

250 EVENTS IN THE LIFE OF CHRIST IN 250 DAYS!

All four books of the bible that tell the story of Jesus Christ – Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John stand alone, emphasizing a unique aspect of Jesus' life. But when these are blended into one complete account or harmonized, we gain new insights about the life of Christ.

This harmony combines the four gospels into a single chronological account of Christ's life on earth. This will include every chapter and verse of each Gospel, leaving nothing out.

The harmony is divided into 250 events. You are invited to join in reading these 250 events in the next 250 days (starting March 9th). The order of events will be in the church bulletin each week and have a question or two for meditation after each event. By November, we will have read the 4 gospels in their entirety.

Here is the first week of reading:

1. March 9 – LUKE'S PURPOSE IN WRITING
LUKE 1:1-4
If you were to write down the 2 most important details about your Faith journey with God, what would they be?
2. March 10 – GOD BECAME A HUMAN
JOHN 1:1-18
Tell God what Jesus' light shining in your life means to you.
What do you think it means in verse 17 that God's unfailing love and faithfulness came through Jesus Christ?
3. March 11 – THE RECORD OF JESUS' ANCESTORS
MATTHEW 1:1-17, LUKE 3:23-38
For you that know your Bible...what lessons do you think king David learned from his grandmother Naomi as he grew up?
4. March 12 – AN ANGEL PROMISES THE BIRTH OF JOHN TO ZECHARIAH
LUKE 1:5-25
How often do you doubt God? I saw a miracle in the life of Tammy Schneider...because.....with God anything is possible.
Ask God right now for that miracle in your life.
5. March 13 – AN ANGEL PROMISES THE BRITH OF JESUS TO MARY
LUKE 1:26-38

"To gain God's favor" Doesn't mean life is going to be easy. As a matter of fact, it can mean a great challenge for us. Pray right now for God to bless you with the opportunity to serve Him.

6. March 14 – MARY VISITS ELIZABETH

LUKE 1:39-56

Has God blessed you with someone in your life that is THERE for you? Thank God right now for that person. If you don't have someone that is THERE for you, pray right now for God to bring that person into your life.

7. March 15 – JOHN THE BAPTIST IS BORN

LUKE 1:57-80

We need to remember to give God the glory for the great things He has done, and continues to do, in our lives. Spend a moment praising God right now.

8. March 16 – AN ANGEL APPEARS TO JOSEPH

MATTHEW 1:18-25

Why is the Virgin Birth important to our faith? (read this after you've thought about it) Jesus was born without any trace of human sin because He is the Son of God.

9. March 17 – JESUS IS BORN IN BETHLEHEM

LUKE 2:1-7

In order to be obedient, Mary and Joseph traveled a long way when she was pregnant. What is the toughest thing you have had to do in order to be obedient to God?

10. March 18 – SHEPHERDS VISIT JESUS

LUKE 2:8-20

An angel spoke to the shepherds. An angel spoke to Mary and an Angel spoke to Joseph. Several times angels attended to Jesus. Angels are real. Look at the glorious news the angels delivered to The shepherds.

11. March 19 – MARY AND JOSEPH BRING JESUS TO THE TEMPLE

LUKE 2:21-40

It's amazing how many people knew their scripture and were waiting for their Messiah! We know our scripture and we know Jesus is coming to earth again. Are you prepared to meet Jesus?

12. March 20 – VISITORS ARRIVE FROM EASTERN LANDS

MATTHEW 2:1-12

The wise men followed a star and had a dream to lead them. What leads you on your path?

13. March 21 – THE ESCAPE TO EGYPT

MATTHEW 2:13-18

It's interesting how some of the stories are in just 1 one the 4 Gospels. And once again God used an angel to tell Mary and Joseph what to do. And God provided for the trip with the gifts from the wise men.

How does God provide for your every need?

14. March 22 – THE RETURN TO NAZARETH

MATTHEW 2:19-23

This is one of those scriptures where we have a little difficulty understanding Jesus' connection to Nazareth. I don't get too bent out of shape wondering about the less significant things. Even if we are not sure about the beginning, we know where Jesus was in the end. He was on the cross, dying for the forgiveness of our sins. Take time to thank Jesus right now for being the sacrifice for all of your sins!

15. March 23 – JESUS SPEAKS WITH THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS

LUKE 2:41-52

It is overwhelming at times to consider what it means to follow God's Will in our lives. Jesus followed his heavenly Father's will AND His Earthly parent's will. My hope is that every day we wrestle with what it is God wants us to do that day and be ready for the moment to act with obedience.

16. March 24 – JOHN THE BAPTIST PREPARES THE WAY FOR JESUS

MATTHEW 3:1-12, MARK 1:1-8, LUKE 3:1-18

This is the first we hear from the Gospel of Mark. Moving right in to action, Mark quickly prepares us for Jesus' ministry. God uses you and me to prepare people for Christ coming in to their lives. Pray right now that your heart will be ready and willing when that opportunity comes for you to prepare the way of the Lord in someone's heart.

17. March 25 – THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

MATTHEW 3:13-17, MARK 1:9-11, LUKE 3:21-22

Jesus baptism is one of my favorite scriptures. When Jesus came up out of the water, God was pleased with His Son. Well, Jesus hadn't done anything yet. Why was God pleased with His Son? Because of their relationship! Jesus had a great relationship with His Father. Isn't it our hope that when we get to heaven, God takes one look at us and says before everyone, "This is my son/daughter, whom I love, with him/her I am well pleased!!!"

18. March 26 – SATAN TEMPTS JESUS IN THE WILDERNESS

MATTHEW 4:1-11, MARK 1:12-13, LUKE 4:1-13

Overcoming temptation is one of the ways we grow to be more like Jesus. Every time we overcome temptation, we grow. Thank Jesus right now for showing us that we can, with His help, overcome!

19. March 27 – JOHN THE BAPTIST DECLARED HIS MISSION

JOHN 1:19-28

This was a clash between John and church leaders. John had developed quite a following. Many MEGA church pastors have been asked what their secret is to growth because other churches want to

emulate what these big churches are doing. And so they ask, "what makes you successful?" How would you answer that? Why do churches succeed? I think it has to do with what is in our heart!

20. March 28 – JOHN THE BAPTIST PROCLAIMS JESUS AS THE MESSIAH
JOHN 1:29-34

John knew Jesus personally and proclaimed to everyone, "Jesus IS the Chosen one of God. Jesus IS the Messiah!" That folks, is what God Wants us to do also. In fact, we know Jesus better than John the Baptist did. And so pray right now, asking God to help you tell others Who Jesus is in your life!

21. March 29 – THE FIRST DISCIPLES FOLLOW JESUS
JOHN 1:35-51

The disciples turned away from their lives to follow Jesus. Tell Jesus right now all of the reasons YOU choose to follow Him.

22. March 30 – JESUS TURNS WATER IN TO WINE
JOHN 2:1-12

Jesus performed this miracle in Cana, where Nathaniel was from. Even before His first miracle, Jesus' mother believed in Him. Why? Because of their relationship. Why do you believe in Jesus?

23. March 31 – JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE
JOHN 2:13-25

God doesn't want us to go to church just so we can make business Connections. The business of going to church on Sunday morning Is to worship our Lord. Pray that your mind will be on the Lord this Coming Sunday.

24. April 1 – NICODEMUS VISITS JESUS AT NIGHT
JOHN 3:1-21

Read vs. 19-21 again. What in your life do you hide in the dark and can't bring yourself to change it? Pray right now asking God to help you give that area to Him and for God to remove that dark desire from your heart.

25. April 2 – JOHN THE BAPTIST TELLS MORE ABOUT JESUS
JOHN 3:22-36

John the Baptist and Jesus were both doing God's work. All Christian Churches are serving the same purpose (to further God's kingdom). We are not in competition. Pray for another church in Emporia and also ask God for an opportunity in the next day to tell someone what God has done in your life.

26. April 3 – HEROD PUTS JOHN IN PRISON
LUKE 3:19-20

The song, "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus" came to mind. We are living in a world where it is becoming increasingly vital to "stand up" for Jesus. Ask God to help you truly "live for Jesus".

27. April 4 – JESUS TALKS TO A WOMAN AT THE WELL

JOHN 4:1-26

Living water. It is awesome how God fills our soul with His Spirit and we have joy, peace and strength which is renewed every day. Thank God for His spirit living in you!

28. April 5 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT THE SPIRITUAL HARVEST

JOHN 4:27-38

God wants us to bring people to Him so that they can experience eternal life with our Heavenly Father. Many people are being nurtured and spiritually fed by others. Pray right now that you will be ready today or tomorrow for that opportunity to lead someone to Jesus!

29. April 6 – MANY SAMARITANS BELIEVE IN JESUS

JOHN 4:39-42

The woman Jesus met at the well was telling everybody, "He told me everything I ever did!" What does Jesus know about what you do? Is that good or bad? It is awesome to know that God is with us and knows everything about us. Thank God right now for how much He cares about you!

30. April 7 – JESUS PREACHES IN GALILEE

MATTHEW 4:12-17, MARK 1:14-15, LUKE 4:14-15, JOHN 4:43-45

Jesus says to repent of our sins. What do you think it means to repent? When we repent, we don't just say we are sorry. We turn away from that sin and turn towards God. What sin do you need to turn away from? Repent of that sin right now and ask God to help you to never turn back to it.

31. April 8 – JESUS HEALS A GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS SON

JOHN 4:46-54

People believed in Jesus because He healed them. Why do you believe in Jesus? Isn't it awesome to believe in our God who loves us unconditionally (no matter what). Thank God for how much He love you.

32. April 9 – JESUS IS REJECTED AT NAZARETH

Luke 4:16-30

Jesus said no prophet is accepted in his/her hometown. At times, we all have been able to relate to Jesus when we have tried to tell one of our family members about the Lord. We aren't the "expert" in their eyes. If you have someone close to you that doesn't know Jesus, ask God right now to bring someone into their life to share Jesus with them. Also pray that their hearts will be open to the Lord.

33. April 10 – FOUR FISHERMEN FOLLOW JESUS

MATTHEW 4:18-22, MARK 1:16-20

There is a song that goes, "I will make you fishers of men, if you Follow me." God wants you and I to be "fishers of men and women."

Ask God to help you today or tomorrow that, when the opportunity comes, you will put down your work, your bike, whatever you are doing, and serve Jesus. We don't know what that opportunity to serve Jesus will be, however, we must be ready and willing.

34. April 11 – JESUS TEACHES WITH AUTHORITY

MARK 1:21-28, MARK 4:31-37

Jesus taught with authority. What's does that mean for us as we hear all of His teachings in the next 5 months? Pray right now that you will hear, take to heart, and live out all of the teachings in the Gospels (the first 4 books of the Bible).

