

Friday Meditation

Read: John 14:12-16

Questions:

1. According to Jesus, if you believe in Him, what works will you be doing? What does that entail?
2. When Jesus says, “You can ask for anything in my name”, what kind of stuff can you ask for and receive?
3. Love for Jesus is not based on emotions. In verse 15, love is based on what?

Obedience to God proves our love for Him (1 John 5:2-3), demonstrates our faithfulness to Him (1 John 2:3-6), glorifies Him in the world (1 Peter 2:12), and opens avenues of blessing for us (John 13:17). When we obey the Lord, we can live a life of joy, without shame, rooted deeply in the Lord and confident in our eternal hope. When God's children obey their Heavenly Father, He is glorified.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, I know the truth of how I should live my life so that You are glorified. Give me faith to trust You completely in all I do. In Jesus Name. Amen

May God be with you today my friend and rest on his unchanging love and grace for you. See you Sunday!

[Sermon Note Answers: history, changed, expecting, life, empty, life, feeling, joy, first, new, dead, defeated, dwell, today, share, Savior]

Sermon Notes

April 16, 2017 -- Matthew 28:1-15

EASTER – Afraid Yet Filled with Joy

Throughout _____, there have been some momentous occasions that have _____ the way a person experiences life.

When the women went to look at the tomb, they were _____ what they normally experienced at a tomb, a body void of _____.

- Instead of a body the women found an _____ tomb and the promise of _____!
- Instead of _____ downtrodden their countenance was changing to _____ as they rushed off to tell the disciples.
- The women were now seeing Jesus for the _____ time, in a _____ way.

What makes our Easter story the greatest story ever told is that Jesus was _____, but he rose up from the grave and _____ death once and for all.

Our Challenges are for this week:

1. To regularly _____ on Jesus' resurrection and what it means for me _____ and for all eternity.
2. To _____ with others, the joy of knowing Jesus as your _____.

Monday Meditation

Read: Mark 10:46-52

Questions:

1. What happens in this event and to whom?
2. What voice(s) keep you from going to Jesus?
3. Jesus asks, "What can I do for you?" How will you trust Jesus today to meet you at your need?

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, we see the faith and trust Bartimaeus has in Jesus. Help us to have that same faith today. In His name. Amen*

Tuesday Meditation

Read: 1 Kings 3:3-15

Questions:

1. What is the connection between verse 3 actions and verse 5 response from God?
2. Why do you think Solomon asked for what he did instead of what he could have?
3. Are there any shifts you need to make in your life to be in better alignment with God and what are you going to do about it?

There seems to be a direct correlation between people who align their lives with God and answered prayer.

Prayer: *Holy Spirit, direct my thoughts, my actions and my life that I am living more for you than for me today. In Jesus name. Amen*

Wednesday Meditation

Read: Mark 14:32-38

Questions:

1. Jesus was facing the cross, even though he is God's Son, what was his initial desire?
2. What was Jesus' ultimate desire?
3. What might you be facing that you need to say to God, "not my will but Yours be done"?

Prayer: *Lord Jesus, give me the strength to lean into Your will for me today. Help me to trust Your wisdom and Your guidance. In Jesus Name. Amen.*

Thursday Meditation

Read: Romans 8:26-29

Questions:

1. What is the role of the Spirit in a believer's life? What does it mean to intercede?
2. How do you show love to God in Your life?
3. When God calls us he wants us to be what in regard to Jesus, His Son?

Know that God's Spirit in you is at work to help you become a person who looks like Jesus to those in our lives. May God bless you today!

Prayer: *Holy Spirit, thank You for interceding for me when I don't know what to pray. Help me to see how You are working out my life to God's glory. When I can't see, help me to trust You, in Jesus Name. Amen.*