

Saturday

Stop Or Go

Paul and his companions traveled throughout the region of Phrygia and Galatia, having been kept by the Holy Spirit from preaching the word in the province of Asia. (Acts 16:6 NIV)

As we engage in the task of sharing our faith, we must be aware of the fact that we really do not know everything that is going on in the other person's life. Hence, all the more reason to be relying on the Holy Spirit's leadership. Recognize the Spirit wants you to follow His lead. He might say, "Do this," "Say that," or "Back off." We won't know unless we are paying attention to Him. We cannot completely know the best thing to do on our own. Ask for and seek leading from the Spirit. He knows what's best.

Sunday

Praise The Spirit

Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. (2 Corinthians 3:17 NIV)

We often worship and praise the Father and Jesus directly. Today, let's give it up for the Holy Spirit. He is God. He is right there inside you. He ministers to us in so many ways. It would be impossible to live the Christian life without Him. Praise the Holy Spirit today. Worship His presence inside you.

A ONE WEEK DEVOTIONAL

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This devotional was created to coincide with the message heard this past Sunday at Summit Trace Church. It is meant for people who are pressed for time to do a daily devotional. Each daily reading is intentionally short, so that you can read it, think about, and pray in five minutes.

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Monday

The Spirit's Role In Evangelism

Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45 NIV)

We have a role in helping people experience and learn about Jesus. We should diligently prepare for that role and do it to the best of our ability. As we do, remember that we are never working alone. The Holy Spirit is actually the only one who can open people's minds and speak directly to their hearts. For anyone to be able to accept Jesus as their Savior, there must be interaction with the Holy Spirit (1 Cor. 12:3). Do your part in being a witness for Jesus, and let the Holy Spirit do His part. Pray for your teamwork with the Holy Spirit.

Tuesday

Accepting Truth

When he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. (John 16:13 NIV)

Occasionally truth goes against our attitudes and values. We can sometimes hear truth and deny it because it goes against our system of beliefs. In those cases, when truth turns our world on its side, it requires something deep to happen for us to accept it. Accepting our need for a Savior and that Jesus is that Savior is like turning our world on its side. To get there, we need to be convicted of it deep in our core, because that is where the Holy Spirit can go. When you are witnessing for Jesus to someone, remember that what you are conveying might be hard for them to accept, and they will need some time for the Spirit to get that truth down deep. Pray for those you know who do not yet know Jesus. Ask for the Spirit to speak to their hearts and minds.

Wednesday

Experiencing Grace

He said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” (2 Corinthians 12:9 NIV)

Grace is a word you can find in a dictionary or on Wikipedia. You can memorize the definition. You can even study the idea of grace in Christian study materials. However, if you have not experienced grace, you won't really get it. Plenty of preachers have preached about grace, and then failed to show it in their leadership. Don't presume you understand grace. Grace must be experienced to appreciate and know it well enough to explain it and show it to others. God desired that the apostle Paul experienced His grace so that he would better appreciate it. Pray for your appreciation of grace. The goal is to be able to allow others to experience God's grace through you.

Thursday

Learning Knowledge

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction. (Proverbs 1:7 NIV)

Knowledge is information. Learning is the acquisition of information. People learn in different ways. Three styles of learning are auditory (hearing), visual (pictures or words), and kinesthetic (doing). None of them are better than the other. They are just different ways of learning. We all have one or two styles that tend to work for us. As you are helping someone understand the truths about Jesus, consider what that person's learning style is. Would they do better with something to read? Would it help for them to hear the truth and maybe interact with you? Would they learn about Jesus better by receiving an act of kindness? Talk with the Holy Spirit about how you might be a witness for Jesus for people with varied learning styles.

Friday

Rely On The Spirit

“The Holy Spirit will teach you at that time what you should say.” (Luke 12:12 NIV)

Be prepared. If you understand God's desire for you to be His witness to the world (starting with people you know), then prepare for the task. Engage in showing and receiving grace. Learn the truths about your faith. Do all this knowing that when the moment comes that you are ready to share Jesus, the Holy Spirit is in charge. He will use all the things that are built inside you, but He will also give the specific words to say - and actions to do. Go into those conversations and interactions asking for and trusting the Spirit to lead. Pray for your ability to let the Spirit lead you in the moment.