35. April 12 – JESUS HEALS PETER'S MOTHER-LAW AND MANY OTHERS

MATTHEW 8:14-17, MARK 1:29-34, LUKE 4:38-41

During His ministry on earth, Jesus healed thousands of people. Why do you think it was important that Jesus heal people? By healing people, Jesus was fulfilling Old Testament prophecy. But even more, Jesus loved people. He had a burden for the sick and he lifted that burden from their shoulders. Jesus has a heart for every one of us even today. Thank Jesus right now that He heals our sickness and washes away our sins!

36. April 13 – JESUS PREACHES THROUGHOUT GALILEE

MATTHEW 4:23-25, MARK 1:35-39, LUKE 4:42-44

In many doctors offices' is a sign that reads, "the best 'thank you' we can receive, is you referring your friends to us." Word spread quickly of Jesus and people came from all over to be healed and listen to Jesus share the Gospel message. Ask God right now for courage to refer your friends to Jesus!

37. April 14 – JESUS PROVIDES A MIRACULOUS CATCH OF FISH

LUKE 5:1-11

When we become a Christian, we leave our old life behind. The men had been fishing all night long and caught nothing. People live their whole life without Jesus and have nothing. As fishers of men and women, we are able to share with people that their hearts can be filled with hope, love, peace and joy. Ask God right now to make you the best fisher-of-men ever!

38. April 15 – JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH LEPROSY

MATTHEW 8:1-4, MARK 1:40-45, LUKE 5:12-16

As people heard about Jesus and His healing power, it seemed as if the whole town crowded around Jesus to see this miracle worker. "Jesus, help me with this" "Jesus, heal me of that" "Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, we need you!" And Jesus would often withdraw to a spot outside of town to spend time with God, just like you are doing right now. Thank God right now for the times you have with Him and that He is ALWAYS ready to listen and spend time with you.

39. April 16 – JESUS HEALS A PARALYZED MAN

MATTHEW 9:1-8, MARK 2:1-12, LUKE 5:17-26

Jesus referred to himself as "Son of Man", showing us that He can identify with our deepest needs and sufferings. Take a moment to thank Jesus right now for walking on this same earth as you and that He "knows" what you are going through!

40. April 17 – JESUS EATS WITH SINNERS AT MATTHEW'S (LEVI'S) HOUSE
MATTHEW 9:9-13, MARK 2:13-17, LUKE 5:27-32

Jesus reached out to people who needed Him. And Jesus asks us to do the same. Jesus doesn't ask us to do anything He wouldn't be willing to do. Jesus also modeled for us what He asks of us.

Pray right now asking God to put in your life a sinner who knows they need to repent. Also, thank God that He will fill your heart and mind with the attitude and words to bring that sinner to Jesus.

41. April 18 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS ASK JESUS ABOUT FASTING

MATTHEW 9:14-17, MARK 2:18-22, LUKE 5:33-39

God wants our lives to mean something. In the National Football League draft, the last man taken in the last round of the draft is called, "Mr. Irrelevant." Everyone assumes he won't amount to much. With this scripture talking about "old clothing" and "old wineskins", it means we can't live in the past. God wants us to be ready to try new things to reach people for Jesus. Pray right now for God to keep your heart open to His leading in this new generation.

42. April 19 – JESUS HEALS A LAME MAN BY A POOL

JOHN 5:1-15

The Jewish leaders focused on the man-made rule of not working on the Sabbath instead of the miracle. As we continue along with yet another 208 events in the life of Christ to go, open your heart to God's word and teaching. Maybe you will have an "ah-ha" moment where you say, "this is what God wants!" Pray right now asking God to show you His commands and His desire for your life as you study His word.

43. April 20 – JESUS CLAIMS TO BE THE SON OF GOD

JOHN 5:16-30

By the way, HAPPY EASTER!!!!

This is a great scripture. Jesus says that He does only what He sees His Father doing. Whatever the Father does, the Son also does. Whatever the Son does, we are to do also. We are to love, serve, follow God's will for our life, teach and live like Jesus. Because Jesus died on the cross for us, those who listen to Jesus' message and believe in God have eternal life. Thank Jesus right now for His awesome love and example and sacrifice AND RESURRECTION!

44. April 21 – JESUS SUPPORTS HIS CLAIM

JOHN 5:31-47

Jesus continues to speak to the church leaders. He is letting them know that He is the Messiah and yet the church leaders don't believe Him. In verse 44 Jesus says, "...you gladly honor each other..". If someone has a title like Doctor, professor or professional folks seem to be more likely to listen to them, however, our desire is to care about and listen to Jesus! Pray right now that Jesus' words and witness will change your life in the coming months. Also, thank Jesus for coming to this earth and showing us who to believe.

45. April 22 – THE DISCIPLES PICK WHEAT ON THE SABBATH

MATTHEW 12:1-8, MARK 2:23-28, LUKE 6:1-5

God intended for the Sabbath to be a day of rest and a day to worship. Do you take time to rest and get rejuvenated? Do you also take time to truly worship your Lord? Worship God right now by telling Him how much you love Him.

46. April 23 – JESUS HEALS A MAN'S HAND ON THE SABBATH

MATTHEW 12:9-14, MARK 3:1-6, LUKE 6:6-11

The Pharisees continually tried to trap Jesus with trick questions. They did this because they were looking for ways to kill Him. We too are sometimes put in difficult situations by people who just want to stir the pot or are trying to GET us. What did Jesus do? Jesus helped those in need, healed the sick and brought the lost to His Heavenly Father. If we strive to do the same as Jesus, we will be just fine.

47. April 24 – LARGE CROWDS FOLLOW JESUS

MARK 3:13-19, LUKE 6:12-16

Many expected Jesus to be a king. They wanted Him to take over and get things straightened out. Jesus did not fight or shout; He healed and taught. He did not raise His voice and yell, scream and argue. We need to be smart about picking our battles and remember to follow Jesus' lead. Pray right now and ask God to help you share Jesus in way that more and more people want to listen.

48. April 25 – JESUS CHOOSES THE TWELVE DISCIPLES

MARK 3:13-19, LUKE 6:12-16

Jesus called a bunch of people and then He appointed 12 to be who He called His apostles. When we give our heart to God, He calls all of us too. God calls us to be faithful and willing. God gives us the abilities to follow His call. Ask God right now for a heart that is ready to listen and willing to follow.

49. April 26 – JESUS GIVES THE BEATITUDES

MATTHEW 5:1-12, LUKE 6:17-26

Many of the Beatitudes clash with worldly values. Being a child of God today means we will often times need to go against popular opinion. God says that for those of us who stand up for Him, great is our reward! We need to remember the BIG picture. Life is about God and eternity. Ask God for strength to “stand up” for Him.

50. April 27 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT SALT AND LIGHT

MATTHEW 5:13-16

Sometimes there is nothing better than a bag of buttery/salted popcorn. On the other hand, there is nothing more bland than unsalted and unbuttered popcorn (unless it’s a ricecake). Life in this world can get tough and God doesn’t want us to just blend in; God wants us to add His flavor to people’s lives. Through us, God wants people experience God’s flavor of love, forgiveness and grace.

51. April 28 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE LAW

MATTHEW 5:17-20

The greatest thing we can do is love the Lord! If we love the Lord with all of our heart, then our lives will be centered on God and not us. And if our lives are centered on God, we will consider it a privilege to live for the Lord. Ask God right now to help you love Him even more today.

52. April 29 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT ANGER

MATTHEW 5:21-26

Our relationship with God is the most important thing in our life. Being angry with someone can hurt our relationship with our Lord. Holding that anger inside of us, or harboring bitterness, or letting someone else’s foolishness bother us, all keep us from growing in our relationship with God. Pray right now asking God to help you have a loving heart for those that are hard to love. May we love others as God loves us.

53. April 30 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT LUST

MATTHEW 5:31-32

Each one of us struggle with sin in our life. And each one of us are different with what that sin may be. For some it is lust and others it’s being deceitful or full of pride, etc. Jesus basically was saying that if something causes us to sin, stay away from it. We shouldn’t put ourselves in a position, if possible, to be tempted by that sin. Ask God right now to, first of all, take that sinful desire away. Then, ask God to help you turn around and leave the situation where you might be tempted. Also, praise God for forgiving us every time we turn our backs on Him!

54. May 1 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT DIVORCE

MATTHEW 5:31-32

Jesus is talking about marriage and divorce, however, this same line of thought can extend to all of our relationships with other brothers and sisters in Christ. There will be times we make foolish decisions and hurt one another. When that happens, we should make every effort to forgive, reconcile, and restore the relationship. Through the good times and bad, in sickness and in health, for better for worse; God's family should be there for each other. Ask God to help you be the best family member ever.

55. May 2 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT VOWS

MATTHEW 5:33-37

Let your "yes" be "yes" and your "no" be "no". God wants us to be people of our word. God wants us to be someone others can trust. If we say we are going to do something, we do it. If we say "yes", We are telling the truth. God is TRUTH and He wants us to be also. Pray right now asking God to help you be someone others can trust.

56. May 3 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT REVENGE

MATTHEW 5:38-42

We are still reading about messages Jesus gave during the "Sermon on the Mount". The Sermon on the Mount goes through the 7th Chapter of Matthew. Jesus very likely spent several days giving this message. Today's scripture reminded me of the saying, "I don't get even...I get ahead!" Jesus doesn't want other people's issues to get the best of us and drag us into their drama. If someone does something against you, let it go. Pray right now for those that annoy you the most. Pray asking God to bless that person and for you to "take the high road" and become more and more like Jesus!

57. May 4 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT LOVING ENEMIES

MATTHEW 5:43-48, LUKE 6:27-36

We all have people in our lives that don't care much for us and very likely hate us. Our passage said that God gives sunlight to both the good ones and the evil ones. We are to do the same; God wants us to treat those that hate us with love and respect. If we treat them as positively as possible, God will be proud of us. Pray right now asking God to help you be as positive as possible to those who make your life miserable or tough.

58. May 5 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT GIVING TO THE NEEDY

MATTHEW 6:1-4

Giving is as simple as “lending a helping hand” or offering someone battery cables and helping them jump start their car. God wants us to have a giving heart: which means we have a desire in our hearts to “give” when we see a need. Pray right now that God will grow your giving heart and that every time you give it will be to God’s glory and not your own.

59. May 6 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT PRAYER

MATTHEW 6:5-15

I have a spot in my home where every morning I meet God. That place has become very special to me. I tell God how much I love Him and I listen to His Holy word and am quiet in His presence. I have grown closer to the Lord in that spot. Pray right now asking God to help you find a special time in your day to spend with Him and that through this time alone with God your relationship with Him will be strengthened.

