

## **YOUR WEEKLY WALK DEVOTION: Feb. 26 – Mar. 3, 2024**

*Weekly e-mail devotion based on the sermons of the previous week and other select scriptures. These devotions are provided to help you in your walk with the Lord. This week's devotions:*

*Your daily walk with the Lord is based on four daily actions:*

1. *READING* God's Word.
2. *THINKING* about God's Word.
3. *PRAYING* God's Word.
4. *APPLYING* God's Word.

*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 in the world through every ministry it is involved with, through every member who is part of the Bethel family of faith, and through every method it uses to share the gospel of Jesus Christ with a lost and dying world.*

### **Monday, Feb. 26**

**READ:** *2 Pet. 1.7: and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.*

**THINK:** Brotherly kindness can be described as the love between brothers and sisters in the family. All Christians are members of God's family, the church. The moment God saves us, He adopts us into His family of faith. As spiritual members of the same family, our lives are to be characterized by the love, care, and concern we have for each other as members of the same [spiritual] family. As we demonstrate this love and concern for each other, the world can see the difference the love and salvation of God makes.

**PRAY:** *Lord help me to show love and concern to others in the church as part of my spiritual family.*

**APPLY:** All of us have a physical family. And all Christians also have a spiritual family called the church.

### **Tuesday, Feb. 27**

**READ:** *2 Pet. 1.7: and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.*

**THINK:** How is brotherly kindness developed within us? Think of brotherly kindness this way:

The same God who created you created them; the same Savior who saved you saved them. The same love that God shows you is the same love He shows them.

**PRAY:** *Lord help me to show kindness, compassion, and care to those in my church family.*

**APPLY:** Demonstrating care and concern for others in the church is a demonstration of God's care and concern in your own life.

### **Wednesday, Feb. 28**

**READ:** *Titus 3.5: He saved us, not on the basis of deeds which we have done in righteousness, but according to His mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewing by the Holy Spirit.*

**THINK:** 'He saved us' is all we need to know about salvation. Salvation starts with God's love towards sinners.

When, by faith, we trust and believe in His Son Jesus, He saves us. Salvation is God's rescue of us, He rescued us from having to pay our sin penalty, which is spending an eternity in hell. Jesus went to the cross and paid our sin debt.

**PRAY:** *Thank You Lord for saving me when I called out to you.*

**APPLY:** God saves all who come to Him in confession and repentance, no exceptions.

Wednesdays @ Bethel: the family place to be!

6:00 p.m.: family meal

6:40 p.m.: Elevate Kids

7:00 p.m.: Bible studies for men, women, youth, and co-ed

We are running our bus between the church and Vandalia. If you need a ride, please call the church no later than 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday afternoon.

#### **Thursday, Feb. 29**

**READ:** *EPH. 4.15: but speaking the truth in love we are to grow up in all aspects into Him who is the head even Christ.*

**THINK:** Part of our salvation is sanctification. Sanctification is simply the Holy Spirit's work in our lives daily to make us more like Christ. When Paul wrote we are to, 'grow up,' that is another way of letting us know that we have a responsibility to [spiritually] grow as Christians. Spiritual growth happens as we allow the Holy Spirit to work within us daily, guiding us and counseling us in how to live godly lives.

**PRAY:** *Lord help me to grow daily in my walk with You.*

**APPLY:** Spirit growth happens when you allow the Holy Spirit to guide you daily.

#### **Friday, Mar. 1**

**READ:** *REV. 2.19: I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.*

**THINK:** The church at Thyatira was a growing church. We know this because the Lord praised the church for, "your deeds of late are greater than at first." God desires His church to serve Him and grow in their knowledge of Him. As churches grow in their knowledge of Christ, they become more like Christ as they understand how to better serve Him in the world.

**PRAY:** *Lord help me to help my church grow in the knowledge of the Lord.*

**APPLY:** Every church member has a part and a responsibility in growing in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ.

#### **Saturday, Mar. 2**

**READ:** *REV. 2.21: I gave her time to repent, and she does not to repent of her immorality.*

**THINK:** A false teacher, or teachers, was present in the church at Thyatira. Their sin of false teaching had been exposed but they refused to repent. Refusal to turn from sin is a sure sign of a lack of saving grace in a person's life. God's judgment on sin is sure. The greatest ministry a church can provide is to pray for those involved in sin and help guide them to the truth of the saving grace of God in Jesus Christ.

**PRAY:** *Lord use me as Your channel of grace to those who may be struggling with sin.*

**APPLY:** Compassion and pointing sinners to Christ demonstrates the love of God.

#### **Sunday, Mar. 3**

**READ:** *2 Pet. 1.7: and in your godliness, brotherly kindness, and in your brotherly kindness, love.*

**THINK:** The apostle Paul wrote that of faith, hope, and love, love is the greatest gift. This is the love that desires the best for someone else with nothing expected in return. This is the love that God has shown and shows us daily. Peter challenged the church to develop this kind of love for others, that same kind of love that God demonstrates to us.

**PRAY:** *Lord help me to display Your love to others.*

**APPLY:** The love of God towards us is the same love we are to display and model to others.

#### **Sunday schedule:**

9:00 a.m.: Coffee and donut fellowship

9:30 a.m.: Sunday School for all ages

10:30 a.m.: morning worship

5 p.m.: Deacon's meeting; Easter cantata practice

6:00 p.m.: evening worship, youth, and children's Bible studies