

YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Oct. 25-31

Weekly e-mail devotion based on the sermons of the past week to help you in your walk with the Lord.

Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called. (Eph. 4.11)

It is the vision of Bethel Baptist Church to be the life of Christ that reaches from our community to the ends of the earth with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Devotions this week:

Monday - Tuesday: devotions from the Sunday morning sermon, *"The practice of our worship"* (Rom. 12.1).

Wednesday - Thursday: devotions from the Sunday evening sermon, *"The opened door (Acts 14)*

Friday – Saturday: devotions from the Wednesday evening Bible study, *"The power of conviction"* (Dan. 6)

Sunday: devotion on worship from the upcoming sermon from Luke 17.11-19.

Monday, Oct. 25

Rom. 12.1: Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

OUR PRACTICE OF WORSHIP IS BASED ON GOD'S MERCIES. The mercies of God is how God has NOT treated us. His mercy means He has not treated us as we deserve to be treated (Ps. 103.10). Instead, God treats us better than we deserve (grace). Because of how He has treated us, our response should be praise and worship to Him.

REFLECT ON GOD'S MERCY IN YOUR LIFE AS FUEL FOR YOUR WORSHIP OF HIM.

Tuesday, Oct. 26

Rom. 12.1: Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.

OUR PRACTICE OF WORSHIP IS BEFORE GOD. To "present our bodies" to God means to offer Him ourselves with life and breath and energy to do His will. This "presenting" also means we are to be holy in all our behavior. Worship is the life of the Christian.

EVERY DAY FOR THE CHRISTIAN IS A DAY OF WORSHIP THROUGH THEIR LIFE TO GOD.

Wednesday, Oct. 27

Acts 14.3: Therefore they spent a long time there speaking boldly with reliance upon the Lord, who was testifying to the word of His grace, granting that signs and wonders be done by their hands.

THE DOOR OF CONNECTION. As Paul preached the gospel in the Turkish town of Iconium, the Holy Spirit was connecting the hearts of the listeners to the gospel. When heart connections are made, people come to the saving knowledge of Jesus Christ.

PRAISE GOD TODAY FOR THE GOSPEL THAT CONNECTS WILLING HEARTS TO GOD'S SALVATION IN JESUS CHRIST.

Thursday, Oct. 28

Acts 14.19-20: But Jews came from Antioch and Iconium, and having won over the crowds, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. But while the disciples stood around him, he got up and entered the city. The next day he went away with Barnabas to Derbe.

THE DOOR OF PERSECUTION. Paul faced opposition every place he preached. In the Turkish town of Lystra, the opposition was so severe he was stoned to the point of death, dragged out of town, and left for dead. The disciples ministered to Paul and Paul went back into the city to continue preaching. There will always be opposition to the message of the gospel.

ASK GOD TODAY TO STRENGTHEN YOU WHEN YOU FACE OPPOSTION TO THE GOSPEL.

Friday, Oct. 29

Dan. 6.4: Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or evidence of corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and no negligence or corruption was to be found in him.

DANIEL'S CHARACTER CAUSED HIS ENEMIES TO PLOT AGAINST HIM. Daniel, along with two Babylonian men, were given the position of governors, with the responsibility of overseeing 120 regional administrators. The Babylonians could find noting wrong with Daniel's character and this upset them because they wanted to get rid of Daniel. Daniel's character was above reproach because he walked with the Lord every day.

YOUR DAILY WALK WITH GOD SHAPES YOUR CHARACTER.

Saturday, Oct. 30

Dan. 6.10: Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously.

DANIEL'S CONVICTIONS CHALLENGED THE KING. A plot had been formed to get rid of Daniel. The king was persuaded to sign a decree that anyone not praying to him, the king, for the next thirty days would be thrown into a lion's den. Daniel's daily routine was prayer to God three times a day; The strength of Daniel's faith meant that Daniel was not going to change for a thirty-day period.

ASK GOD TO HELP YOU STAND STRONG IN YOUR FAITH IN HIM.

Sunday, Oct. 31

Luke 17.15-16: Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan.

Ten lepers came to Jesus. Jesus told them to go and present themselves to the priests. As the lepers were going away, they were healed. Only one leper returned to give thanks and praise Jesus for the healing. The practice of our worship is grounded in God's great work through Christ in our lives.

HOW YOU WORSHIP SHOULD BE A REFLECTION OF GOD'S GRACE AND SALVATION IN YOUR LIFE.