60. May 7 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT FASTING

MATTHEW 6:16-18

Jewish folks were required to fast once a year. Jesus did not command us to fast, however, there are many things in life that teach us and help us appreciate God. Fasting can be a wonderful way to remind us of what is important in life. Maybe fasting for a day or two would be of benefit to you. Pray right now asking God to give you a gentle reminder of what is important in life.

61. May 8 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT MONEY

MATTHEW 6:19-24

It is important to be reminded of the BIG picture; life is about loving God and serving Him. Spending time in the Bible daily is a great way for us to remember what to treasure. Just like a church building, money is a tool. Money is there to be used by us to grow God’s kingdom. Ask God right now to help you keep money in the correct perspective.

62. May 9 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT WORRY

MATTHEW 6:25-34

Sometimes it is hard for us to remember what is truly important in life. The day to day grind of living on this earth eats up our thoughts and time. God is good all the time and when we focus on Him and His will for our day, take care of all our needs. Instead of asking God to help you NOT worry, ask God right now to help you seek Him today.

63. May 10 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT JUDGING OTHERS

MATTHEW 7:1-6, LUKE 6:27-36

There are at least 5 lessons in this teaching. We should have a “right heart” attitude as we help each other grow in the Lord.

We should encourage one another out of love and the same is true as we strive to bring someone that is lost to Christ. We should love them and be an example, as they are not ready to be taught yet about how to live as a believer. Pray that God will give you an attitude of love and service.

64. May 11 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT ASKING, LOOKING, KNOCKING

MATTHEW 7:7-12

What are you passionate about? What do you love to do? God is telling us we need to have passion for Him and His work. We are going to meet roadblocks along the way. God says keep asking for strength, wisdom, hope, faith, love, and even understanding.

Our God is good ALL THE TIME! Praise God right now for how wonderful He is.

65. May 12 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE WAY TO HEAVEN

MATTHEW 7:13-14

There is just one way to God and it's Jesus. One way, the pathway of the Son. Folks want to put themselves first and so they love to stay on the wide road. After we give Jesus our hearts, the narrow road is difficult, but oh so rewarding. Pray right now asking God to give you love in your heart, a servant's heart, and the desire to live for Jesus.

66. May 13 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT FRUIT IN PEOPLE'S LIVES

MATTHEW 7:15-20, LUKE 6:43-45

One of the keys to a good healthy Christian life is what is in our heart. I believe that for good heart health it is vital to love the Lord and spend time with Him each morning. People truly can see who we are and what kind of heart we have by our actions and reactions. And we also know, nothing feels better than having a clean and pure heart that is ready and willing to serve the Lord! Thank God right now for how He makes us more and more fruitful every day.

67. May 14 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT BUILDING ON A SOLID FOUNDATION
MATTHEW 7:21-29, LUKE 6:46-49

This is the end of the Sermon on the Mount. Remember the song, "The wise man built his house upon the rock and the foolish man built his house upon the sand?" We know quite a bit about what God wants us to do with our lives as believers. And as we continue to study God's word, learn His will, and strive to follow Jesus; we are strengthened. Every single one of us have times when the rain comes in life and things get tough. It sure feels good to have that firm foundation. Pray right now thanking God for the firm foundation He provides and commit to your Lord once again to strengthen your relationship with Him.

68. May 15 – A ROMAN OFFICER DEMONSTRATES FAITH
MATTHEW 8:5-13, LUKE 7:1-10

Jesus teaches here about faith. How is your faith? The officer believed Jesus could just say "Be healed". Today, Jesus still can just say, "Go" and whatever it is will "GO!" I love verse 11 where it says some day we will sit down at the feast of Heaven with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Wow, what a feast that is going to be! Until that day, we need to live by faith; believing God still reigns. Pray right now asking God to give you greater faith.

69. May 16 – JESUS RAISES A WIDOW'S SON FROM THE DEAD
LUKE 7:11-17

Could you even imagine the shock and awe of this event? Jesus gave life back to this boy AND his mother. To have her only son back was a huge blessing. Jesus still grants each one of us NEW LIFE every day. Each day we have a new opportunity to choose to LIVE for Jesus. Praise God right now for your life and the opportunity to live for Him.

70. May 17 – JESUS EASES JOHN'S DOUBT
MATTHEW 11:1-19, LUKE 7:18-35

Having even the smallest of FAITH can sometimes be very difficult. Even John the Baptist started having some doubts. Do you sometimes wonder if there really is a God? It's o.k., just think about all of the ways your Lord has changed your life and worked in your life. Thank God right now for His wonder working power. Also, turn your eyes upon Jesus right now and ask to be closer to Him.

71. May 18 – JESUS PROMISES REST FOR THE SOUL

MATTHEW 11:20-30

Do you have childlike faith? Do you believe in God and His Son Jesus Christ? If you do, Jesus says, "Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest." If we believe and are teachable; our souls will be filled with peace. I love those times when I "just know" that I am following God's will in my life. Pray right now thanking God for His humbleness, gentleness, and patience with you.

72. May 19 – A SINFUL WOMAN ANNOINTS JESUS' FEET

LUKE 7:36-50

Jesus knew what people were thinking and often spoke to them in parables. Jesus knows what we are thinking. The woman knew how much she had messed up and truly appreciated the forgiveness Jesus had to offer. This is another reason we need to share Jesus with people. The lost need to experience the overwhelming forgiveness they will find in Jesus. And all the men didn't get it!! They grumbled about Jesus forgiving sins. Folks, do you get it? Faith in Jesus saves. This is a message too precious to keep to ourselves!

73. May 20 – WOMEN ACCOMPANY JESUS AND THE DISCIPLES

LUKE 8:1-3

Jesus didn't bring these women along to prepare meals and wash dishes. Jesus brought them because He wanted to let everyone know that men and women were equal in the eyes of God. This was a huge cultural change for people to grasp. He also needed all kinds of people to be a part of His ministry. Some folks were speaking out front and others were working behind the scenes. Right now, God needs all of us equally. Pray right now asking God to show you what His will is for your life in the next year. Open your eyes and heart to God's leading in the weeks to come.

74. May 21 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS ACCUSE JESUS OF GETTING HIS POWER FROM SATAN

MATTHEW 12:22-37, MARK 3:20-30

Jesus' family could not put their faith in Jesus. They struggled to understand and believe. The religious leaders wanted to give Satan the credit for Jesus' power. Most, if not all Christians, face a similar situation today. Many of our family members don't comprehend the difference faith in a living savior makes. This often creates a dilemma because when this happens, we can tend to grow closer to our spiritual family at church. Pray right now for God to bring someone to those in your earthly family that don't know Jesus. And also, give God the glory right now for ALL the great things He has done and continues to do.

75. May 22 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS ASK JESUS FOR A MIRACLE

MATTHEW 12:38-45

There is a saying that goes, "Can't you see it, it's right there in front of your face?!" Sometimes we can't see Jesus' plan for us and it is staring us right in the face. Maybe the easiest trap we as Christians fall into is the "trap of complacency." We love the Lord and want to serve Him but, it is so easy to just fall back in to comfortableness. Maybe we are waiting for lightning to strike before we act? Pray right now asking God to fill the home of your heart with His Word, His excitement, and His Holy Spirit so that you can see the great things God has in store for your life.

76. May 23 – JESUS DESCRIBES HIS TRUE FAMILY

MATTHEW 12:46-50, MARK 3:31-35, LUKE 8:19-21

Every Sunday after communion growing up we would sing, "I'm so glad I'm a part of the family of God. I've been washed in the fountain, cleansed by His blood. Joint heirs with Jesus; as we travel this sod. I'm a part of the family, the family of God." We sometimes forget we are just travelers through this land. One day we will reach our eternal destination. Right now, we are to be about loving God and following His will. Pray right now for God's will in your life.

77. May 24 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR SOILS

MATTHEW 13:1-9, MARK 4:1-9, LUKE 8:4-8

Jesus starts this parable with "listen" and Jesus ends this parable with "anyone with ears to hear should listen and understand." Why do you think Jesus said those two things? Did you ever have your parent say to you, "Do you hear what I'm saying?" Your parent meant, "You better BELIEVE what I'm saying!" We as Christians are BELIEVERS. When we read God's word and actually hear it, we then take what we hear and use it in our daily life. Pray right now asking God to give you the faith to believe. Pray also asking God to make Jesus Lord of every area in your life!

78. May 25 – JESUS EXPLAINS THE PARABLE OF THE FOUR SOILS

Matthew 13:10-23, Mark 4:10-25, Luke 8:9-18

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. We are to spread God's word and tell people the difference Jesus has made in us. This is a great lesson about how we grow to be more like Jesus. When we understand God's word (hear it) and then let our light shine; God gives us more opportunities to share. Pray right now that your heart will be open (fertile) and that you will continue to grow and blossom in your walk with the Lord.

79. May 26 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE GROWING SEED

Mark 4:26-29

When was the last time you told someone about Jesus? When was the last time you told someone the difference Jesus has made in your Life? God's kingdom can't grow unless we scatter the seed. Sure there are times we get frustrated that people don't want to listen or we are worried they might get upset, however, God will take of growing and producing believers. We just have to be willing to plant the seed. Pray right now for the courage and desire to open your mouth and share Jesus with someone today!

80. May 27 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS

MATTHEW 13:24-30

Sometimes it is hard to distinguish the believer from the non-believer. God allows the good and the bad to exist alongside of each other on this earth. The wonderful thing about God is that the weed can always become the wheat as long as it lives on this earth. All the non-believer has to do is give God his/her heart. And we can never forget that God uses you and me to bring people to Jesus. When the harvest comes, God says the weeds will burn and will be separated from God forever. Pray right now asking God to give you a BURNING desire to share Jesus with a non-believer!

81. May 28 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE MUSTARD SEED

MATTHEW 13:31-32, MARK 4:30-34

In the last several events Jesus compared heaven to a growing plant. God wants US to help His kingdom grow and grow. It is also interesting that Jesus only spoke to unbelievers in parables and then when He was alone with His disciples He explained things to them. This is why our stories of how Jesus has made a difference in our lives is very powerful. People want to hear that Jesus is a God who can change their life! Pray right now asking God to help you develop your stories, your parables, so that you can help grow God's kingdom.

82. May 29 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE YEAST

MATTHEW 13:33-35

It seems as though it is getting harder and harder to bring someone to a soul saving relationship with Jesus. The world is becoming more anti-God. In making bread, yeast seems like a minor ingredient, however, when the process is done it can be found throughout the whole loaf. Jesus reminds us that in the end, God's kingdom will prevail. Pray right now asking God for faith to trust in Him and the strength to persevere through every trial.

