

Daily Rhythm

Bringing worship into the everyday.

Devotional Diary 25 - 31 August 2014

Readings for this week: (with thanks to gbod.org)

[Exodus 3:1-15](#). God calls Moses from a burning bush and commissions him to collaborate in delivering the Israelites from Egyptian oppression. Moses questions his worthiness for the task, and God answers each excuse.

[Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c](#).

[Romans 12:9-21](#). Last week's text reminds us we are one body. This week's focus is on being one body in Christ—loving one another, respecting and forgiving one another, loving and reaching out in care to enemies, and blessing even those who persecute us. Even as Christ overcame the power of sin and death, so his body, the church, is called to overcome evil with good.

[Matthew 16:21-28](#). Last week: the confession. This week: the cost of that confession. Jesus tells the disciples that he must go to Jerusalem, where he will be killed. Peter rebukes him, and Jesus tells Peter that he is a stumbling block to him by thinking as humans think. Any who will be disciples of Jesus must lay claims to themselves aside, pick up a crucifix, and follow him.

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Monday:

Adoration Focus: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12) Reflect on how God's light has shone into your life in the past day and give God praise for this gift of grace! Small moments?

Confession: Let the light of God examine the dark areas of your soul this week. Acknowledge your darkness and your need of God's light. Pray that you may be filled with the light of Christ and let his light drive out the darkness. "Fill me, Oh Lord, with your life!" Today's focus: the habits of your life.

The Word: See readings above or use your own devotional aids.

Seeking the Kingdom

Shared Focus: This week lift up the dark areas of life. Remember that the darkness will never put out the light of Christ. Pray God's light into these dark areas. (Each day reflect on a different area e.g. violence and abuse, drug abuse, alcoholism, crime, materialism, oppression, unbelief and hardness of heart, selfishness, sexual abuse and immorality...)

Personal prayers: (Use this section to list people you need to pray for or situations of personal concern that you need to bring before God in prayer)

Dedication: Lord Jesus, let your light shine through my life!

Tuesday:

Adoration Focus: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12) Reflect on how God's light has shone into your life in the past day and give God praise for this gift of grace! Through other people?

Confession: Let the light of God examine the dark areas of your soul this week. Acknowledge your darkness and your need of God's light. Pray that you may be filled with the light of Christ and let his light drive out the darkness. "Fill me, Oh Lord, with your life!" Today's focus: negative thought patterns.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared focus.

Personal Prayers:

Dedication: Lord Jesus, let your light shine through my life!

Wednesday:

Adoration Focus: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12) Reflect on how God's light has shone into your life in the past day and give God praise for this gift of grace! Through creation?

Confession: Let the light of God examine the dark areas of your soul this week. Acknowledge your darkness and your need of God's light. Pray that you may be filled with the light of Christ and let his light drive out the darkness. "Fill me, Oh Lord, with your life!" Today's focus: unforgiveness and grudges.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared focus.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord Jesus, let your light shine through my life!

Thursday:

Adoration Focus: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12) Reflect on how God's light has shone into your life in the past day and give God praise for this gift of grace! Through animals/pets?

Confession: Let the light of God examine the dark areas of your soul this week. Acknowledge your darkness and your need of God's light. Pray that you may be filled with the light of Christ and let his light drive out the darkness. "Fill me, Oh Lord, with your life!" Today's focus: insecurities that stop you from loving.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared focus.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord Jesus, let your light shine through my life!

Friday:

Adoration Focus: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12) Reflect on how God's light has shone into your life in the past day and give God praise for this gift of grace! Through reading the bible?

Confession: Let the light of God examine the dark areas of your soul this week. Acknowledge your darkness and your need of God's light. Pray that you may be filled with the light of Christ and let his light drive out the darkness. "Fill me, Oh Lord, with your life!" Today's focus: hating life.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared focus.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord Jesus, let your light shine through my life!

Saturday:

Adoration Focus: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12) Reflect on how God's light has shone into your life in the past day and give God praise for this gift of grace! Through Christ?

Confession: Let the light of God examine the dark areas of your soul this week. Acknowledge your darkness and your need of God's light. Pray that you may be filled with the light of Christ and let his light drive out the darkness. "Fill me, Oh Lord, with your life!" Today's focus: Trapped in stress and pressures.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared focus.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord Jesus, let your light shine through my life!

Sunday:

Adoration Focus: Jesus said, "I am the light of the world..." (John 8:12) Reflect on how God's light has shone into your life in the past day and give God praise for this gift of grace! Through worship?

Confession: Let the light of God examine the dark areas of your soul this week. Acknowledge your darkness and your need of God's light. Pray that you may be filled with the light of Christ and let his light drive out the darkness. "Fill me, Oh Lord, with your life!" Today's focus: too self-absorbed to worship.

The Word:

Seeking the Kingdom:

Shared Focus: See Monday's shared focus.

Personal prayers:

Dedication: Lord Jesus, let your light shine through my life!