

Sermon Journal

April 17 - September 24, 2017



Blessed are those who
are persecuted because
of righteousness for
the kingdom
of heaven. Matthew 5:10

Blessed are the
pure in heart, for
they will see God.
Matthew 5:8

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Dear Friend,

If we are “Helping Others Follow Jesus,” then how does that happen? The founder of Methodism, John Wesley, gave us a great tip when he said: “I am a man of one book.” Scripture was the governing authority for his life. A key part of the “method” of Methodism is developing the habit of reading, understanding and applying the Bible. If we don’t read it, it has no value. If we don’t understand what we read, it is irrelevant. James 1:22 tells us to apply it: “Do not merely listen to the Word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says.”

This daily reading plan is to support a core habit and positive addiction for us. This journal is tied to our weekly sermon. The reading on Monday is the preaching text for the following Sunday. The daily texts support the main sermon theme.

If we are “Helping Others Follow Jesus,” it makes sense to do this with others. There are groups which meet weekly to go through these verses. We benefit GREATLY from the insights of others!

Since the church is often seen as being against things and people, we wanted to proclaim what and who we are “FOR.” After Easter, we will discuss how we are “FOR” the least of these, the family, the church, the city, the world and the kingdom of God.

Then we begin a four-month study on three words: WORSHIP – GROW – INFLUENCE.

Our “WORSHIP” series is called “Encountering God through ____.” While we worship together as believers, our experiences with God aren’t confined to an hour or two on Sunday mornings. We encounter God in all kinds of ways and places.

There are many different words to describe “GROW” (learn, develop, mature, flourish, expand, enlarge, increase, multiply, and strengthen). The New Testament refers to this aspect of the Christian faith as “sanctification.” We grow spiritually when we align ourselves with God’s will, and we truly pay attention to it.

We will study the first six chapters of the book of Daniel as we look at the topic of "INFLUENCE." Taken as a captive to a foreign land, Daniel did not compromise his faith. In the beginning, this young man withstood the indoctrination academy of the Babylonian king, and he stayed faithful and true to the end. In fact, he witnessed the overthrow of the Babylonians by the Medes and Persians. It is a fascinating book.

We pray the Holy Spirit will use these daily readings to help you follow Jesus so that you can help others follow Him, too.

In Christ,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tom". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line above the first letter.

Tom

Scripture Reading

FOR GOOD: For the Least of These

- 4/17 Matthew 25:31-40
- 4/18 Isaiah 58
- 4/19 Jeremiah 22:1-5
- 4/20 Luke 10:25-37
- 4/21 Luke 11:37-42
- 4/22 Luke 12:13-21
- 4/23 Matthew 25:31-40

FOR GOOD: For the Family

- 4/24 Deuteronomy 6:1-9
- 4/25 Job 1:1-5
- 4/26 Psalm 78:1-8
- 4/27 Matthew 18:1-4
- 4/28 Acts 10:1-2
- 4/29 Ephesians 6:1-4
- 4/30 Deuteronomy 6:1-9

FOR GOOD: For the Church

- 5/1 Ephesians 1:15-23
- 5/2 Galatians 1
- 5/3 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- 5/4 Philippians 1:1-11
- 5/5 1 Thessalonians 1
- 5/6 Titus 1
- 5/7 Ephesians 1:15-23

FOR GOOD: For the City

- 5/8 Matthew 5:14-16
- 5/9 Jonah 3
- 5/10 Jonah 4
- 5/11 Acts 8:4-13
- 5/12 Hebrews 11:8-16
- 5/13 Revelation 21
- 5/14 Matthew 5:14-16

FOR GOOD: For the World

- 5/15 Revelation 22:1-5
- 5/16 Genesis 12:1-3
- 5/17 Isaiah 42:1-7
- 5/18 Micah 4:1-5
- 5/19 John 15:18-25
- 5/20 Acts 10:34-48
- 5/21 Revelation 22:1-5

FOR GOOD: For the Kingdom of God

- 5/22 Luke 12:22-34
- 5/23 Exodus 19:1-6
- 5/24 Psalm 103
- 5/25 Isaiah 9:1-7
- 5/26 Matthew 13:31-35
- 5/27 Colossians 1:3-14
- 5/28 Luke 12:22-34

ENCOUNTERING GOD: Through the Spirit

- 5/29 John 4:19-24
- 5/30 Psalm 51:10-19
- 5/31 John 20:21-23
- 6/1 Acts 1:1-8
- 6/2 Acts 2:1-28
- 6/3 Acts 2:29-47
- 6/4 John 4:19-24

ENCOUNTERING GOD: Through Affliction

- 6/5 Job 1:20-22
- 6/6 Genesis 32
- 6/7 Psalm 34
- 6/8 Habakkuk 3:16-19
- 6/9 2 Corinthians 1:3-11
- 6/10 James 5:7-11
- 6/11 Job 1:20-22

Scripture Reading

ENCOUNTERING GOD: Through Wisdom

- 6/12 Matthew 2:1-8
- 6/13 Proverbs 1:1-7
- 6/14 Proverbs 3:1-10
- 6/15 Proverbs 10
- 6/16 Romans 1:14-23
- 6/17 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- 6/18 Matthew 2:1-8