83. May 30 – JESUS EXPLAINS THE PARABLE OF THE WEEDS
MATTHEW 13:36-43

When the time comes, those who have a personal relationship with Jesus will be saved and those that don't will be separated from God forever. Jesus will be the one to determine what is in a person's heart. We are reminded that we are to always be focused on our own relationship with God. Are you spending time with the Lord every day? Are you spending time in His word? You know what's wonderful about the 250 events; it's getting you in to the Bible every day! Thank God right now for His Holy Word and for His Holy Spirit in your heart. And if for any reason you don't have Jesus in your heart, ask Him in right now!

84. May 31 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE HIDDEN TREASURE
MATTHEW 13:44

Have you discovered how valuable and wonderful the Kingdom of Heaven is? Yet, it is very hard for us to give up the things in this world we think are valuable. We hold on to the stuff that will not last. We value earthly things more than glorious Heavenly treasure. Pray right now asking God to help you give up EVERYTHING in order to obtain the Kingdom of Heaven. God says we are joint heirs with Jesus in His Kingdom. Thank God right now for this precious gift.

85. June 1 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE PEARL MERCHANT
MATTHEW 13:45-46

Yesterday Jesus told the story about the man finding a treasure and selling everything he owned to get it. Today, Jesus tells pretty much the same story; a man selling everything to get a pearl of great value. Jesus knows our hearts and realizes that sometimes it takes a while for things to get through our thick skulls. How long will it take before we realize HOW IMPORTANT it is to put Christ first in every area of our life. If we give our hearts, finances, time, and very being to Jesus; we get it all!!! Pray right now asking God to help you to let go of every earthly treasure so that you can grab hold of the Greatest Treasure.

86. June 2 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE FISHING NET
MATTHEW 13:47-52

In the last 7 parables Jesus said, "the Kingdom of Heaven is like..." Jesus wanted to give folks an idea of what Heaven is like and also help them realize that some people will go to Heaven and some won't. Jesus shared this in a way that wasn't overwhelming, however, it was also very clear that we won't be the judges of who will or won't spend eternity with God. Reread verse 52. The awesome thing about becoming a believer is that we are part of God's kingdom right now. We don't have to wait until we die to experience God's peace, hope, love, joy, and grace in our lives! This is such a powerful gem for our lives in knowing that we have Jesus in our hearts at this moment! Thank God right now for His living presence in your soul.

87. June 3 – JESUS CALMS THE STORM
MATTHEW 8:23-27, MARK 4:35-41, LUKE 8:22-25

Many times in my life and ministry God has asked me to do something. It may be to talk to someone or deal with an issue. And there have been times when it has gotten difficult or rough. I would maybe then think to myself, "If I only knew how tough this was going to be, I might not have gotten myself in to this situation." However, God has seen me through it every time! God is good all the time. He is with us alllllll the time! Thank the Lord right now for being with you all the time, no matter how rough the water gets.

88. June 4 – JESUS SENDS DEMONS INTO A HERD OF PIGS
MATTHEW 8:28-34, MARK 5:1-20, LUKE 8:26-39

We all have something inside of us that keeps us from being who God wants us to be. We all have our thorn or our so called demon. Jesus told this man, "go and tell everything the Lord has done for you." This man went and began to proclaim the great things Jesus had done for him. Jesus asks the same of us; we are to proclaim the great things Jesus has done in our life. We are to let others know the difference Jesus Christ has made in our heart. Jesus pulls those thorns from our side and brings hope and healing. Pray right now for the courage and determination to tell others what the Lord has done for you. Also, thank God for making you whole.

89. June 5 – JESUS HEALS A BLEEDING WOMAN AND RESTORES A GIRL TO LIFE

MATTHEW 9:18-26, MARK 5:21-43, LUKE 8:40-56

After Jesus had healed the man possessed with many demons, He crossed back over the lake. The crowds had been waiting for Jesus to return. See, all the while Jesus had been across the lake people had been telling others how Jesus had healed them and how Jesus had taught them lessons they had never heard before. Do you see, people had been sharing their testimonies (their stories of how Jesus made a difference in their life) while Jesus was across the lake. And a woman had heard about Jesus and believed. Because of her faith, all she did was touch his cloak and she was healed. Then Jesus goes to the house of Jairus to heal his daughter and folks at the home laughed at Him. See, these folks didn't believe. There will be those that believe the testimonies about Jesus and there will be those that won't. For you and me, we are to proclaim the difference Jesus Christ has made in our lives. We are to witness just like these people in the Bible did. We leave the rest up to God and to that individual. Pray right now asking God for the courage to share with someone the difference Jesus has made in your life. You could be the one responsible for saving a soul from the fiery furnace!

90. June 6 – JESUS HEALS THE BLIND AND MUTE

MATTHEW 9:18-26

How is your faith? Jesus said to these two blind men, "because of your faith, it will happen." Then their eyes were opened and they could see. This is the same Jesus who dwells in our hearts and His power is available to us! So do you say, "Lord, I'm ugly, I'm no good, I'm not going to make it." And then God says, "Because of your faith, it will Happen!" NO! You need to have faith that says, "Lord, make me a Blessing to someone today. Lord, I believe in you; make my life count." And God will say, "because of your faith, it will happen." Pray right now for GREAT faith and then thank God that His wonder-working power is available to you.

91. June 7 – THE PEOPLE OF NAZARETH REFUSE TO BELIEVE

MATTHEW 13:53-58, MARK 6:1-6

Jesus wants us to grow to be like Him. It is hard sometimes for us to see spiritual growth in members of our own church family, however, God wants us to encourage one another and build one another up. God wants us to help each other grow spiritually and become like Jesus. Pray right now that God Will help you encourage your brother or sister in Christ and not hold them back from becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ.

92. June 8 – JESUS URGES THE DISIPLES TO PRAY FOR WORKERS
MATTHEW 9:35-38

I know a woman that prays for an hour every day for people in her life. God wants us to pray for others. In this passage, Jesus asks His disciples to pray for more people to share the Gospel. Pray right now for people you know in your life. Pray for them to join in the Lord's work. Pray for them to announce the good news about God's Kingdom.

93. June 9 – JESUS SENDS OUT THE TWELVE DISCIPLES
MATTHEW 10:1-15, MARK 6:7-13, LUKE 9:1-6

There are people that I have prayed and prayed and prayed for them to give their life to Jesus. I have talked with them about a relationship with Christ, however, they choose not to believe. Jesus told the disciples to shake the dust from their feet if folks refused to welcome them. So is it O.K. to give up on people and move on? I believe that the Lord wants us to remember that we are responsible for sharing the Gospel, and HE IS RESPONSIBLE for judging how the person responds. God leaves it up to the individual to accept the salvation He has to offer. Pray again right now for someone that you have been trying to reach for the Lord and don't give up on them.

94. June 10 – JESUS PREPARES THE DISCIPLES FOR PERSECUTION
MATTHEW 10:16-42

More and more our society is becoming anti-Christian and it is becoming increasingly likely you will face a challenge if you share Jesus with people. However, I still think our greatest hurdle to sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ is US. We are afraid of what others will think of us or that they will be mad at us for sharing Jesus with them. Jesus said that we are to be like Him and Jesus shared about the Kingdom of God everywhere He went. Jesus' family even turned their backs on Him. Jesus also said, "Everyone who acknowledges me publicly here on earth, I will also acknowledge before my Father in Heaven." Pray right now, with all your heart, for the courage to share Jesus! It will be worth any consequence you may receive. Take up your cross and follow the Master today.

95. June 11 – HEROD KILLS JOHN THE BAPTIST

MATTHEW 14:1-12, MARK 6:14-29, LUKE 9:7-9

Read verse 20 of Mark 6 again (Mark 6:20). It says that Herod was greatly disturbed when he talked to John. See, people who don't know Jesus are stirred in their hearts by the message of the Gospel. In their souls, people know that there is truth in the message of Jesus Christ. Because they don't know Jesus or because they have vowed in their minds to have nothing to do with Christianity; it bothers them. Yet, they want to hear more. People process the idea of Christianity and for some people it takes a long time for them to come to Christ. There will always be those that don't choose Jesus. The thing is, we have to keep sharing Jesus; just like John the Baptist did. You never know when you will reach the heart of someone like Herod. Pray again right now for the courage to share Jesus Christ.

96. June 12 – JESUS FEEDS FIVE THOUSAND

MATTHEW 14:13-21, MARK 6:30-44, LUKE 9:10-17, JOHN 6:1-15

Jesus was always teaching the disciples and the feeding of the five thousand was no different. The people needed to eat, yet Jesus took this as an opportunity to teach his disciples about faith. We are to feed Jesus' sheep. If God asks us to do something, we must always remember that God will give us the ability, resources, and strength to accomplish the task. Pray right now for the faith to believe God will use you and give you what you need to accomplish His work.

97. June 13 – JESUS WALKS ON WATER

MATTHEW 14:22-33, MARK 6:45-52, JOHN 6:16-21

Why did Jesus have the disciples go on ahead of Him? Was He really wanting some exercise and planned to walk across the lake in a storm? Jesus may have wanted some alone time with His heavenly Father. Jesus treasured this time alone with God so that He could just BE with His Father, get strength, and vision or encouragement. Jesus very well could have said to His Father, "Oh Father, I just fed over 10,000 people with five loaves and two fish and they didn't GET It!" So Jesus went out on the rough sea to teach the disciples another lesson; Faith, faith, faith. And then He even let Peter learn another lesson about faith. Today, is your heart still too hard to have full FAITH in Jesus Christ? Pray right now for faith!

98. June 14 – JESUS HEALS ALL WHO TOUCH HIM

MATTHEW 14:34-36, MARK 6:53-56

Why did Jesus heal so many people? God loves us and wants the best for us. God is loving and compassionate. Why did Jesus come to this Earth? Jesus came to pay the price for our sins and to show us who God is and how to live as believers. So many people needed to be healed from their afflictions, both physical and spiritual.

These people recognized Jesus because he had removed all those demons from the man and sent the demons in to a herd of pigs. The people pleaded for Jesus to go away and yet, they were so ready for His return. Word had spread of how Jesus healed. The message is clear, WE ARE TO SPREAD THE WORD OF HOW JESUS HAS HEALED AFFLICTIONS IN OUR LIVES! Wow, do you see how much, so far, in the Gospels that Jesus used people to spread His message?!?!

