

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

For the week of October 18, 2015

When a Loved One Feels Lost and Confused

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guideposts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers. This week our focus shifts from friends to loved ones. That focus will change again as we work our way through selections from the book.

READ: The darkness and the light are both alike to You.

Psalm 139:12

REFLECT: Recently my friend Tim accompanied his father to the hospital for a radiation treatment. Cancer is affecting his father’s thought processes. As they sat in the waiting room, Tim heard his father quietly pray, “Lord, I don’t know why I’m here. I used to know, but now I’m not sure. But I remember that You know why and will help me.”

Tim had just accepted a faculty position at a university in a different state. The decision to make this abrupt move had been difficult, and he spent sleepless nights assessing his situation. Sitting in the midst of packing crates in a new house in an unfamiliar city, Tim heard his father’s quiet voice: “Lord, I don’t know why I’m here. But I remember that You know why and will help me.”

Many times I have found myself suddenly not knowing why I am here or where I am going. Yet, like Tim and his father, I have also learned that God knows the way even when I am lost.

Scott Walker

PRAY: *Lord, I give You my need to understand everything. I choose to trust in Your goodness whether or not I understand all Your plans for my life.*

DO: Pray the above prayer with a loved one who feels lost and confused.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. *The full version used on Wednesday evenings is on the table in the lobby and on the website (see Archives).*
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave’s message “Coming Again” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-14). 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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