

# Prayer Updates

## HOME WITH THE LORD

A dear, sweet lady, **Sherry McDermott**, passed peacefully into the presence of the Lord. Sherry had the vision to begin Jordan House, a ministry of compassionate Christian care for the terminally ill made up of Christians from various denominations in our community. Please remember her husband, Dick, as memorial plans are made and in days to come as he grieves the loss of his beloved wife.

## HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Barbara Smiley – bronchial pneumonia

Charles Engles – pneumonia

Charlie Ottawa – surgery

Edith Manchester – testing

Irene Kester – took a fall, thankfully nothing broken, at RCU for rehab

Irvin Smith – recovering from being hit by a car, Kindred Hospital, San Leandro

Maiya McQueen (age 7) – Lucille Packard with pneumonia

Warren Odell (one of our shut-ins who is blind) – testing

**Recent hospitalizations /surgeries:** Al Dyck, Eugene Warren, Gwen Johnson, Jack Kooker, Jan Zucchi, Jeremy Holmes, Lisa Rojas, Nehemiah Vann, Marilyn Cantlay, Patti Holland

**Hospice care:** Dorothy Thrash

## SHARE HIS CARE

An orientation meeting is scheduled for **7pm Monday, March 19** to organize a “Share HIS Care” team to mobilize volunteers to support Karla and Brad Bogard after her major cancer surgery scheduled for March 8. If you have an interest in participating please come — OR — email contact information to [Susie@tlc.org](mailto:Susie@tlc.org) or call 465-3395 to be sent participation forms.

## 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

# “My One Task”

Part 5 • Message by Doug Valenzuela

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## Acts 20:17-24

*“From Miletus, Paul sent to Ephesus for the elders of the church. When they arrived, he said to them: You know how I lived the whole time I was with you, from the first day I came into the province of Asia. I served the Lord with great humility and with tears, although I was severely tested by the plots of the Jews.*

*You know that I have not hesitated to preach anything that would be helpful to you but have taught you publicly and from house to house. I have declared to both Jews and Greeks that they must turn to God in repentance and have faith in our Lord Jesus.*

*‘And now, compelled by the Spirit, I am going to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there. I only know that in every city the Holy Spirit warns me that prison and hardships are facing me. **However, I consider my life worth nothing to me, if only I may finish the race and complete the task the Lord Jesus has given — the task of testifying to the gospel of God’s grace.**”*

Acts 20:17-24

## Notes

# Daily Meditations

Brief daily devotions based on this week's topic

## Monday

Read Acts 20:17-24. Write down two things that stand out to you in this passage?

What is the most challenging thing you learned in the sermon? Why?

Honestly, what do you see as your main task in life? How is that reflected in your schedule? In your finances?

*Thank God today for His love for you. Thank Him for giving you a purpose and unique gifts to accomplish that purpose. Pray about the ways you feel distracted from your purpose right now. Ask God to give you focus and wisdom in making choices.*

## Tuesday

Read 2 Corinthians 4. How do you see Paul's passion for his life's task in this passage?

What verse is particularly encouraging to you today?

How did Paul's focus on his task help him when he encountered obstacles blocking his task? How can you apply this to obstacles in your life?

*Thank God today that he is with you each step of the way. Thank him for the encouragement of the Bible. Pray about the obstacles that you are struggling with right now. Ask God to help you apply 2 Corinthians 4 to your life today.*

## Wednesday

Read Hebrews 11-12:3. I know it's a lot to read in one day but what a great passage this is! How do you see the power of focusing on one task in this passage?

In what ways are you struggling with confidence in God's plan and purpose for you right now? How could you apply these verses to your life and encourage your faith?

## Wednesday (continued)

Reread Hebrews 12:1-3. How do you "fix your eyes on Jesus"? What is your stumbling block to doing this? In what ways can you turn towards Jesus today?

*Thank God today for giving us the many examples of faithful believers in the Bible. Thank Him for His amazing grace. Talk to Him about the stumbling blocks you're facing. Ask Him to give you the courage to fix your heart's gaze on Him today. Pray that your focus on Jesus will be an encouragement to those around you.*

## Thursday

Read Micah 6:7-9. What does this passage tell you about God's grace towards you?

Think about your life and the phrase "act justly". How does that apply to your life right now? How does that challenge you? Answer the same questions for the phrases "love mercy" and "walk humbly with your God."

*Thank God today for His mercy. Pray over the phrases "act justly", "love mercy" and "walk humbly with your God". Pray that you will live these out today and they will infuse your choices and give you clarity.*

## Friday

Read Philippians 3:7-14. How do you see Paul's sense of passion in this passage?

Why do you think Paul was able to maintain such a clear sense of purpose throughout his life?

We don't know when we'll come to life's finish line. What goal are you pressing toward right now? How has what you've studied this week impacted that goal?

*Spend some additional time in prayer today talking with God about your goals. Ask God to give you the proper perspective on your goals. Lay those goals at His feet and ask Him to mold them and shape them as He knows is best. Pray that you will follow Him first and that God will use you to make a difference.*

## Saturday

*Finish up any devotions you may have missed and be sure you know this week's verse. Please pray for Vision Weekend. Pray that people will be excited to see how God has worked at TLC this last year. Pray that people will be energized to serve Him in the year ahead. Pray also for opportunities to invite people to church this Easter.*



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