
Touch Points for Evangel's Prayer Vigil team

For the week of December 7, 2014

This series is aimed to support our "Stepping Out in Faith—for the Sake of the Gospel" initiative. It 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, prayer 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)

The Value of the Word

How sweet are your words to my taste; they are sweeter than honey. Your commandments give me understanding; no wonder I hate every false way of life.

Psalm 119:103-104

Prayer for the Week

Father, thank you for your Word, which is my very life! It gives me the understanding I need to stay on the right path and live a life that honors you; Fill me with delight in the Scriptures, and increase my appreciation of them as each year passes. Keep me from distraction when I sit down to read, and may I never take for granted the great privilege of knowing what you have said.

Notable Quote

God did not write a book and send it by messenger to be read at a distance by unaided minds. He spoke a book and lives in His spoken words, constantly speaking His words and causing the power of them to persist across the years.

A. W. Tozer

Reflection

In this prayer we can join the psalmist as he expresses thankfulness for God's words. His words nourish us, give us understanding, and keep us from deceptive ways. No wonder they are better than the choicest food! The Word of our Lord provides the fuel for our spiritual growth and health and gives us guidance we need for each step of the journey. Almost every verse of Psalm 119 speaks of this overarching theme—the great value of the revealed Word of God. It calls us back to the Scriptures and to approach reading them as a delight, not as a duty. It reminds us what a gift it is to know what God says and to be able to follow the path that leads to destruction. Ask his Spirit to increase your enjoyment of the Scriptures and to open your eyes to his wonderful ways.

PRAYER PROMPTS

- Pray that you will hunger for His Word more than your favorite food so that with Moses you can say, "These instructions are not mere words—they are your life!" (Deuteronomy 32:47).
- Reflect on this week's worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave's sermon, "Let My People Go—Our Journey Begins"* (Exodus 12:30-41). Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ and as you connect with different people this week.
- Continue to remember one family from your circle of influence for intercession. They could be a neighbor, coworker or relative. Pray for their struggles to be resolved, their health improved and their relationships strengthened. Ask the Lord to bring them to a fuller, closer relationship with Himself in faith and obedience.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable an offer of attendance.
- Continue to pray for our "Stepping Out in Faith" initiative. Continue in prayer for the efforts of Mark Albrecht and Converge MidAmerica to secure the right person to lead a church plant from our facilities, aimed at increasing evangelism in our area.

* A podcast of the sermon and other materials are normally posted on the website by Monday.

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