

Saturday

Be sure you know this week's memory verse and finish up any devotions you may have missed. Thank God today for His love for you. Please pray for the services this weekend. Pray that people will be challenged and encouraged.



WORLD OUTREACH WEEK

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The Real Change Necessary for Real Change

Notes:

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Welcome to TLC's 2009 World Outreach Week!

How does TLC reach out to a needy world? By partnering with missionaries, nationals, and agencies that help others in five specific ways.

We call the five ways the "PEACE Plan."

P is **Planting churches**, because the Church is Jesus' chief instrument in rescuing people trapped in spiritual darkness.

E is **Equipping servant leaders**. Servant leaders help counter the great damage done by selfish & evil leaders.

A is **Assist the poor & victims of injustice**. Most people in the world experience neither well-being nor justice. The Bible tells us to provide for the poor and defend the cause of those who cannot for themselves.

C is **Care for the sick**. More are suffering from illness & disease than ever. Surely Jesus would have us lead the way in bringing healing.

E is **Educating the next generation**. To help break the various cycles of impoverishment, we endeavor to not merely "give people fish to eat, but to teach them to fish so that they can feed themselves."

Daily Meditations

Monday

How have you seen personal peace make an impact on a large scale?

Think honestly about your life right now. How is peace (or a lack of peace) impacting your desire to make a difference?

Read Acts 22. What stands out to you most in Paul's conversion story?

What is your conversion story?

Thank God today for the peace He gives you. Talk to Him about the struggles you are experiencing. Pray that the peace you have in Christ will be a launching point for you to make a difference in the world.

Tuesday

Read Acts 22:6-9 & Ephesians 1:17-18. There was no question in Paul's mind that God wanted his attention! You can be sure that you are always on God's heart and mind. He wants to continue to love you, grow you and use you to make an impact.

Spend some extended time in prayer today. Pray that prayer in Ephesians will be true of you today. Then spend some time quietly meditating on those verses. What is the attitude of your heart? Are there areas in your life that you're hoping God won't notice, areas where you are feeling arrogant or self-sufficient? What is God showing you today?

Wednesday

Read Psalm 34:14, Acts 22:10, 26:16-18. This is where the rubber meets the road. Insight without change does not make any difference in your life. Change involves turning.

How does knowing that God has something in store for you — that He designed just for you — encourage you to choose to turn?

Think back to your time in prayer yesterday. In order to embrace what God is showing you, what do you need to turn from? Be honest — God knows everything anyway! What is holding you back from turning? Place those stumbling blocks at God's feet and ask Him to show you the way around them. Now thank God for what you are turning towards. Ask Him to give you the strength and courage to continually choose to turn toward Him and His plans for you.

Thursday

Read Acts 9:19-22, Romans 12:1-2 & 2 Corinthians 3:18, 5:17. Whereas turning from something to something else is our choice, transformation is God's work in our lives. Think back to your conversion. Write down five ways you have seen transformation in your life since then.

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In what area of your life do you see God transforming you right now? How has that impacted you?

What is the connection between God's transforming work in your life and making a difference in the world?

Thank God today for His transforming power in your life. Pray that you will be a willing participant in His work. Talk to Him about your desire to make an impact. Ask Him to give you the opportunities to make a difference. Pray that you will have faith and confidence in God's leading.

Friday

Read Philippians 3. This is such a great passage! How does Paul describe the transformation that took place in his life?

In what way does this passage challenge you?

In what way does it encourage you?

Write down two things you can apply to your life today.

Thank God today for giving you the opportunity to study the life of Paul. Pray that God will continue to transform you to be more like Jesus. Pray that you will be an encouragement to those around you and that God will you use to be an agent of His peace in the world.



Memory Verse

"But whatever was to my profit I now consider loss for the sake of Christ. What is more, I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ — the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith." *Philippians 3:7-9 (NIV)*