

Daily Family Devotions

The thought begins in the Bible verse;
please take the time to read it first.

FRIDAY

“WHAT DO YOU DO WITH FEAR?”

SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 118:5-9; II Timothy 1:12

A Marine who had been decorated several times for bravery in hand-to-hand fighting during some of the most vicious guerrilla attacks of war was asked how he learned to overcome his fear.

He said, “I never overcame it — I learned to make it work for me. I learned to count on the added strength it gave me, the clarity of mind — the way it seemed to make my senses sharper. But even more important, I stopped worrying about what the enemy might do to me, and remembered why I was there, what I had to work with — and that I was never really alone.”

Much of everyday life is a battle, with Satan sniping from undercover — through tedium and moodiness and doubt; with false doctrines threatening to gun us down; and weariness and disappointment dogging our steps with all the stealth and cunning of a war.

But God has given us the resources to defeat these forces if we will only learn to use them: Scripture as a sword; Christ as the Commander; prayer as communication and God as power and strength.

Start looking, not at the thing you fear — but at what you have to meet it with. Then go at it with all you have!

Prayer: Dear God, fear is with me so often and I cower before it so much. Please give me the spirit of confidence that a child of yours is promised and may I stand, strong in all I am called upon to do. AMEN

SATURDAY

“FOR WANT OF A MAN”

SCRIPTURE:

Ezekiel 22:23-31; Isaiah 6:1-9; Acts 26:12-18

The more we read this passage, the more significant it becomes. Just one man—one single individual — could have made the difference in God’s deliverance of his people.

We forget, don’t we, that it is never God who fails: it is we who forget the dynamics of divine intervention. God works through men to gain his objectives. True, he has often performed miraculous works in spite of the men he has had to work through, but the fact remains — without men, God does not choose to move.

And all through history, we can trace the astonishing results that can be set in motion by a single individual who is motivated and guided by God.

Nor does this refer only to great events. It is true right down to the most insignificant duty of daily living. The decisions you make in the office; the decisions you make as a parent, student, politician, teacher, employer or laborer all have a special effect on God’s will in that situation, more far-reaching than we dream.

For want of a nail, the shoe was thrown; for want of a shoe a horse went lame; for want of a horse — the race was lost . . . for want of a man— must God wait?

Prayer: Dear Lord, forgive me when I excuse my indifference by thinking I cannot be used by you. Make me aware every hour of my need to be available to do your will, I pray. AMEN

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“More things are wrought by prayer
than this world dreams of.”

SCRIPTURE:

Psalms 123:1, 2; James 5:13-20

If we could spin our wasted moments into hours, the hours into days and the days into years, we would have a lifetime at our fingertips!

Yet no moment need be wasted, no matter how idle or useless it seems; there is always prayer, and prayer is action, it is power, it is real.

Prayer is the silent dynamo of God’s Kingdom — that power by which God quietly works his wonders — the in-and-out intricacies of timing, the circumstances that appear to be coincidence — the door that opens as we pass it, the love that meets us at the very moment of despair.

Christian prayer is the awareness of need, the lifting of that need onto our own shoulders and then the passing it on to God.

The next time you are left with a wasted moment on your hands, let your heart open and see what request God places there . . . a friend you have forgotten; a promise made that has not been kept; something you need to ask forgiveness for; someone in deep trouble or pain. (John 15:5-8)

There will be times in your life when without reason you will feel a load suddenly lifted — and you will know: someone has prayed. Perhaps you can be that someone to another . . .

Prayer: Lord, make me sensitive to your need for me wherever I am, whatever I am doing. May I never be too busy to hear you; may I never keep my heart closed against you, but always have it accessible to you. AMEN

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TUESDAY

“A REFLECTION OF THE WHOLE”

SCRIPTURE:

I Corinthians 12:12-22, 27

“If everyone in the Church were just like me, what kind of a world would God’s world be?”

Consider your own example, your own witness as a Christian in your everyday life — as a secretary, as a teacher, a student on campus, a doctor in the operating room, a lawyer at court, a mother in the home, or a son at war, a daughter in a sorority house — your reactions, your actions every hour of the day IS The Church at work — at least this is how Christ defines his Church.

When we think of it like this, it is easy to see why The Church fails to arouse any interest or eagerness in the outside world. We seem not to have anything the world needs. They see our discouragement, our bitterness and our anger, our civil disobedience and our indifference, our lack of forgiveness, self-control and discipline.

It watches our struggle to be recognized, our determination to shoulder our way into popularity, our split-apart faith in Jesus Christ, and the world turns away, confused . . .

Let us try to be the best we can be, not for ourselves but because we are Christ’s and the world watches.

Prayer: O Lord, I thank you that in spite of my mistakes and weaknesses, your Kingdom will succeed because it is your power working in us and not we ourselves that change men. AMEN

WEDNESDAY

“EVERY LINK IN THE CHAIN”

SCRIPTURE:

Romans 7:15-8:2

“A chain is only as strong as its weakest link —” and so our society — its future — is at the mercy eventually of its worst members, its lowest moral standards, its most elemental cruelty. For human nature, like water, seeks its lowest level — without God.

If it were not true, America would be emerging better, cleaner, finer — less violent, more loving than she was fifty years ago. After almost two hundred fifty years of existence she would have by now nearly abolished crime, immorality, perversion, godlessness and all greed. Utopia would be within sight — for never in all of recorded history has a nation been so lavished with material and intellectual blessings.

But this hasn’t happened. Why?

It is natural to blame the demise on governing parties, economic indiscretion, international faux pas and various groups of society.

But the fact remains that what we are experiencing today is the accumulation of the acts of millions of us imperfect people upon each other. Individual greed, selfishness, God-rebellion, immorality and materialism, all multiplied thousands of times.

Take yourself — and multiply your weaknesses, your sins by the number of people in the United States; then by the number of people in the world, and you will have a picture of the quality of the chain by which we are trying to lift ourselves up to God . . .

Prayer: Lord, help me to remember I am no better than another without you. Lord, make me more faithful to you! AMEN

THURSDAY

“PATIENCE—THE WAITING ROOM OF FAITH”

SCRIPTURE:

Isaiah 40:28-31; Hebrews 11:1-3

“If we could harness the electrical tension in a dentist’s waiting room, we could light up an entire city!” said a nurse in a dental office.

Waiting is one of our most commonplace irritations! How many of us have developed true patience? Instead of using the time constructively, our waiting literally generates impatience, tension, and annoyance. This is the Now Generation.

And how insidiously this general impatience seeps into our spiritual attitudes! Waiting in the spiritual life can be just as devastating: “Can God do it? Will he? Why doesn’t he?”

Yet without learning to wait upon God, patience is never born and faith “dies abirthing.” We soon find out just how real our trust in God is.

Without patience, a man never mellows. Some of the most difficult people in the world are the impatient honkers in traffic, pushers in lines, inconsiderate, panicky, impulsive and rude. With such people, faith cannot evolve easily; they are so accustomed to manipulating situations that they find difficulty waiting even for God.

These people find their lives just missing the mark; things seldom ripen or come to full fruition; they come off green or unfinished. Are you one of these people?

Prayer: Lord, often I try to twist things to my will, never realizing that I see only from my inadequate vantage point. God, give me more patience that I may have greater faith, I pray. AMEN