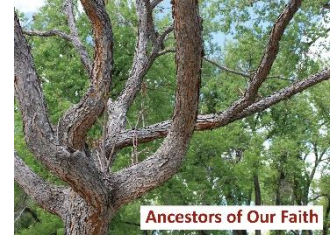


Personal DailyWalk

Our devotions this week are based on the **VBS** program, **"Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity."** Each day this week, there will be a Bible point to ponder and a key verse to meditate on.



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Monday: Hebrews 13:5 **"When things change, God is with you."** Our God is Triune, meaning that the very nature of God is relationship. That relationship extends to those who have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. Pray for courage for all those who are experiencing fear, loneliness, or abandonment, that they may feel the presence of God.

Tuesday: Psalm 46:1 **"When you need help, God is with you."** In times of trouble, it is often difficult to discern the way forward for ourselves, let alone feel that God is actively helping. But that is the promise of scripture...that God will not only be present, but help us in our times of trouble. Pray for God's Spirit to be made known to those who are experiencing crisis.

Wednesday: Isaiah 41:10 **"When you're afraid, God is with you."** Martin Luther says the opposite of faith is not unbelief, but fear. Few things can stop someone from living the life God has called them to faster than fear. So it is no surprise that so often in the Bible, God's messengers and prophets are telling God's people to, "Fear not!" Pray for God's encouragement and hope to be with you in times of fear, and to embolden your faith.

Thursday: Matthew 28:20 **"When you're lonely, God is with you."** When Jesus ascends to heaven, he does so only after having prayed to God on behalf of his disciples, that they may "be one." One of the ways in which God helps us in this life is to deliver us into the shelter of each other. Pray that all those who are lonely and lost are drawn into the body of Christ, where they might find the joy of fellowship.

Friday: 1 Chronicles 16:34 **"When you are thankful, God is with you."** Our relationship with God is not solely based on our needs and how God can help us. Our God is jealous for us and longs for our thanks and praise. Holding our blessings in our hands and giving thanks to God for them is an act of Christian love. Pray in thanksgiving to God for all the ways God has been with you in times of fear, change, joy, and celebration.

Saturday: John 13:34 **"When we love one another, God is glorified."** Gratitude issues forth in generosity. In response to all the ways we have known God's grace and mercy, we are free to share that love with our neighbor. Pray that God might reveal to you the ways in which you might share his love generously with your neighbor.

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Sunday: Psalm 99:5 "When we worship together, God is glorified." The Sunday Assembly is not the climax of our week, but the beginning. It is in worshipping together, sharing the peace, and eating a Meal together that we are shaped and formed for our vocations in the world. Gathering together on Sunday gets us ready to be sent into the world to share God's love. Pray for the worship services of Christians everywhere, that they may be acceptable to God and life-giving to God's people.

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