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## “First Watch” Touch Points for *Evangel’s Prayer Vigil* team

### For the week of May 5, 2013

Share with others on the Prayer Vigil throughout the week, during our Connections time on Sundays, or using our FaceBook group “First Watch Prayer Vigil.” [www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096](http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=63044309096) .

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This series—aimed to support our “Stepping Out in Faith—for the Sake of the Gospel” initiative—is based on *The One Year Book of Praying Through the Bible* by Cheri Fuller (Tyndale House, 2003). We will focus on specific topics that relate to faith, witness and outreach. “The driving force behind this proposal is to increase our evangelistic witness and the impact on our neighborhood and community.” (From the overview document, available at [www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf](http://www.evbapt.org/docs/steppingOut.pdf) )

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### *I’m Ordinary*

[God told Moses,] “Now go, and do as I have told you. I will help you speak well, and I will tell you what to say.” But Moses again pleaded, “Lord, please! Send someone else.”

*Exodus 4:12-13*

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#### Prayer for the Week

God, I am ordinary, but you are amazing! You created me, and you see things you have placed inside me that I may not recognize yet. When you ask something of me, you also understand what I need to complete the task. **Please use me in extraordinary ways so that people will know that you are behind it all and will exalt your name!**

#### Notable Quote

Do you have an impossible job to do? Has the Lord told you to do it? **When we pray, we enter God’s domain from the domain of our inability.**

*Corrie ten Boom (1892-1983)*

#### Reflection

Conflicting emotions arise when someone asks us to do something for which we feel unprepared or inadequate. We tend to look in the mirror and scrutinize our faults and shortcomings. But we can be thankful that God views us in a much different light. He sees the promises he placed inside us when we were conceived. God knows our talents, and he also knows our disabilities and weaknesses. Moses focused on just one aspect of the task—speaking—but God saw a much broader picture. He understood the hardships that were ahead. He knew that Moses was not a skilled speaker but that it was not Moses’ speaking ability that would lead God’s people through the wilderness. Rather, it was the leadership skills, faith in God, and strength of character that God had developed in him that would guide a multitude out of Egypt. God can enable you to do what he asks of you when you obey him. Just a silver urn can be used to hold fine wine, to can a common crock. It’s what is inside that matters. **When God uses ordinary people to perform the extraordinary, then his name is lifted up!**

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#### PRAYER PROMPTS

- Apply this week’s thoughts in your prayers for our “Stepping Out in Faith...for the Sake of the Gospel” initiative. If you have not seen the materials on the initiative, they will be on the table in the lobby each Sunday through May. Pray for effective interaction at the town hall meeting on Sunday, for the Lord’s leading in the Church Council discussion on Monday evening, and for continued blessing as we commit ourselves to “Step Out....” Pray for God to bless you to “perform the extraordinary, [so that] his name is lifted up!”
- Prayerfully reflect on the lessons from Sunday’s worship service, the music, Scripture, and Pastor Dave’s message “Crowned with Thorns”\* from Matthew 27.
- Pray for the ministry of Vacation Bible School, directed this year by Bridgette Ecklund. Pray specifically for enough volunteers and for God’s blessing on Bridgette as she organizes this year’s program.

\*A podcast of the sermon will be posted on the website by Monday, along with pdf versions of the PowerPoint notes and sermon outline

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Printed copies are available in the lobby on Sunday.