

Personal DailyWalk

October 23-29, 2017



Monday: Acts 16:16-34 Jesus liberated us from our sin and what did it get Him? Death on a cross! Paul and Silas liberated this young woman from her spirits and from being exploited by her owner, and what did it get them? Prison! Kind of makes you want to bury your head in the sand and just go with the flow, right? Don't make waves. But do you think that is what God is asking us to do? My image of Jesus is NOT get along to get along, but instead, reaching out to those without a voice, without position, without opportunity, and lifting them up into a place with a voice, with a position, with an opportunity, regardless of how society perceives it. Pray to be more *Jesus* than *man* in this world so that you may continue the path of liberation where liberation is needed.

Tuesday: Matthew 25:31-46 These verses seemed to be the logical next reading from yesterday's reading. Someone in need has many different faces. I would venture to say that we go to the whole financial need and don't look at other needs. Maybe the need is simple, someone to have a cup of coffee with (companionship), maybe it is someone to just listen, maybe it is mentoring someone in a new position, etc. Think of other faces of need. Send us a message on Facebook (facebook.com/FaithLutheranOFallon) with your thoughts on faces of need. This week, let's look for those faces of need and step out in faith so that we can be that cup of cold water for that need. Pray for God to open your eyes and to strengthen your resolve to be the hands, feet, and heart of Jesus to your world.

Wednesday: Philippians 4:6-9 I think we hear the whatever verse and forget to look any further. Read verse 9 again. In the NIV version it reads: *Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.* (I emphasized the **put it into practice**). Reading the *whatever* phrases is not doing it. You must (is that too strong of a word?) take what you learn and put it into practice. We are people of grace, but is that grace lived out if we don't put it in practice? Pray to the God of grace and mercy on this question.

Thursday: Exodus 18:13-27 Delegation...oh how hard that can be. Do you find yourself in the *I can be all things to all people?* God has called and equipped each of us, but did he call and equip us to be everything, or did he call and equip us for specific jobs/ministries? What about mentorship? Moses didn't dump and run on those men he put into leadership, did he? Look for ways to delegate and mentor responsibly so that you may not only be able to do the ministry God has given to you, but to also increase God's kingdom through additional leaders. Pray for the eyes of God to see where, when, and to whom you should delegate and mentor.

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Friday: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 I don't know about you, but sometimes it is very hard to give thanks in all circumstances. Pray without ceasing, especially in those hard places that you are struggling to give thanks to God.

Saturday: 1 Peter 5:6-11 I think God's idea of 'a little while' is different than mine! How about you? How do you trust in God's unfailing grace and full restoration during your suffering? I know, I know, it is an act of faith, but sometimes it is just hard. For me, I go back and think of the times that God did restore me or show me His mercy or kept me safe when things could have turned out so bad. Then I can pray in thanksgiving for what God has done for me, ask for His mercy again, and put my faith in His good mercy. Pray in your hard places again today, asking for a little more faith.

Sunday: Jude 1 This is a pretty tough read. Do you see yourself in any of these verses? Do you see the world in these verses? Thank goodness for verses 17-24. They bring me hope, how about you? Pray in compassion and confidence verses 17-24.

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