

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

For the week of August 9, 2015

### Five Blessings - Week 2

#### Committing to a Praying Life

The quote section is inspired by *The One Year® Book of Praying Through the Bible* by Cheri Fuller (Tyndale, 2003)

##### Quote

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*Praying when you need Him most...*

To pray is to let Jesus into our lives. He knocks and seeks admittance, not only in the solemn hours of secret prayer; He knocks in the midst of our daily work, your daily struggles, your daily “grind.” That is where you need Him the most.

*Ole Hallesby*

The Lord is faithful in all his words and kind in all his works. The Lord upholds all who are falling and raises up all who are bowed down.

*Psalm 145:13-14 ESV*

##### Question

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When you do reach out to Jesus in the “daily grind,” does it tend to be only when you “are falling...and bowed down,” or have you cultivated prayer as a conversation with Jesus as you walk side-by-side with him as friend, guide, and Lord of your life?

#### Renewal at Evangel

##### Five Blessings for Fall Outreach at Evangel

Leading up to the resumption of programs in September, we invite you to join in the “Five Blessings” approach to pray for the startup of these programs, including:

- Coffeebreak
- LIF@Etime
- Small Groups
- Ministry initiatives and staff for Evangel
- Ministry opportunities for you to extend care and witness to others, including an invitation to Evangel

The Five Blessings approach (adapted from Houses of Prayer Everywhere—HOPE):

*Pray*  
5 blessings for  
5 people/families for  
5 minutes a day  
5 days a week for  
5 weeks

You can use the BLESS acronym as a guide to shaping your prayers:

- B**ody—*health, protection, strength*
- L**abor—*work, income, security*
- E**mootional—*joy, peace, hope*
- S**ocial—*love, marriage, family, friends*
- S**piritual—*salvation, faith, grace*

You can use this helpful framework at any time for your own Impact List.

#### PRAYER PROMPTS

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- Pray specifically for someone you know who needs to experience—or acknowledge—the truth of Psalm 145:13-14. Thank the Lord for the faithfulness of word and kindness of works that he has shown in your own life.
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave’s message “Rejection or Rescue?” (1 Thessalonians 2:14-16). Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ, as you connect with different people this week.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services, and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.

\* A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.

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