ENCOUNTERING GOD: Through Temptation

- 6/19 Matthew 4:1-11
- 6/20 Genesis 39
- 6/21 Matthew 6:9-15
- 6/22 Luke 22:39-46
- 6/23 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- 6/24 1 Timothy 6:6-10
- 6/25 Matthew 4:1-11

ENCOUNTERING GOD: Through Humility

- 6/26 2 Chronicles 7:11-22
- 6/27 Deuteronomy 30
- 6/28 2 Chronicles 6:36-40
- 6/29 2 Chronicles 33:10-20
- 6/30 Proverbs 28:12-16
- 7/1 James 4:7-10
- 7/2 2 Chronicles 7:11-22

MIRACLE GROW: Through Participation

- 7/3 Philippians 2:12-18
- 7/4 1 Corinthians 9:24-27
- 7/5 1 Corinthians 10:14-22
- 7/6 Philemon 4-7
- 7/7 1 Peter 4:12-19
- 7/8 2 Peter 1:1-4
- 7/9 Philippians 2:12-18

MIRACLE GROW: Through God's Word

- 7/10 Psalm 119:9-16
- 7/11 Joshua 1:6-9
- 7/12 Psalm 119:97-120
- 7/13 Proverbs 4
- 7/14 John 15:1-4
- 7/15 2 Timothy 3:10-17
- 7/16 Psalm 119:9-16

MIRACLE GROW: Through Pain

- 7/17 Psalm 119:25-32
- 7/18 Psalm 22
- 7/19 Psalm 44
- 7/20 Matthew 16:13-23
- 7/21 Romans 7:21-25
- 7/22 Romans 8:31-39
- 7/23 Psalm 119:25-32

MIRACLE GROW: Through Discipline

- 7/24 Hebrews 12:4-13
- 7/25 Deuteronomy 8
- 7/26 Proverbs 5:7-14
- 7/27 John 15:5-7
- 7/28 1 Corinthians 11:27-34
- 7/29 Revelation 3:14-22
- 7/30 Hebrews 12:4-13

MIRACLE GROW: Through Practice

- 7/31 Matthew 7:24-27
- 8/1 Ezekiel 33:30-33
- 8/2 Matthew 23:1-12
- 8/3 Romans 1:28-32
- 8/4 1 Timothy 5
- 8/5 James 3:13-16
- 8/6 Matthew 7:24-27

Scripture Reading

MIRACLE GROW: Through Action

- 8/7 James 1:22-25
- 8/8 Matthew 12:48-50
- 8/9 Galatians 6:1-4
- 8/10 Colossians 3:15-17
- 8/11 1 John 2:3-6
- 8/12 3 John 11
- 8/13 James 1:22-25

DIFFERENCE MAKERS: Through Resolve

- 8/14 Daniel 1:8-21
- 8/15 Daniel 1:1-7
- 8/16 Psalm 17:1-3
- 8/17 1 Kings 18
- 8/18 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
- 8/19 2 Timothy 4:1-8
- 8/20 Daniel 1:8-21

DIFFERENCE MAKERS: Through Interpretation

- 8/21 Daniel 2:14-24
- 8/22 Daniel 2:1-13
- 8/23 Daniel 2:25-49
- 8/24 Genesis 40
- 8/25 1 Corinthians 14:26-28
- 8/26 2 Peter 1:19-21
- 8/27 Daniel 2:14-24

DIFFERENCE MAKERS: Through Confidence

- 8/28 Daniel 3:16-18
- 8/29 Daniel 3:1-15
- 8/30 Daniel 3:19-30
- 8/31 Psalm 71
- 9/1 2 Corinthians 3:4-6
- 9/2 Ephesians 3:7-13
- 9/3 Daniel 3:16-18

DIFFERENCE MAKERS: Through Conflict

- 9/4 Daniel 4:19-27
- 9/5 Daniel 4:1-18
- 9/6 Daniel 4:28-37
- 9/7 Matthew 10:32-39
- 9/8 Galatians 2:1-14
- 9/9 Galatians 3:1-5
- 9/10 Daniel 4:19-27

DIFFERENCE MAKERS: Through Reputation

- 9/11 Daniel 5:7-12
- 9/12 Daniel 5:1-6
- 9/13 Daniel 5:13-30
- 9/14 Genesis 41
- 9/15 Acts 6:1-6
- 9/16 1 Corinthians 15:33-34
- 9/17 Daniel 5:7-12

DIFFERENCE MAKERS: Through Consistency

- 9/18 Daniel 6:10-16
- 9/19 Daniel 6:1-9
- 9/20 Daniel 6:17-28
- 9/21 Matthew 24:45-51
- 9/22 Luke 5:15-16
- 9/23 2 Thessalonians 3:1-5
- 9/24 Daniel 6:10-16

DIFFERENCE MAKERS

Saturday, August 19, 2017

Daily Bible Reading: 2 Timothy 4:1-8

OBSERVE: *What does this passage say?*

SEEK: *What does this passage mean?*

PRACTICE: *How does this apply to my life?*

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