

YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Nov. 1-7

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 - Thursday: devotions from the Sunday morning sermon, *"The priority of worship"* (Luke 17.11-19).

Friday-Saturday: devotions from the Wednesday evening Bible study, *"The unfailing kingdom"* (Dan. 7)

Sunday: devotion on worship from the upcoming sermon from Matt. 5.23-24.

Monday, Nov. 1

Luke 17.12-13: As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!"

WORSHIP BECOMES A PRIORITY WHEN WE RECOGNIZE OUR CONDITION. In the first century, people afflicted with skin conditions commonly referred to as leprosy, were set apart from society; they could have no contact whatsoever with others. As Jesus made his way through a village, ten lepers simply called out to Jesus from a distance, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" These ten men did not need anyone to tell them their condition: afflicted with a terrible skin disease that could wind up killing them. When a lost person recognizes their condition: a sinner in need of a Savior, they understand their only hope is in Jesus Christ.

PRAISE GOD TODAY FOR HIS OFFER OF SALVATION FOR EVERYONE WHO WILL TURN IN FAITH TO HIM.

Tuesday, Nov. 2

Luke 17.14: When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests."

WORSHIP BECOMES A PRIORITY WHEN WE REALIZE OUR HELPLESSNESS. The only hope for these ten lepers was Jesus. Jesus told them to show themselves to the priests in accordance with the law. The priests would pronounce them clean. Their walk to the priests was a walk of faith – taking Jesus at His word they would be healed before they ever got to the priests. This is the essence of faith – taking God at His word.

PRAISE GOD TODAY FOR HIS HEALING AND SAVING POWER IN JESUS CHRIST.

Wednesday, Nov. 3

Luke 17.15: Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice.

WORSHIP BECOMES A PRIORITY WHEN WE RESPOND IN FAITH. Of the ten lepers that were healed, only one, a Samaritan, returned immediately when he noticed he had been healed. This Samaritan did not wait until he had seen the priests to return to Jesus. Worship becomes a priority when we respond to what God in Christ has done to us and through us.

ASK GOD TODAY TO HELP YOU TO ALWAYS BE THANKFUL FOR HIS GRACE AND GOODNESS IN YOUR LIFE.

Thursday, Nov. 4

Luke 17.19: And He said to him, "Stand up and go; your faith has made you well."

WHEN WORSHIP BECOMES A PRIORITY:

1. We will be focused on thankfulness in everything;
2. Our prayer life is strengthened;
3. We will enjoy gathering with and being in the presence of other brothers and sisters in Christ.

THANK GOD TODAY FOR THE PRIVILEGE OF GATHERING WITH YOUR CHURCH FAMILY IN PRAISE AND WORSHIP OF THE LORD.

Friday, Nov. 5

Daniel 7.2: Daniel said, "I was looking in my vision by night and behold, the four winds of heaven were stirring up the great sea."

ALL EARTHLY KINGDOMS ARE TEMPORARY KINGDOMS. Daniel had a vision of four animals that represented four successive kingdoms. Each kingdom would overpower the previous kingdom. God's kingdom, however, cannot and will not be overpowered because He is God, He is eternal, and His kingdom will last forever.

THANK GOD TODAY FOR HIS ETERNAL AND EVERLASTING KINGDOM.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Dan. 7.27: Then the sovereignty, the dominion and the greatness of all the kingdoms under the whole heaven will be given to the people of the saints of the Highest One; His kingdom will be an everlasting kingdom, and all the dominions will serve and obey Him.

GOD'S KINGDOM IS AN ETERNAL KINGDOM. At best, everything on this earth is temporary. God's kingdom is eternal because nothing on this earth can touch it or affect it. The moment God saves someone they are adopted into His heavenly kingdom and declared His child through faith in Christ.

PRAISE GOD TODAY FOR ADOPTING YOU INTO HIS FAMILY OF FAITH THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.

Sunday, Nov. 7

Matt. 5.23-24: Therefore if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, and go; first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering.

THE PERSONALITY OF WORSHIP. If we are not careful, we will approach worship without giving a second thought to the condition of our heart. If there is any conflict between you and another brother or sister in Christ, God's word is clear: there can be no worship until conflicts have been resolved. The key is this: we have done all we can do to resolve the situation. While we cannot make anyone forgive us, we can do all we can to forgive and bring healing.

THE CONDITION OF OUR HEART AFFECTS THE CONTENT OF OUR WORSHIP.