

# Prayer Updates

## JOY & BLESSINGS

Joshua & Frannie Dunton welcome their son, **Kaden Cruz Dunton**, born 2/2; grandparents are Frank & Kathie VanWickler and Jeff & Debbie Dunton. (Kaden came just three days after his cousin Juliann VanWickler, born to Zek & Danielle.)

**Benjamin David Kraft** was born to David & Ke'ala Kraft on 1/30; grandparents are Liz Bishop and Jim & Vickie Kraft, great-grandmother, Jeannette Kraft!

## HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Grace Hoy – NICU (Dominican), born 1/25

Irvin Smith – moved to San Leandro Hospital (recovering from being hit by a car)

Isaac Craig (almost 3, Steve & Molly's son) - dehydration from flu (home 2/6)

Janice Zucchi – UCSF biopsies next week

Joseph Rojas – NICU (Dominican), born 1/13

Juliann VanWickler – NICU (Watsonville)

Marion Fuhry – lung problems

**Recent hospitalizations /surgeries:** Paul Wittwer, Ruby Whitlow

**Hospice care:** Dorothy Thrash

## NEW Share HIS Care Team

Pray as a "Share HIS Care" team is being formed to mobilize volunteers to support Karla and Brad Bogard after her upcoming major cancer surgery helping them to accomplish the necessities of life and allowing them to focus on Karla's healing, their relationship with the Lord and one another. If you have an interest in participating, please email your contact information to [Susie@tlc.org](mailto:Susie@tlc.org).

## We want to provide pastoral support...

Please call 465-3395 when someone is hospitalized, scheduled for surgery, becomes a shut-in, or in special need. Prayer support is available through our pastors and numerous prayer groups — call 689-9400. Please pick up a Prayer Update at the Information Desk or Welcome Center.

## Bringing Out THE BEST in Others

HOW TO LEAD LIKE JESUS

## "Leading With Care"

Part 2 • Message by Mark Spurlock

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### Poor Leaders:

*"This is what the Sovereign LORD says: 'Woe to the shepherds of Israel who only take care of themselves! Should not shepherds take care of the flock?'"* Ezekiel 34:2

### Christ-like Leaders:

*"I am the good shepherd. . . and I lay down my life for the sheep."* John 10:14-15

## 4 Essentials of Shepherd Leadership:

1.

*"I tell you the truth, the man who does not enter the sheep pen by the gate, but climbs in by some other way, is a thief and a robber. The man who enters by the gate is the shepherd of his sheep."* John 10:1-2

2.

*"The watchman opens the gate for him, and the sheep listen to his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes on ahead of them, and his sheep follow him because they know his voice. But they will never follow a stranger; in fact, they will run away from him because they do not recognize a stranger's voice. 'Jesus used this figure of speech, but they did not understand what he was telling them.'"* John 10:3-6

3.

*"Therefore Jesus said again, 'I tell you the truth, I am the gate for the sheep. All who ever came before me were thieves and robbers, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate; whoever enters through me will be saved. He will come in and go out, and find pasture.'"* John 10:7-9

4.

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd who owns the sheep. So when he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf attacks the flock and scatters it. The man runs away because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep."* John 10:10-13

*"I am the good shepherd; I know my sheep and my sheep know me — just as the Father knows me and I know the Father — and I lay down my life for the sheep."* John 10:14-15

# Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

## Monday

Read Ezekiel 34 & John 10:1-15. Write down four things that stand out to you in these passages about bad shepherds and four things about good shepherds.

Recall a time when you were following someone who you knew cared for you. What difference did that make in your life? How has that impacted how you lead others?

*Thank God today that He leads you with care and concern. Thank Him for the opportunity to study the Bible and grow. Ask Him to soften your heart as a leader. Pray that God will grow your love and concern for those you lead. Pray also for those who lead you.*

## Tuesday

Read John 10:1-2 & 1 Peter 5:1-4. What does it mean to honor your role as a leader? How does that impact your attitude about leading? About those who are following you?

How could honoring your role as a leader impact your actions? How will you apply this passage to your life this week?

*Thank God today for the privilege of being a leader. Thank Him for those He has entrusted to your care. Pray for opportunities to apply what you've studied today. Pray that you will be a leader that lives out love, grace and humility.*

## Wednesday

Read John 10:3-6. What kind of a relationship do sheep have with their shepherd? Why won't sheep follow a stranger?

What are your biggest roadblocks when it comes to valuing relationships?

Read John 13:1-17. What does this passage reveal about Jesus' relationship with His disciples?

How can you follow His example this week and build into the relationships you have?

*Thank God today that He wants to know you and have a relationship with you. Talk to Him about your struggles when it comes to building relationships. Pray that you will see people with His eyes and value them the same way He does.*

## Thursday

Read John 10:7-9 & 14:1-7. Choosing to follow Jesus is not just a one-time decision. Every day you face opportunities to choose between continuing to follow Jesus and trying your own path.

What turning point was significant for you in terms of hearing "God's voice" and following Him?

In what way(s) are you struggling with choosing to follow God? How has this impacted your leadership?

*Thank God today for His voice. Pray that you will be attuned to His voice above all others. Pray about the ways you're tempted to veer off the path. Ask God to give you the courage and desire to follow Him. (If you have never made that initial decision to follow Jesus please do so today! Using your own words, hand over control of your life to Him. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to email me. Mark@tlc.org.)*

## Friday

Read John 10:10-15 & 15:12-17. Recall a time when someone made a sacrifice for you. How did that impact you?

Why do you think making sacrifices is part of being a good leader?

In what way can you sacrifice for those you lead in the week ahead?

Take a moment to write a prayer of thanksgiving for Jesus' ultimate sacrifice of love that He made for you.

*Thank God today for the sacrifice of love that Jesus made for you on the cross. Pray for the courage and humility to make sacrifices for those you lead. Ask God to mold your heart to be like His.*

## Saturday

*Be sure you know this week's Bible verse and finish up any devotions you may have missed. Please pray for the services this weekend: that God will use everything that is done for His glory.*



Memory Verse

*"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full. I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*  
John 10:10-11