99. June 15 – JESUS IS THE TRUE BREAD FROM HEAVEN

JOHN 6:22-40

Jesus means "the Lord saves" and defines both who Jesus is and why He came. Jesus was also called Immanuel, which means "God with us". In this scripture Jesus called Himself the bread of life. People were following Jesus hoping He would feed them again after having fed them with the loaves and two fish. Jesus said, "whoever comes to me will never be hungry again." Jesus came to save us from our hungry and lost souls. Let me tell you this, "give your heart to Jesus." Believe in Jesus. If you have never truly believed in Jesus, NOW IS THE TIME. Pray this prayer with me: "Lord, I believe you came down from heaven to pay the price for my sins. I believe you are my savior. I give you my heart and put my faith in You right now. Thank you Lord for saving my soul. In your name I pray. Amen

100. June 16 – THE PEOPLE DISAGREE THAT JESUS IS FROM HEAVEN

JOHN 6:41-59

The people said, "isn't this Jesus, the son of Joseph? We know his father and mother. How can he say, 'I came down from heaven?'" This is still true today, isn't it? People still struggle with the thought that there is a heavenly Father. They will say something like, "I have done it myself my whole life. I'm the one that worked hard and got where I am today. If there is a God, show me." Folks, that is exactly what God wants us to do; Show people God!! Show people how God has fed us, healed us, and made us whole on the inside. We need to tell them that they can be fed and healed too. Thank God right now for coming to this earth to be the true bread for us.

101. June 17 – MANY DISCIPLES DESERT JESUS

JOHN 6:60-71

Why do you think so many people don't accept Jesus? There are lots of reasons why people don't, however, God never stops working at their hearts. Following God means we have to stop following our own Path and that is not easy. Many choose to live for themselves rather than the Lord. Living for the Lord is very hard, and at the same time, the most rewarding way to live. Choosing Jesus means we have Him forever. Thank God for giving you a heart and soul with the freedom to choose. Also, thank God that He never gives up on you. Give your WHOLE heart and soul to Jesus Christ right now!

102. June 18 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT INNER PURITY

MATTHEW 15:1-20, MARK 7:1-23

Remember the old saying, "Garbage in, Garbage out?" I was also reminded of the song, "Create in me a clean heart, oh God and renew a right spirit within me." We can pray and ask God to take away the evil desires and help us overcome the things that defile us. Our hearts also grow to become like that of Jesus every time we overcome a temptation. Every time we say "no" to the things on the list in verses 21 and 22, we become more like Jesus. You will face temptation today. Pray right now that you will call on God to help you overcome it and that you will "just say NO" and turn away from it. Create in me a clean heart, oh God and renew a right spirit within me.

103. June 19 – JESUS SENDS A DEMON OUT OF A GIRL

MATTHEW 15:21-28, MARK 7:24-30

The first time I read this I thought, "why would Jesus discriminate between race or ethnicity? Didn't He make us all?" Jesus did cast the demon from the woman's daughter but, Jesus was kind of sounding mean? There is a good chance that this woman had been told by others Jews that Jesus wouldn't heal her because she was a Gentile. Jesus always knew what was going on in the hearts of those around Him and so He said this not to be mean, rather, He said it to show the woman's faith and that Jesus was there for all races. Folks, Jesus wants us to proclaim that He is here for all too. Pray right now for the courage to share Jesus with someone that needs Him today. You know the woman went and told all her Gentile friends what Jesus Had done for her!

104. June 20 – JESUS HEALS MANY PEOPLE

MATTHEW 15:29-31, MARK 7:31-37

God loves us so much and wants the best for us. God desires for us to be healthy and whole. Many churches have prayer chains and this scripture shows us why. A whole crowd of people begged Jesus to heal their friend and Jesus listened. God still desires for us to plead for healing on our friends behalf. Jesus told the crowd not to say anything, however, that was really His way of getting them to tell everyone about the difference Jesus made in their life. Has Jesus made a difference in your life? Well, DON'T TELL ANYBODY! Just keep to yourself the greatest thing in the world!!! Just keep to yourself the best thing ever!!! Not!

105. June 21 – JESUS FEEDS FOUR THOUSAND

MATTHEW 15:32-39, MARK 8:1-10

Do you see how faith takes a while to develop? There was a need for food and what did the disciples do? They said, "How are we supposed to find enough food to feed them out here?" What should have the disciples said? If the disciples had faith in Jesus Christ they would have said something like, "Lord, what can we do for you in helping to feed these people?" The bigger lesson here is that God has given us the gift of life. Any time we sit down and eat, it is an opportunity for us to remember to thank God for this blessing of life and how He sustains us through everything in it; including our physical needs. Thank God right now for your life and your relationship with your Lord.

106. JUNE 22 – LEADERS DEMAND A MIRACULOUS SIGN

MATTHEW 16:1-4, MARK 8:11-13

Have you ever felt like you had to prove yourself to someone. We live in a world that does not have Christian values and as followers of Jesus Christ we constantly have to decide whose side we are leaning on. In verse 12 it says, "Jesus sighed deeply in His spirit." The Pharisees were the church leaders and they didn't "get it!" The day we "get it" and decide to follow Jesus is the greatest point in our life! Pray right now for God to guide you in every choice you make today and ask Him to help you serve faithfully.

107. JUNE 23 – JESUS WARNS AGAINST WRONG TEACHING

MATTHEW 16:5-12, MARK 8:14-21

It's a matter of faith. Are you and I going to be fully devoted, faithful believers in Jesus Christ. It means we don't get caught up in the little junk of worldly life or church life. We don't just have Jesus save us and then go back to our own life. It's about loving God more every day. It's about learning and choosing to be more and more like Jesus. It's about serving the Lord by serving others. And it's about sharing the difference Jesus Christ has made in your life!!! Pray right now asking God to help you be a faithful follower.

108. June 24 – JESUS RESTORES SIGHT TO A BLIND MAN

MARK 8:22-26

Jesus used every moment as a teaching moment. Jesus loved people and desired to help them and heal them, however, every precious moment on this earth Jesus used to teach people about the kingdom. People have spent a lot of time trying to figure out why it took Jesus two times to fully heal this man. Perhaps the better angle would be; every moment is a teaching moment. Every moment of our lives we can learn and keep growing. We should always be striving to grow to be more like Jesus and put our full faith in Him. Pray asking God to help remind you to make every moment a teaching and growing moment. Also pray that your heart's desire is to follow Jesus.

109. June 25 – PETER SAYS JESUS IS THE MESSIAH

MATTHEW 16:13-20, MARK 8:27-30, LUKE 9:18-20

If you could go back in time and stand on the shores of Galilee and Watch Jesus feed 5000, heal people, and walk on water; what one question would you ask Him? Jesus asked the disciples two questions and the second one was, "who do you say I am?" That is a great question for us, "who is Jesus Christ?" Jesus shows us who He is through His Holy Word, through His Holy Spirit, and through witnesses who have experienced God's power. Pray right now for faith to believe in our risen savior. Thank Jesus for His love.

110. June 26 – JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH THE FIRST TIME

MATTHEW 16:21-28, MARK 8:31-38, LUKE 9:21-27

Jesus adds in Spiritual change along with the physical healing He had been performing. All of us still struggle with selfishness. This is why we spend time with God each day; to help us focus back on Jesus, so that we may take up our cross and follow Him! Pray right now that you will not be ashamed, timid, or shy of God and His message. Pray that you would boldly share the difference Jesus makes in your life!

111. June 27 – JESUS IS TRANSFIGURED ON THE MOUNTAIN

MATTHEW 17:1-13, MARK 9:2-13, LUKE 9:28-36

Jesus took the disciples to the mountain to show them His divine nature. This was one more way Jesus was teaching the disciples about God's kingdom. The disciples were trying to put things together in their minds; miracles, feeding people, healing people, and now Jesus being transformed to show the glory of Heaven. We have an advantage. We have God's Holy Word to show us all of these things and yet, we often still struggle to have faith. Pray right now for total faith in Jesus Christ. Thank the Lord for His Holy Word and His Spirit to guide you.

112. June 28 – JESUS HEALS A DEMON-POSSESSED BOY

MATTHEW 17:14-21, MARK 9:14-29, LUKE 9:37-43

Jesus healed thousands of people, however, only a handful of them are recorded in the Bible. Why do you think God chose this story to be included in the Bible? When Jesus said, "you faithless people", He was talking to the disciples. The disciple's lack of faith may have rubbed off on the father of the boy as the father said, "have mercy on us and help us IF YOU CAN." Jesus said, "what do you mean, 'if I can'? Anything is possible if a person believes." And then the father of the boy said something very important, "I do believe, but help me overcome my unbelief." Folks, all we have to do is ask God to help us have faith and He will! God is just waiting to unharness His power within us. We need to want it and ask for it. To ask for it means we spend time with God in prayer. Pray right now thanking God for His plan for your life and that you will have total faith in God.

113. June 29 – JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH THE SECOND TIME

MATTHEW 17:22-23, MARK 9:30-32, LUKE 9:44-45

What do you do when you are not sure about what you are hearing from God? Maybe you don't understand exactly what a scripture passage is saying; like the disciples not understanding what Jesus was saying. The disciples were afraid to ask Jesus. I often give myself more time to understand God's will and it is o.k. to ask God in prayer for understanding. I also believe that God wants us to learn and take to heart his teachings. This means that at times we need to wrestle with what scripture is saying. Pray right now that you will "take to heart" God's word. God is good all the time and He loves us more than we will ever know!

114. June 30 – PETER FINDS THE COIN IN THE FISH’S MOUTH
MATTHEW 17:24-27

As believers, we are foreigners on this earth. Just as we hope people who immigrate to America follow our rules, God wants us to follow the rules of this country too. We always need to remember who we represent. We are ambassadors of Jesus Christ. Pray right now that you may be the best witness for Jesus possible.

115. July 1 – THE DISCIPLES ARGUE ABOUT WHO WOULD BE GREATEST
MATTHEW 18:1-6, MARK 9:33-37, LUKE 9:46-48

What gets me about the disciples arguing about who would be the greatest is that they (the disciples) still had “not gotten” what Jesus was all about. So Jesus said, “You want to be great? SERVE!” Being great also meant going against the norm in that society and reaching out to children just like you would adults. Pray right now asking God to give you a servant’s heart.

116. July 2 – THE DISCIPLES FORBID ANOTHER TO USE JESUS’ NAME
MARK 9:38-41, LUKE 9:49-50

Isn’t it true, the more we serve the Lord the more we realize how wonderful our God is! Anyone who gives God a chance will never be disappointed. If we have Jesus in our hearts, we are all on the same side. We are all working for the same goal and that goal is to bring people to Jesus. Pray right now for someone you know that doesn’t Have a relationship with God. Pray that they would give God a chance.

117. July 3 – JESUS WARNS AGAINST TEMPTATION
MATTHEW 18:7-9, MARK 9:42-50

Whether it is a little kid or someone new to faith in Jesus Christ, we are to be role models and mentors for them. Jesus is saying that if we have something in our life that causes another to be tempted, we need to get rid of it quick. That millstone or thorn in our side just keeps us from being who God wants us to be. Pray right now for the courage to unslung that millstone from your neck or pull that thorn from your side. And in all honesty, God is the one that will help you have the courage to past this test. Also, praise God right now that He always is there For you and never gives up on you!

