

Days 1-7

Monday, March 3—Growing intimacy with God

1. Scripture: “God—you’re my God. I can’t get enough of you! So here I am in the place of worship, eyes open, drinking in your strength and glory. In your generous love I am really living at last.” (Psalm 63:1-3, *The Message*)

2. Reflection: David, who wrote this passionate Psalm, said, “Earnestly will I seek You. I am awed to have seen you in your very sanctuary; in worship I have witnessed for myself your power and glory. I stand amazed, God. I am so excited about You.”

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: God, we really can’t get enough of you. In your presence we find life and joy. Your lavish love washes over us, and spontaneous fountains of praise brim from our lips. Satisfy our inner thirst with a big drink of You.

Your prayer:

Tuesday, March 4—Being a caring community

1. Scripture: “Do you not discern and understand that you [the whole church at Corinth] are God’s temple (His sanctuary), and that God’s Spirit has His permanent dwelling in you [to be at home in you, collectively as a church and also individually]?” (1 Corinthians 3:16, *Amplified*)

2. Reflection: God sees our church as the caring community it is. Because He finds love here, He dwells with us by His Spirit. That holy presence makes us a sacred community.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: Spirit of God, I want to bring you a welcome basket stuffed with the gifts You love: peace, joy, harmony, brotherly love. All these are home-grown on the inside of me—my gift to You. I’ll guard the temple doors and refuse to let into your sanctuary any judgment, gossip, complaining or strife, so You will stay here with us.

Your Prayer:

Wednesday, March 5—Reaching out to Summit county and the world

1. Scripture: “What I’m interested in seeing you do is sharing your food with the hungry, inviting the homeless poor into your home, putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad, being available to your own families.” (Isaiah 58:6-7)

2. Reflection: Summit County draws many immigrants, including East African Muslims, Mexican worker families and Eastern European youth to name a few. Also, older teens come to work at ski resorts. They are struggling. How can we help them?

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: “Father, open our eyes to see the need. Change our selfish near-sightedness to a 20-20 focus on real needs. On our watch, let no child wear a scanty coat in the wind, no mother lack medical care, no father fail to feed his family.”

Your Prayer:

Thursday, March 6—Growing intimacy with God

1. Scripture: “How blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked, Nor stand in the path of sinners, Nor sit in the seat of scoffers. But, his delight is in the law of the Lord, And, His law he meditates on day and night.” (Psalm 1:1,2)

2. Reflection: We should desire in our heart (delight) to be happily set in a special situation (blessed). So we may run from evil and evil situations and be drawn to the Truth and Word of our God and Savior.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: God, hear my struggles and set me on the path longing for you and your Truth. Thank you Lord for always revealing the path.

Your prayer:

Friday, March 7—Being a caring community

1. Scripture: “Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn.” (Rom. 12:15)

2. Reflection: When a member of our physical body receives an injury, we feel pain and do what we can to ease the pain and heal the injured part. Likewise, we should feel the pain when a brother or sister in Christ is suffering and be ready to offer our support and encouragement. Not only this, but we must readily rejoice with those of our church body who have reason to celebrate and be glad.

Your reflection:

3. Prayer: Lord, help me to be as much in tune with and sensitive to the body of Christ, as I am to my own physical body. Help me to be aware of a member who is hurting and be ready to show them kindness by asking if I can help ease their pain. Equally important, help me to rejoice with those who are in celebration of God's blessings and the good things that are happening in their lives.

Your prayer:

Saturday, March 8—Reaching out to Summit County and the world

1. Scripture: “When he (Jesus) saw the crowds he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. (Matthew 9:36)

2. Reflection: The context of this scripture was that Jesus Christ had been going through the villages bringing forth both physical healing and the healing power of the good news of God's love to those who were in need. Christ's compassion moved him to action.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: Lord, I need you to help me as well as our church body to follow Jesus's example of compassion that moves into action. Empower us to love not merely with our words, “but with actions and in truth.”(1John 3:18c)

Your prayer:

Sunday, March 9—Growing intimacy with God

1. Scripture: “Godly sorrow brings repentance that leads to salvation, and leaves no regret, but worldly sorrow brings death.” (II Corinthians 7:10)

2. Reflection: Worldly sorrow often brings us into despair and a wallowing in self-pity, full of self-centered guilt and shame, that drives us from intimacy with God. It takes our

eyes off of God and places in on self. Godly sorrow on the other hand, brings about a healthy introspection, spurred on by the conviction of the Holy Spirit, that agrees with God about my sins and brings me before Him to confess them and receive His forgiveness and unfailing love.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: Lord, I confess that sometimes I do wallow in self-pity and despair instead of heeding the conviction of the Holy Spirit immediately, and humbling myself enough to ask for your forgiveness of my sins. Help me to come clean quickly, so I may quickly renew my intimacy with you.

Your prayer:

Meeting Real Needs---Matthew 9:36

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Your prayer:

Caring Community---- Romans 12:15

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Your prayer:

4. Prayer for guidance: Lord, help me to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit’s convicting me of my sins and to quickly admit and confess them, so that I can live in the joy and freedom that you lived and died for.

Your prayer for guidance:

---Hebrews 4:15b,16

1. Scripture: “... but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are-yet was without sin. Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

2. Reflection: Jesus Christ wasn’t immune to sufferings and temptations, but underwent and overcame these while he walked on this Earth, so that he could be the presiding, sympathetic, high priest whose own blood cleanses the contrite sinner.

Your reflection:

3. Adoration: I love you Lord Jesus, because you won the battle over sin and Satan and so purchased my pardon with your blood, sweat, and tears. Now you are in your glory at the Father’s right hand interceding on behalf of your beloved children.

Your adoration:

4. Prayer for Guidance: Lord, when I am in need of mercy and grace, help me to come first to your throne of grace, for there I meet Him who has walked in my shoes and overcome sin, oh blessed good news!

Your prayer for guidance:

Your Prayer:

February XX— Meeting Real Needs—Romans 13:10

1. Scripture: Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

2. Reflection: As we act with love towards our neighbors we are righteously living out your Word and Truth.

Your reflection on this verse:

3. Prayer: I ask you to make my works and deeds always true to you Word. Remind me to listen to Your Word before I speak or act. Thank you for answering my prayer.

Your Prayer:
