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Going Deeper

The purpose of this page is to provide a tool or instrument for your spiritual growth. This page contains a brief synopsis of the readings as well as some questions for your reflection to help you go deeper with the Word. On the back is a day by day listing of scripture readings with possible prayer request. Individuals are listed on their day of birth—so that you might pray for them on their birthday. Also on the back is the prayer list for the congregation. Keep on Growing Spiritually!!

Readings for the Day:

2 Kings 5:1–14—Elisha tells Naaman, a Syrian general, to immerse himself in the Jordan River to be cleansed of his leprosy. Initially refusing to do this humble act, Naaman eventually obeys and is healed, revealing not the magic of the water but the power of Israel's God.

1 Corinthians 9:24–27—Using the athletic imagery of a runner and a boxer, Paul illustrates to the Corinthians how Christians have a focus committed to the ministry of the gospel, so that their victorious goal is not individual glory but eternal life for all.

Mark 1:40–45—Jesus cures a leper and asks him to tell no one but a priest, in accordance with Levitical law. Though Jesus performs miracles, his identity as Messiah will not be understood until the cross.

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Questions To Ponder:

- 1— Why would Jesus tell the man to keep the miracle a secret?**
- 2— Do you think Jesus wanted so many people to seek him out? Why or Why Not?**
- 3— Do you think that the people seeking Jesus were seeking him for the right reasons?**
- 4— Why do you think people seek after Jesus in our world today?**

NOTES:

MEMORY VERSE: 1 Corinthians 9:24

²⁴Do you not know that in a race the runners all compete, but only one receives the prize? Run in such a way that you may win it.

A reflection upon this verse is posted on the church's website www.stpaul-borchers.org

Going Deeper in Prayer

Monday 2/13

Judges 15:1-20
Romans 3:1-31
Bill Woning
World peace

Tuesday 2/14

Judges 16:1-31
Romans 4:1-25
Melissa Anderson
IK Synod Bishop Bill Gafjen

Wednesday 2/15

Judges 17:1-13
Romans 5:1-21
Norma Mellenbruch, Ben
Hoene
the care teams of St. Paul

Thursday 2/16

Judges 18:1-31
Romans 6:1-23
Christians in Chile

Friday 2/17

Judges 19:1-30
Romans 7:1-25
Terry Searcy
the ability of the congregation to
reach out to the community

Saturday 2/18

Judges 20:1-48
Romans 8:1-39
□ Curtis Schleibaum, Sharon
Herkamp, Carol Mansfield, Dan
Hoeverer, Gloria Jackson, James Otte
big brothers/big sisters program

Sunday 2/19

Judges 21:1-25
Romans 9:1-33
Shirley Lewis, Teresa Browning,
Heather Johnson, Shaw Jones,
Emerson Otte
pastors

Prayer List

Prayer for Homebound Individuals: *Betty Hoene, Norma Mellenbruch, Eldena Hoene*

Prayer for Long Term Care Issues: *Eunice Lutes, Marilyn Tangman, Andy Runge, Peggy Meahl* (Sarah Rotert's sister-in-law); *Albert Stahl* (Mary Eglen's father)

Recent Hospitalizations: *Diane Caplinger* (surgery-friend of Delores Douglass), *Albert Skaggs* (cancer-friend of Delores Douglass)

Other Prayer Request: *The family and friends of Terry Jenkins, Walter and Verl VonFange* (relatives of Bertha Otte), *Doris Otte, Mike Kovach* (friend of Judy Burke) *Valerie McDonald* (Crohn's Disease-Sona Wente's daughter), *Betty Cupp* (Non-Hodgkins Lymphomia-Mark Cupp's mother), *Debbie Lienhoop* (breast cancer-relative of Tracey Engelau), *Noah Lewis* (Non-Hodgkins Lymphomia-4yr. old friend of Tammi Reinbold), *Melinda Lowry* (Jennie Hoene's cousin), *Amy Pierceall, Arlene Yarnell* (cancer—Michelle Wood's mom); *Dewayne Greathouse* (cancer—friend of Linda Guinn); *Ernie Robinson* (kidney problem—friend of Dena Schafstall); *Kristie Wessel* (cancer—Tracey Engelau's sister); *Ethan Schatto* (leukemia—friend of Merrell Otte); *Pat Norrell* (friend of Kendra Harris); *Judy Teague* (cancer—friend of Joe Hoene); *Tom Koester* (cancer—friend of Susan Kaiser); *Marie Burgess* (cancer—friend of Laberta Otte); *Amanda Corwin* (cancer—Stacey Claycamp's sister); *Rick Lawles* (cancer—Brent Lawles' Uncle).

Prayers for those in Military Service: *Steven Rieker* (Jerry & Pixie Otte's Grandson); *Mike Albert, Stephen Toppe, Chad Brigdon, Evan Marshall, Randy Hooker II, Ryan Siffhard, Andrew Toppe*