118. July 4 – JESUS WARNS AGAINST LOOKING DOWN ON OTHERS
MATTHEW 18:10-14

If we look down on someone, most all the time we are not thinking about how we can lift them up. We are thinking about how we are better than them. God wants us to lift them up and encourage them! There is a song that goes, "don't let anyone look down on you, for the things that you say or things that you do. But be an example for others to see; a child of a king, true royalty." Do you want to be great??? SERVE OTHERS! Pray right now that you will be an example for others to see!!!! Pray that God will make you "a blessing" to someone today. P.S. Good job spending time with God on the 4th of July.

119. July 5 – JESUS TEACHES HOW TO TREAT A BELIEVER WHO SINS
MATTHEW 18:15-20

Many churches have this scripture passage in their constitution in how to deal with those who sin against us. It is very healthy to let someone know if they have sinned against you. That individual is then aware of it and is given the opportunity to say "I'm sorry, here's the rest of the story, or I was wrong." Just hearing "I'm sorry" can often heal the situation immediately. We too often don't follow this scripture and when someone wrongs us we keep it inside, or gossip about it to others. Pray right now for courage to communicate clearly with our brothers and sisters in Christ. We are God's family and God has important things for us to accomplish together. For where two or three are gathered together as God's followers, God is there among them.

120. July 6 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE UNFORGIVING DEBTOR
MATTHEW 18:21-35

Some of us are good at holding grudges aren't we? Often we forget how much God has forgiven us. Every time we go to God in prayer asking for forgiveness, God forgives us. We serve and awesome God! God forgives us because Jesus paid the price for our sins when He was crucified on the cross. Thank Jesus right now for dying on the cross for the forgiveness of every single one of your sins and also pray that that you have a forgiving heart, just like our God!

121. July 7 – JESUS' BROTHERS RIDICULE HIM
JOHN 7:1-9

Wow! This is exactly how the world is for believers today. If believers make a statement as to what we believe is right, the world hates us. They will say something like, "Who are you to judge us!?" And they will call us haters and intolerant. More and more it takes guts to stand firm in our beliefs. We are not to judge, however, we are to follow Jesus with all of our hearts. Pray right now for the courage to stand firm in your faith.

122. July 8 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE COST OF FOLLOWING HIM
MATTHEW 8:18-22, LUKE 9:51-62

In ministry, God has led me to Michigan, South Dakota, Colorado, and now Kansas. Jesus didn't have a place to call home. Often that has been the most difficult part of ministry for me; not being near my family and having a place to call home. Yet, it has also been the most freeing part of following God. I am not tied to buildings or even family when it comes to following the Lord. If God says, "Go here or do this." I'm not tied down. Look at how many times Jesus crossed to the other side of the lake. If Jesus ministered from a church building, His ministry would not have been limited. Following Jesus means giving up some of our routine and even good things in our life. We give them up so that our steps can follow those of Jesus Christ. Pray right now for the courage that when the Lord says, "go here or do this", you will go and you will serve.

123. July 9 - JESUS TEACHES OPENLY AT THE TEMPLE
JOHN 7:10-31

A hymn goes, "To God be the glory, great things He has done. So loved He the world that He gave us His Son." Does your life give God the glory? Jesus started openly preaching and the people struggled to believe Jesus was telling the truth. Jesus was not afraid to share about His heavenly Father. How often do you worry about what others will think, especially when it comes to sharing with them about God? Pray right now for the courage to speak up about Jesus today.

124. July 10 - RELIGIOUS LEADERS ATTEMPT TO ARREST JESUS
JOHN 7:32-52

Jesus said to the religious leaders, "You will search for me but not find Me. And you cannot go where I am going." The religious leaders did not believe Jesus was the Messiah. What is the biggest obstacle that stands between you and God? For most of us, it's not our sin. We have given God our hearts and our sin has been forgiven; and is gone. For many believers, LUKE-WARMNESS stands between them and God. It is so easy to just mosey along in life being lukewarm. See, we can shake our finger at the Pharisees for not believing and say to them, "why didn't you believe, you were leaders in God's church??" Yet, we are believers in God's church right now and we are lukewarm! Pray right now for whatever it is that comes between you and God. Ask God to fire up your heart. Get on fire for the Lord!!!

125. July 11 – JESUS FORGIVES AND ADULTEROUS WOMAN

JOHN 8:1-11

It is often easy for us to lose sight of what is most important in life. We get wrapped up in schedules and insignificant things like how good our lawn looks. We also often lose sight of our own walk with God because we are busy judging others. It's much easier to point out other people's faults than work on our own sins. Pray right now for God to show you what you need to work on in your life. Ask God to help you focus in on the important things...(your own personal walk with Him.)

126. July 12 – JESUS IS THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

JOHN 8:12-20

Jesus is the light of the world. He is our light and it is amazing how often people do not follow Jesus. It's like a flashlight clipped to our collar. It's is always there and always available, yet when need it we don't turn it on. That is why daily time with Jesus is so important. That is also why Jesus said to continually be in prayer. We are to flip on the light; which means to be aware of Jesus and follow Him. Pray right now that today you will look to Jesus every hour on the hour. Why live in darkness when you can bask in the glory of Jesus?

127. July 13 – JESUS WARNS OF COMING JUDGMENT

JOHN 8:21-30

Do you truly believe Jesus is who He claims to be? We are all sinners and we will die in our sins unless we believe in Jesus. The message of hope and salvation is fully alive today. More than ever, people are dying in their sins. People are dying in their sins even as they still live on this earth. As believers, we know we are to share the message of salvation. We are also to believe! When we truly put our full faith and trust in Jesus Christ, it CHANGES US! We change how we think, we change how we act, and we no longer live for this world; we live for the Lord! Ask God right now to help you believe in Him with ALL your heart.

128. July 14 – JESUS SPEAKS ABOUT GOD'S TRUE CHILDREN

JOHN 8:31-47

The truth. We know Jesus is the truth and we know satan is the liar. Jesus talked about satan in the present tense. satan is real and he is A liar and a murderer. Folks, we belong to God and anyone who Belongs to God listens gladly to the words of God. Pray right now that You will be faithful to God. When we give God our lives, our sins, and Our souls, we are free! We are free from satan's grasp. Thank God Right now for dying on the cross to save your soul.

129. July 15 – JESUS STATES HE IS ETERNAL

JOHN 8:48-59

In verse 55 Jesus told the people, "...but you don't even know Him (God)." Jesus then said, "I know Him." Do you know God? How do you know God? If we truly know God, then our desire is to follow His will. To follow God's will means we "act on" our beliefs. It means we actually live out God's will in our lives. Pray right now asking God to help you figure out what it is that you should be doing to obey His will.

130. July 16 – JESUS SENDS OUT SEVENTY-TWO MESSENGERS

LUKE 10:1-16

Jesus said, "the harvest is great, but the workers are few." Today, the harvest is even greater and God still desires us to be the workers. We need to be out in the community letting people know that the Kingdom of God is near. We are to share God's message and it is between God and the individual whether they accept or reject God. Pray right now for a heart to share God with others. Pray also for the best words to use in every situation.

131. July 17 – THE SEVENTY-TWO MESSENGERS RETURN

LUKE 10:17-24

All these disciples came back on fire and excited about how God worked through them. They couldn't wait to tell Jesus about every little detail and Jesus was delighted in their excitement. Then Jesus told them to remember the most important thing; "rejoice because your names are registered in heaven." Jesus was still filled with joy and He thanked God for making the kingdom of heaven available to all who believe regardless of wealth or social status. This is a reminder to us that in all our activities as a Christian and as a church family, the most important thing is that we are a child of God and our names are written in heaven. Pray right now asking God to help you make room in your busy life for the most important things; time with God, loving others, helping people grow to be like Jesus and telling people about God and His kingdom.

132. July 18 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN

LUKE 10:25-37

How do you have eternal life with God forever? You must love God with all of your heart and that means giving Him your heart. And, you are to also love your neighbor. Just like the Samaritan, we are to help those in need. If we have a heart for God, we will have a heart to serve others. Giving God our heart is what gets us in to heaven. Serving God by serving others is how we live after God dwells in us. A heart for others is a great thing! When you put others first, there will be a joy in your soul that makes you feel great. Pray right now for a servant's heart.

133. July 19 – JESUS VISITS MARTHA AND MARY
LUKE 10:38-42

It is too easy to get caught up in the everyday things of life, that we forget why God created us. Mary discovered how important it is to Listen to Jesus and follow Him. Nothing is more important than sitting at Jesus' feet and spending time with Him every day. Sure, we have to feed our kids, go to work, and clean the house; but we shouldn't forget God. Pray right now asking God to help you set aside time for Him every day.

134. July 20 – JESUS TEACHES HIS DISCIPLES ABOUT PRAYER
LUKE 11:1-13

The Lord's Prayer starts with worshipping God. God, how Holy is your Name. How wonderful you are. How loving you are. Lord, thank you For giving me the food I need today and that food is love, patience, Strength, etc. As I forgive those who do me wrong, You forgive me. I will be tempted today. May I seek your help so that I don't give in to that temptation. The Lord's prayer is a guide to worship and a guide to prayer throughout the day. If you have never memorized the Lord's prayer, how about doing that now?

135. July 21 – JESUS ANSWERS HOSTILE ACCUSATIONS
LUKE 11:14-28

It is truly sad that those who opposed Jesus the most were church people. Today, church people still fight God's Holy Spirit in their lives. They get so comfortable in church life, they have a hard time growing and trying new things. And when they finally do want to change and grow, the tendency is to recommit and come forward in church to say a prayer to do that. But then the passion doesn't last long and satan sets his luke-warm shop back up in their lives. Pray with all of your heart right now to be filled with the Holy Spirit so that you accomplish God's plan for you.

136. July 22 – JESUS WARNS AGAINST UNBELIEF
LUKE 11:29-32

Thank God right now for creating you. Thank Jesus right now for the opportunity to follow Him. You and I have the opportunity to follow Jesus. God has given us the opportunity choose Him!! Jesus stood right before these people and they rejected Him. Jesus stands right before you and me right now. We know more about Jesus than those in the Bible did. Choose Jesus today.

137. July 23 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE LIGHT WITHIN
LUKE 11:33-36

This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine. This little light of mine. I'm gonna let it shine, let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. This is a powerful message. When our life is filled with the light of Jesus Christ and we have totally given everything in our life to Him; every part of us radiates the love of Jesus Christ. It is however very hard to shine Christ's light into the dark corners of our soul. Satan has convinced many that keeping dark corners is the way to go and that we should be ashamed of ourselves. Pray right now to have God clean out every corner of your life. Ask God right now for help in making sure that your eyes take in Holy things. Ask God right now to give you someone in your life to help keep you accountable. May your whole life radiate God's love!

