

**“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team**  
**For the week of February 28, 2016**

**When You Need Wisdom**

*The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers.*

**READ:** If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him. *James 1:5*

**REFLECT:** When my wife Joy took a part-time job, the house began to look like a disaster area. One day it got to be too much for overworked Joy. What could we do? I’d tried reasoning with our adolescent sons, and it wasn’t working. With a sigh and a “flash prayer” asking for wisdom, I faced the three culprits. “All right, no more living like slob. From now on, no one will pick up anything for you. Things left out after bedtime will disappear!”

That first night three dollars and two favorite toys disappeared off bedroom floors. More disappeared the next day. But after five days, my sons had the neatest bedrooms in town—and a dad who’d learned a little more about parenting from his Heavenly Father.

Do you need wisdom right now? Stop and pray. The Bible says, “He gives generously to all.” All we have to do is ask!

*Eric Fellman*

**PRAY:** *I’m so grateful, Father, that You have the wisdom I need (and don’t have) for every circumstance I will ever face.*

**DO:** Think of a situation you’re unsure how to handle. Ask God for the wisdom, words, solution you need and listen for an answer.

**ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS**

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week—it will be used in our weekly prayer time, which has moved to Sundays at 11:15am for the winter months. Copies can also be found in the lobby and in the Archive section on the website (evbapt.org).
- Reflect on this week’s worship service—the music, Scripture, Pastor Dave’s message “Loving the Laborers” (1 Thess. 5:12-13)—that all will help as you go through this week; for your own walk with Christ, and that you may be a blessing to people you have contact with.
- 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.
- Pray for the work of our Planning Group (Church Council and a number of additional people) as they explore options for Evangel’s future. Pray for the outcome of the vote today about starting a pastoral search—one of three options we are pursuing. Pick up a copy of the Evangel Profile (one per household....or download it at [www.evbapt.org/docs/evangel-profile.pdf](http://www.evbapt.org/docs/evangel-profile.pdf)) and prayerfully read through it to better understand our succession planning as Pastor Dave and Jennie anticipate retirement (tentatively late spring 2017).

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

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