

Transformation Journal

Daily Devotion for the week of November 29, 2009

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Monday

The passage below touches on the second coming of Jesus Christ. On that day, strange and fearful things are expected to take place all over the earth. Nonetheless, as God's people we will know it is the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation and realization of the coming of God's kingdom.

Scripture: **Read Luke 21: 25-36**

Observations:

Name Personal Applications:

Journal Questions:

1. What would be your normal response when you are in a state of panic? Scream? Speechless? Run? Difficulty in breathing?...
2. When reading the parable of the fig tree today, how near is the fig tree to sprouting? What makes you think this? How does this affect the way you live your life?
3. In the midst of the passage' heavy news, how does Jesus caution his followers? (vv.34-35)?
4. How well does your life reflect verse 36? What will you do this week to become better at watching and praying?

Prayer Focus: Our personal will be in line with God's will, our individual' purpose be God's purpose for us. All of Good Sam' members persevere in our endeavor in re-launch the church.

Tuesday

It is always easy to find our own solutions and way out when we do not get to see the result we expected. When aids are supposed to come along our path and yet nothing seems to turn out, we quite

naturally turning to human efforts and experiences. The passage today is about trusting God even when resources seem to slipping away.

Scripture: **Read** 1 Samuel 13: 11-14

Observations:

Name Personal Applications:

Journal Questions:

1. How does Saul's reasons for deciding to make sacrifice sound to you?
2. When has God been "late" in keeping a promise to you? Did you rush ahead and take things into your own hands? What happened? How did, or can you make restitution?
3. How hard is it for you to admit when you are wrong?
4. What aspects of your faith and personality only come out under crisis circumstances?

Prayer Focus: To trust God's under all circumstances, even when resources seem declining. "Remain joyful in hope".

Wednesday

It is the heart of God that **all** people come to know of his unconditional love. In order to see that happen, to bring the unchurched to the knowledge of God is an important mission for us. However, we also expect encountering hardship when doing the work. But we never persevere without the promise of a prize – a promise God will keep. Perseverance, persistence, the Prize!

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1-3

Observations:

Name Personal Applications:

Journal Questions:

1. As a child, what one thing you dislike to learn? How to write? Play musical instrument? Ride a bicycle?...
2. Which of the 3 types of categories - soldier, athlete, farmer you are most likely able to identify? Why?

3. How can someone be strong in grace?
4. What do you think when Paul in V. 9 mentioned: "...God's word is not chained"? How does his understanding bring about fruitful results in spreading the good news all over Asia minor and other places in his days?

Prayer Focus: Be serious about the mandate of Good Sam. Strength and resources to do what is required for the expansion of God's kingdom.

Thursday

Scripture: Read Acts 1:1-11

Observations:

Name Personal Applications:

Journal Questions:

1. What do you think are the feelings of the disciples concerning Jesus leaving them? Terrified? Abandoned? Angry? Confused?.
2. What chance would you have given the followers of Jesus at this point to change the world? A lot? Some? A little? None?...
3. What do you see as the key point of this passage? Why?
4. What proof do you have of Jesus' resurrection that would make sense to unbelievers? What holds you back from spreading the word about Jesus to them?
5. How has this group been a witness and testimony to you of God's love, Christ's presence and the Holy Spirit's power? Have one person at a time listen silently while others share how they appreciate him or her.

Prayer Focus: Trust in God's guidance and his promises, both in our own lives and the future of Good Sam, especially relating to church re-launch. For it is "not by might, nor by power, but my Spirit, says the Lord."

Friday

Scripture: Read Jeremiah 29: 11 **" I alone know the plans I have for you, plans to bring you prosperity and not disaster, plans to bring about the future you hope for."**

Observations:

Name Personal Applications:

Journal Questions:

1. Over the years, which one plan in your life materialized? What are the secrets for your plan(s) to succeed?
2. What do you think are the requirements for God's plan and promises to materialize?
3. How does one know what God in store for him/her?
4. How to trust God that he will surely fulfill his own promises especially when circumstances are not favorable?

Prayer focus: To know God's purpose and plan for you and Good Sam, that his plan is to see you and the church to bloom and grow in abundance.

Saturday and Sunday – Read over your notes for the week and see how you are doing with your personal applications.