138. July 24 - JESUS CRITICIZES THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS
LUKE 11:37-54

This is a powerful passage! How many of us go to church regularly, tithe, and serve in some way, but we ignore the most important things God has for us to do. Pray right now that God will open your eyes to the needs around you. Ask God to give you the heart to stop what you are doing and tend to the need. The church leaders and religious teachers hated Jesus because they did not want to listen and change their ways. Open your heart right now to God's leading. God wants to grow you to be like Jesus.

139. July 25 – JESUS SPEAKS AGAINST HYPOCRISY
LUKE 12:1-12

What do you think it means to acknowledge Jesus publicly here on earth? It means we are not ashamed to be a Christian. We don't try to hide it. It also means you can tell we are a Christian by the way we act. How awesome it will be when we get to heaven and Jesus says, "all the angels come here, this is 'so and so' and I want all of you to know how much they love me; and I love them!" God's Holy Spirit is with us all the time protecting us and giving us what we need. Pray right now that you will sense God's leading and His presence in your life every day.

140. July 26 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE RICH FOOL
LUKE 12:13-21

If life is not measured by how much we own, what is it measured by? What does it mean to have a rich relationship with God? It means we are always looking for ways to help the poor. We are looking for ways to help those in need. And it doesn't mean giving them money. It may mean helping folks learn ways to provide for themselves. It may mean helping them get back on their feet. We know that, as Americans, all of our barns are full. We all have food in the cupboard and extra we could share. Pray right now for God to give you a reminder to keep your eyes peeled for an opportunity to share of your treasure and abundance. The opportunities are out there and the richer our relationship with God gets; the more the needs will be evident to us.

141. July 27 – JESUS WARNS AGAINST WORRY
LUKE 12:22-34

Worry means something is dominating our thoughts. Folks worry about this and they worry about that. Jesus says, "Hey! Don't worry about the unimportant stuff." Don't let the little stuff occupy your mind. So, what should occupy our minds? Jesus said for us to seek the Kingdom Of God above all else. What does it mean for the Kingdom of God to occupy our thoughts? When you think about money, what comes to mind? We think about paying our bills and how much we will need to borrow to get that house or car. God wants us to be in a place financially that when we see a need, we have the money to be able to fill that need. When our mind is set on God and helping grow His Kingdom, we are on the right track. Pray right now and ask God to give you Kingdom growing thoughts.

142. July 28 – JESUS WARNS ABOUT PREPARING FOR HIS COMING
LUKE 12:35-48

Jesus is coming back to this earth. We don't know the day or the hour, however, we do know that He will return. God wants us to be ready. What do you think it means to "BE READY" for Jesus to return? I envision "being ready" means that I am living out my life as a believer when Jesus comes back. For example, I may be sharing with someone about how Jesus has made a difference in my life. We look up and here comes Jesus out of the sky. Jesus lands on earth and I look at Jesus and say, "Hey Lord, This is my friend so and so and I was just telling him about you." Now, it's not going to happen that way, but we want Jesus to find us praying, serving, helping, loving, sharing, giving, or leading when He returns. Pray right now letting God know that your life is His. If you have never given your heart to God, NOW is the perfect time.

143. July 29 - JESUS WARNS ABOUT COMING DIVISION
LUKE 12:49-53

This is very simple: You have to choose if you are going to follow Jesus or not. Some people may like to think they don't have to decide, but they do. You are either FOR Christ or AGAINST Christ. When you choose, you automatically have people against you. If you choose Jesus, you will have people that intentionally and unintentionally try to pull you away from Jesus. Pray right now asking God for the strength to stand strong in the face of those against you. Choosing Jesus is not easy, however, it is the best thing you will ever do!!

144. July 30 - JESUS WARNS ABOUT THE FUTURE CRISIS
LUKE 12:54-59

Can you see right now what God is doing in your life. God places opportunities in front of us every day; opportunities to serve, to give, to love, and to share. God prompts us with His word and His Holy Spirit giving us that Holy nudge. God is saying, "HEY! Don't you see what your life is to be about today? Go and live for me before it is too late." Folks, there will be a time when it is too late. Pray right now asking God that you will see those opportunities today.

145. July 31 - JESUS CALLS THE PEOPLE TO REPENT
LUKE 13:1-9

No matter how good we think we are, we are never going to be perfect. Too many people live their life trying to be good and knowing in their head that there is a God. The key is for them to give God their heart. Realizing we are a sinner and we will never be good enough; we ask for forgiveness and give God our heart. When God dwells in our heart, we can then go and bare wonderful fruit for the Lord. Right now, pray by name for those in your life that are smart, nice, kind, and hard-working; but have never given their heart to God. Pray that they will see the need for Jesus and repent.

146. August 1 - JESUS HEALS THE CRIPPLED WOMAN
LUKE 13:10-17

Hurting, broken, and suffering people are looking for hope. They are looking for joy and a way out of where they are in life. They are turned off by a church full of rules and DON'TS. People rejoiced at the wonderful things Jesus did. God rejoices when you and I strive to be like Jesus. May we bring hope, joy and rejoicing to people by loving and serving like Jesus. Pray right now that you will be more like Jesus today.

147. August 2 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE KINGDOM OF GOD
LUKE 13:18-21

Sometimes we forget that we are like the mustard seed. We look at other people and think maybe we would like to be like them, however, God Made each one of us for a specific and very important purpose. Each One of us have the opportunity to reach someone that no one else can. God grows His Kingdom bit by bit and He uses us to do it. Pray right now asking God to help you realize how important you are to God's plan. Ask Him to help you reach your potential. Thank God for privilege of being a member in His family.

148. August 3 – JESUS HEALS THE MAN WHO WAS BORN BLIND
JOHN 9:1-12

We often ask "why?" when it comes to difficult things in our life. This man was born blind and Jesus said it was so the power of God could be seen in him. God knows why things happen and why they don't. Jesus said that while He was here on earth, "He was the light of the world." God asks for us to let our lights shine too. So we have a choice; we can sit around and worry about the why or we can get busy living for the Lord. Pray right now that God will open your mind to His will for you this coming week. God has all kinds of ways He wants your light to shine for Him!

149. August 4 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS QUESTION THE BLIND MAN
JOHN 9:13-34

"But I know this; I was blind, and now I can see." This is the greatest feeling for someone who has given their life to Christ. Before Christ you cannot see the hope and joy in situations. After you give your life to Christ, the eyes of your heart are opened to everything God has to Offer. This man that was healed was a great witness for Jesus and the Jewish leaders were so spiritually blind they couldn't see it. Pray right now asking God to open the eyes of your heart to His leading and guiding for you today.

150. August 5 - JESUS TEACHES ABOUT SPIRITUAL BLINDNESS
JOHN 9:35-41

Why did this man believe in Jesus? Why do you believe in Jesus? Everyone is different in how they come to have faith in Jesus Christ. We know that we are to always be sharing Jesus with people. We also know that God is always working on the heart of an unbeliever. Pray right now for those that think they can see what life is all about, but they are really blind and lost. Pray that they can see Jesus.

151. August 6 – JESUS IS THE GOOD SHEPHERD

JOHN 10:1-21

We know this, there is just one way to God and it's Jesus. One way, the pathway of the Son. See, the sheep follow the shepherd because they know his voice. We follow Jesus because we know His voice. We know Jesus loves us, cares for us, leads us, and feeds us. We know Jesus died for us. We know He is coming again. We know he wants us to love Him, love others and serve Him by serving others. We also know Jesus wants us to bring other sheep in to the fold. Pray right now asking God to show you clearly again in your mind and heart what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ.

152. August 7 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS SURROUND JESUS AT THE TEMPLE

JOHN 10:22-42

It is just amazing when you grasp the fact that our God sent His Son to us. Jesus lived His life on this earth carrying out His Father's work. God the Father was in Jesus and Jesus in the Father; and when we give our heart to Christ, Jesus is in us! In turn, WE are to carry out our Heavenly Father's work. Thank God right now for sending Jesus to us. Thank God for showing us how to carry out His work. Ask God for the courage, strength, and determination to live for Him.

153. August 8 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT ENTERING THE KINGDOM

LUKE 13:22-30

Jesus said at the end of this teaching, "some who seem least important now will be the greatest then, and some who are the greatest now will be least important then. What do you think makes you great in the eyes of God? God loves it when we spend time with Him. God loves it when we love others with the love of Jesus Christ. God loves it when we are not ashamed to let others know that we are His followers. Pray right now asking God to help you be GREAT!

154. August 9 – JESUS GRIEVES OVERS JERUSALEM

LUKE 13:31-35

Jesus grieved because His chosen people DIDN'T GET IT. They couldn't accept the fact that Jesus was their Messiah. It is a lesson for us in the fact that we have the same choice to make. Do you believe Jesus is the Messiah? Do you believe He died and rose from the grave for the forgiveness of your sins? Does your life reflect the fact that Jesus is your Lord? Every day we need to pray that our demeanor reflect the presence of Jesus Christ in our heart. Pray right now asking God to help you live with faith today.

155. August 10 – JESUS HEALS A MAN WITH SWOLLEN LIMBS

LUKE 14:1-6

Why do you think Jesus continued to spend time with the Pharisees and other church leaders knowing that they were going to kill Him? Jesus was following God's plan for His life. This is exactly why we will continue to do things that this world doesn't agree with, we are going to follow God's will for OUR life. We don't know who God will bring along for the ride. We just know that our job is to love God, love others, and keep sharing Jesus. Pray right now thanking God for giving your life meaning. Thank God for always being right there with you. Thank Jesus for being a model for you to follow.

156. August 11 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT HUMILITY

LUKE 14:7-14

Jesus said to take the place at the foot of the table. How would you take the place at the foot of the table today? Does that mean going last in line for cookies at the end of worship? Does it mean thinking of others first? We really only have a very short time on this earth. God wants us to reach out to those that need Him the most, the lost and the broken. When we reach out to those that everyone else is leaving out, we are following God's will for our lives and we will be rewarded in more ways than one. Pray right now for the right heart attitude when it comes to humbly serving the Lord.

157. August 12 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE GREAT FEAST

LUKE 14:15- 24

What worldly excuse do you have? I had a lot more time for God's work before a wife and children came along. We continue to "pile on" busy-ness with jobs, second jobs, hobby's, volunteer opportunities, being a shuttle service for our kids, and all the other things filling up our day. God wants us to make room in our schedule so that we can answer His call when it comes. Pray right now about your priorities and how you can be "ready" when God needs you.

