TUESDAY 2.18.25 - Ephesians 4:3-6

<sup>3</sup>Make every effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace. <sup>4</sup>There is **one** body and **one** Spirit, just as you were called to **one** hope when you were called; <sup>5</sup>**one** Lord, **one** faith, **one** baptism; <sup>6</sup>**one** God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

Galatians 3:28 tells us: "There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Christ has removed all barriers. 1 Corinthians 12:13 "we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit." We are united in Christ, and the Holy Spirit maintains that unity as we "walk in a manner worthy" of our calling.

Ephesians 4:2 encourages us to be humble, gentle, patient and bear with one another in love. Cultivating love is the key to keeping the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. We are called to peace and to bear with one another and forgive as the Lord has forgiven us.

Yet, when we feel we have a grievance with another we often struggle. Help us Lord to remember: Matthew 5:9, Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

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## WEDNESDAY 2.19.25 - Matthew 28:19-20

It's possible for a church to conduct a multitude of programs and every kind of activity imaginable—and yet accomplish nothing of eternal value. A church must know its mission and design its ministries to fulfill that mission. What is the mission of Shiloh Bible Church? What are we supposed to be doing as a local church? We don't need to survey our congregation or take a vote of our membership to discover the answer. Before Jesus ascended to heaven, He gave the Church its mission—"make disciples" (Matthew 28:19). How is that accomplished? The answer is two-fold: by evangelizing unbelievers ("Therefore, go ...") and edifying believers ("... baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you"). Pray that Shiloh would be faithful in fulfilling the mission that God has entrusted to us.

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## THURSDAY 2.20.25 - Isaiah 52:7

When we think about the lovely physical attributes of another person, we generally look at eyes, smile, hair, or physique. Seldom do we take into account of the beauty of a person's feet. Yet Isaiah comments on the beauty of feet that bring good news.

Of course, feet don't do this in isolation from the rest of the body; but in this passage they are the part that represents the whole person's obedience and service to the Lord. Feet take us places. In Psalm 119:105, the unidentified psalmist states that God's Word is a lamp for his feet, a light on his path - so that he can see the right way to go. Paul further focuses on feet in Ephesians 6:15 by telling his readers to have their feet fitted with the readiness that come from the gospel of peace. Feet are important in our service to the Lord. We should strive to put them to use in spreading the Gospel.

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## FRIDAY 2.21.25 - Psalm 133:1-3

Psalms 96:3, Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous deeds among all people. Is there someone in your life you love to talk about? My daughter was an excellent goalie for her high school soccer team. I was proud of her, and quick to talk about her when the opportunity arose. I would tell of how she was instrumental to her team winning the game and how her teammates looked to her for guidance and direction on the field. Why is it that it is so hard for us to talk about God in the same way we talk about other people in our lives. We should be proud of God and quick to talk about him when the opportunity presents itself but often, we are not. We should tell of how He has been instrumental to us in winning the game of life and how we look to him for guidance and direction on the field of life. Truth be told all of us love to brag about those we love. Do you love Christ? Why don't you brag about Him to someone today.

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## E2 GROUP OPPORTUNITIES

### SUNDAY MORNINGS - 9:40am

- Kids** CHILDREN'S CHURCH (Ages 4 – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level  
NURSERY (through Age 3) \*9:40AM ONLY  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** E2 CLASS (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)
- Adults** **SPRING QUARTER** - begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
LOCATION: B8-10 - Lane Kemler- begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**EXPLORE THE BIBLE - 1,2 Peter & Jude** - These books were written primarily to address suffering caused by persecution and to combat false teachings.  
LOCATION: B11 - Dave Delcamp - begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**BIBLE STUDIES FOR LIFE - part 1**  
**All Signs Point to Jesus** - The Gospel of John points to many signs that highlight who Jesus is, and as we look at these signs you will be drawn to a renewed awe and worship of Jesus Christ.  
LOCATION: B1&2 - Chris Domenico - Begins March 2<sup>nd</sup>.  
**EVERYDAY EVANGELISM**  
**Pursuing Hearts, Not Arguments** - This six-week study will equip you with practical, effective ways to share the gospel. The way to do that is by engaging others with love, respect, and truth.

### SUNDAY EVENINGS - 6:00pm

- Kids** MESSIAH KIDS (Kindergarten – 4th Grade)  
LOCATION: Camp Shiloh on the Lower Level
- Youth** YOUTH GROUP (5th – 12th Grade)  
LOCATION: Youth Activity Center (across street)  
**Parent Meeting** - Sun., Feb. 16<sup>th</sup> at 5:45pm at the YAC
- Adults** LOCATION: Worship Center

### WINTER E2 SMALL GROUPS

- WONDERFUL WEDNESDAYS:** Join us for 11 weeks of food, fellowship, and Bible Study! Titled End Times & Spiritual Warfare. Began January 15<sup>th</sup>; meal at 6:00pm and Study begins at 7:00pm.
- REVELATION - WOMENS STUDY:** Join us for a 10-week Women's Bible Study following Jen Wilkin's book, *"Revelation: Eternal King, Everlasting Kingdom"*. In this study you will become confident, assured, and inspired by the teachings in Revelation. Thursday Mornings at 9:00am in room B8-B10 Starting February 20<sup>th</sup>.

TO SIGN UP OR REQUEST MORE INFORMATION FOR ANY OF THESE GROUPS OR CLASSES, USE THE CONNECTION CARD IN THE BULLETIN. THANK YOU.

## John 17:20-26

### Jesus Prays For Future Believers

Jesus offered this prayer in John 17 on His way to Gethsemane, praying for future believers. Jesus Christ was thinking about you when He voiced these requests to the Father. Jesus prays for your ...

1. \_\_\_\_\_ (17:20-23)

It is not ...

- \_\_\_\_\_
- \_\_\_\_\_
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2. \_\_\_\_\_ (17:24)

If you've trusted in Jesus—and Him alone—for eternal life, then when you close your eyes in death, your spirit will leave your body and go immediately into the presence of the Lord in heaven.


3. \_\_\_\_\_ (17:25-26)

Jesus asks that the same care the Father demonstrated to Him would be expressed in a growing way among believers.

#### Application

Three specific applications emerge from this passage.

- To \_\_\_\_\_ In \_\_\_\_\_, Give \_\_\_\_\_
- To \_\_\_\_\_ Your \_\_\_\_\_, Give \_\_\_\_\_
- To \_\_\_\_\_ His \_\_\_\_\_, Give \_\_\_\_\_

 Edifying and Equipping Every Day

TAKING OUR NEXT STEP TOGETHER IN THE WORD



February 17 - February 21

#### 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, February 16<sup>th</sup> "Jesus Prays for You", with Pastor Doug Lyon. Wednesday's through Friday's devotions will help prepare us for the message on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, with our Quarterly Missions Speaker, Garrett Lowe, Vice President of Personnel, BCM International.

#### KEY/MEMORY VERSE:

My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.  
John 15:12