

Prayer Updates

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week...

Brad Ethrington – bicycle accident, spleen removed on 7/22, ER surgery 7/23

Buck Harris – surgery, broken hip

Chuck Bentley – RCU, recovering from a mild stroke

Douglas Burd – recovering from leg infection, other complications

Irvin Smith – moving to Amberwood, a skilled nursing facility in San Jose

Joy Reynolds (Diana Cornell's mother) – internal bleeding

Judy Helmle – moved from Dominican to Pacific Coast Manor

Nelda Barton – cataract surgery

Verjean Kalashian – surgery

Recent hospitalizations/surgeries: Bobbette Moore, Hayden Witt, Lynette Baudour, Trudi Jackson

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. **You can also subscribe to our online Prayer Update by visiting our web site at www.tlc.org/profiles and signing up.**

Jesus Is In Your Boat

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Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets.

He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets."

When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signalled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Notes

Daily Meditations

Monday

Read Luke 5:1-11. Write down one thing that stood out to you in last weekend's sermon.

When are you most vulnerable to forgetting that God is "in your boat"?

What was Peter's response to Jesus? Think about your life right now. How could embracing the truth of God's presence with you impact your life?

Thank God today that He is with you each step of your day. Talk to Him about the struggles you are facing right now. Ask Him to remind you – especially in those struggles – that He is with you. Pray that the truth of His presence will give you peace and hope.

Tuesday

Read Joshua 1:1-8. In the verses we read yesterday God was literally in Peter's boat. In what way was God in Joshua's "boat"?

Write down the promises that God gives Joshua in this passage.

What fears are you struggling with right now?

How can knowing that God is with you help you be strong and courageous in the face of your fears?

Thank God today that He knows your struggles and fears. Thank Him for His care for you. Talk to Him about the fears you're facing. Pray that as you live believing He is with you, you will be strong and courageous.

Wednesday

Read Psalm 73. This is a great psalm! How do you relate to the psalmist's struggles?

Write down four ways this psalm encourages you today:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.

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How did God's presence impact the psalmist's attitude? How can you apply that to your life right now?

Thank God today for the honesty of the scriptures. Thank Him for the encouragement you received from this psalm today. Pray for the faith to trust His ways and presence even when it seems as though everything is going wrong.

Thursday

Read Psalm 139. This is a classic passage on God's presence with you. How does this passage describe God's constant presence with you?

Spend additional time in prayer today meditating on this passage and the mind-blowing truth that God is with you always – He never leaves you. Use this passage to guide your prayer time. Thank God today for the comfort of this truth. Ask Him for wisdom to know how to live in light of this truth.

Friday

Read Isaiah 43:1-3. In this passage, what does God promise you about His relationship with you?

What does He say about His presence with you?

In your life, how have you seen the truth of God's presence with you during hard times?

In what way do you feel like you're walking through the deep waters right now? How does this passage encourage you?

Thank God today that He is your Redeemer, your Lord and your God. Talk to Him about the deep waters you feel like you're in right now. Pray that you'll have a sense of His presence with you. Pray that you'll be an encouragement to those whom you encounter today.

Saturday

Please be sure you know this week's Bible verse (it's a long one!) and finish up any devotions you may have missed. Please pray for the services this weekend as we resume our study in the book of Ephesians. Pray that our church will be a light in our community.



Memory Verse

"Yet I am always with you; you bold me by my right hand. You guide me with your counsel, and afterward you will take me into glory. Whom have I in beaven but you? And earth has nothing I desire besides you. My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever."

Psalm 73:23-26