158. August 13 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE COST OF BEING A DISCIPLE

LUKE 14:25-35

What do you think Jesus meant when He said, "if you want to be my disciple, you must hate everything else by comparison?" We have to put God first. Have you ever thought about what it means to put God first? We are to be a "salty" character in the world. When I was growing up, if someone was really good at something they were said to be pretty "salty" at whatever that was they were doing. God wants us to be "good or salty" at representing Him in this world. Pray right now that you will be one salty character.

159. August 14 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SHEEP
LUKE 15:1-7

We all know that Jesus cares about EVERYBODY. It brings great joy to God when a person gives their heart to Him. Are we willing to go after that one lost sheep? Are we willing to step out of our comfort zone and share Jesus with someone that doesn't know Him? Pray right now for a passion to reach just one lost sheep.

160. August 15 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE LOST COIN
LUKE 15:8-10

Why do you suppose Jesus told another story with what seems to be the very same message as the one about the lost sheep? Different people relate to different examples. We all have different interests, hobbies and passions. It could also be that Jesus knew we needed to hear it again so that it would be more likely we would take it seriously. GOD WANTS US TO DO ALL WE CAN TO REACH THE LOST! We try to make worship friendly to the lost. We try to do things to go out and reach the lost. Pray right now that your heart and mind will be open to the next opportunity you have to reach someone that is lost.

161. August 16 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE LOST SON

For a third time to illustrate the point further, Jesus tells the story of the lost son. I have heard dozens of sermons from this story; from the father's perspective, from the son's perspective, and from the older brothers perspective. Through the course of our earthly life, we may see this played out from several different perspectives of our own. What we do know is this; no matter how someone gets lost, God always rejoices when they are found and come back to the Lord. Pray right now for all the lost. Pray for those of us who will have the opportunity in the next week to seek out and reach the lost.

162. August 17 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE SHREWD MANAGER
LUKE 16:1-18

Jesus said, "If you are faithful with the little things, you will be faithful with the large ones." Did you know God keeps His word. If we are faithful with our money and tithe; and use it to benefit others, God will bless us with greater earthly responsibilities. For many of us, our money manages us. And when that happens, our heart is not in the right place. And I can tell you many of us are like the Pharisees, we don't like to be challenged in this area. Pray right now asking God to help you be a Godly manager of your earthly resources.

163. August 18 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT THE RICH MAN AND THE BEGGAR
LUKE 16:19-31

God is saying that we have ample warning. In the New Testament, Jesus over and over has given us examples of how to live with His Love in our hearts. WE WILL be judged with the understanding that we have heard the message of Jesus Christ. Pray right now asking God to help you live as a follower of Jesus. If you don't know what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ, read Matthew 22:37-40 and Matthew 28:18-20. Pray also right now that every day you will be more and more like Jesus.

164. August 19 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT FORGIVENESS AND FAITH
Luke 17:1-10

Jesus says doing something wrong is always going to be wrong, however, causing someone to do something wrong is much worse. And also, sometimes we think we are doing God great favors by our actions or deeds. We need to always remember, it is a privilege serve the Lord. Pray right now for the heart to be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ.

165. August 20 – LAZARUS BECOMES SICK AND DIES
JOHN 11:1-16

Jesus let Lazarus die so that the disciples would have and even stronger faith in God. How strong is your faith? What would it take to make your faith even stronger? God has left no doubt in my mind that His glory is truly amazing. Pray right now for the faith to believe in God no matter what happens in life.

166. August 21 – JESUS COMFORTS MARY AND MARTHA
JOHN 11:17-37

After being a believer for so long, it is hard for me to understand why someone won't give their life to God. Looking at verses 25 and 26 we are reminded again of the power and joy Jesus has to offer. When we surrender to Him, we have life forever. And that life starts the moment we give our heart to Him. When we face struggles, hardships, and even death; Jesus is there for us with His wonder-working power. Pray right now for those that have not given their life to Jesus. Pray that they will be able to see how wonderful our God is!

167. August 22 – JESUS RAISES LAZARUS FROM THE DEAD

JOHN 11:38-44

Why was Jesus angry? Jesus did all He could to get people to believe and folks still wouldn't put their faith in God. Jesus even talked really loud to God so that people would know Jesus was from God. Jesus brought Lazarus back to life. For those of us that believe, Jesus has given us new life. This life is to be shared so that others will believe. Pray right now for God to give you the right words and attitude so that people will believe in God.

168. August 23 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS PLOT TO KILL JESUS

JOHN 11:45-57

Think about that for the next day, "Jesus is the one that brings all believers together." When our focus is on Jesus, our focus is on the Kingdom of God and His desire for our lives. When we focus on Jesus during the day, it brings us together. Pray right now that you will seek God's will in your life and for harmony among your brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.

169. August 24 – JESUS HEALS TEN MEN WITH LEPROSY

LUKE 17:11-19

Jesus said to these men, "go show yourselves to the priests." The Priests' job was to declare someone "leprosy free". The Men were hoping Jesus would heal them and they had to actually start to the priests while they still had leprosy. They took that step of faith and Jesus healed them. Only one of the ten came back to thank Jesus and praise God for being healed. Thank God right now for how He works when we are willing to take a step of faith. Also, thank God for how He does miraculous things in your life every day!

170. August 25 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE COMING OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD

LUKE 17:20-37

What do you think it means when Jesus said, "the Kingdom of God is already among you?" When we accept Jesus in our hearts, we are kingdom kids. Forever in God's Kingdom starts the moment we become a believer. Jesus also goes on to say, "if you cling to your life, you will lose it, and if you let your life go, you will save it." Jesus is saying that we need to live like a believer. We need to be about God's will for our lives. God's will is about serving Him by serving others. God's will is that we share Jesus with the lost. God's will is that we become more and more like Jesus. Pray right now that every day you will be more about living in God's will.

171. August 26th – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT WIDOW
LUKE 18:1-8

What do you think it means to pray and never give up. How often has there been a need in your life and you take it to God in prayer, and then never mention it to God again? God wants us to keep praying until He answers. Why do you think God wants us to keep praying until He answers? Maybe God is waiting for a specific change in a situation before He answers. Maybe we need to change. Maybe we need to learn patience and persistence. Maybe God is working on another person's heart. We do know this, God wants us to pray and pray and pray until He answers. The awesome thing is knowing God will provide us with a fair and just answer. Pray right now for your prayer life and quiet time with God.

172. August 27th – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE TWO MEN WHO
PRAYED

LUKE 18:9-14

When we admit to God our shortcomings and ask for forgiveness, God shows us mercy and grace. When we realize that we are sinners and are nothing without God, our hearts are opened to growth. Stop and admit your sins to God right now. Ask God to forgive you. We all sin and fall short of the glory of God. God loves it when we come to Him and open up our hearts to Him. God loves you!!!!!! Make sure you are taking time every day to be alone with God.

173. August 28th – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT MARRIAGE AND DIVORCE
MATTHEW 19:1-12, MARK 10:1-12

Have you ever heard the saying in a church family, "that's not the way We've done it before?" The church leaders were at odds with Jesus Because they had established a "man-made" rule on divorce and this Rule benefited men who wanted an easy out in marriage. Jesus tried To show them what God wants in marriage. God wants us to be Faithful in the UPS and DOWNS. The bigger picture is that God desires For us to serve one another. God wants a husband to serve his wife And vise-versa. There would be much less divorce if believers lived With a heart for Jesus. If you are married, pray for your marriage. Pray that you will serve your spouse and put them before you. Pray For another couples marriage, asking God to bless them.

174. August 29th – JESUS BLESSES THE CHILDREN
MATTHEW 19:13-15, MARK 10:13-16, LUKE 18:15-17
Why did Jesus get angry? Jesus knew how important it was for a child to meet Him and learn about God. See, a child will believe in the power, love, and strength of God even when an adult is skeptical . Just like a child has faith in their earthly daddy or mommy, Jesus was also teaching us the kind of faith we are to have in our Heavenly Father. It is pretty simple; do you believe? Pray right now asking God For childlike faith.
175. August 30th – JESUS SPEAKS TO THE RICH YOUNG MAN
MATTHEW 19:16-30, MARK 10:17-31, LUKE 18:18-30
What was Jesus teaching us? If we hold on to this earth, we lose our soul to the devil. If we let go of this earthly life and take hold of Kingdom living, we LIVE! We don't have to sell everything we have, we just need to start by tithing. When we live for God, God blesses us A hundred times more than any earthly blessing we could attain. Pray Right now asking God to help you get your priorities straight. Pray for Clear opportunities to make a difference for God in your life. Pray that You can give up the things of this world so that you may be truly Great!!
176. August 31st – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE VINEYARD WORKERS
Matthew 20:1-16
My grandfather accepted Jesus while in the hospital right before he Died. In this parable, Jesus was reassuring all people that it is not too late to accept God in your heart and that it is by grace we gain entrance to the kingdom of Heaven. God appreciates it very much that we work hard for Him now and He will greatly reward us for it. He also wants us to remember to not give up on anybody. We never know when someone will open their heart to Jesus Christ. Pray right now for someone you know that might need Jesus.
177. September 1 – JESUS PREDICTS HIS DEATH THE THIRD TIME
MATTHEW 20:17-19, MARK 10:32-34, LUKE 18:31-34
Several times Jesus shared with the disciples what was going to happen to Him. Jesus wanted the disciples to be able to effectively process everything after He was gone. The wonderful thing for you and me is that we can see even more of the whole picture. We have the entirety of scripture to see who God is and what He has done and continues to do in our lives. And even what He WILL do! Pray right now asking God for GREAT FAITH in Him. Now, Don't forget to praise God today!

178. September 2 - JESUS TEACHES ABOUT SERVING OTHERS
MATTHEW 20:20-28, MARK 10:35-45

How often are you like James and John, wanting notoriety and the attention of others for what you have done? Pray right now for God to help you become who He wants you to be on this earth right now. Pray for Him to help you overcome your thorn in your side (the sin that keeps dragging you down). Pray that you will be the best disciple and servant of the Lord ever! And that means living for the Kingdom by loving, serving and giving.

179. September 3 - JESUS HEALS A BLIND BEGGAR

MATTHEW 20:29-34, MARK 10:46-52, LUKE 18:35-43

Have you ever shouted at God to have mercy on you? The blind man shouted for Jesus to have mercy on him. Jesus stopped and asked the man, "what do you want me to do for you?" "Lord," he said, "I want to see!" If you have never shouted at God for forgiveness or help, you should. Remember, our God is a God of relationships. He created us for a relationship with Him. God is real and He really wants us to share our lives with Him. Shout to the Lord right now asking Him for the best relationship with Him ever!

180. September 4 - JESUS BRINGS SALVATION TO ZACCHAEUS'S HOME
LUKE 19:1-10

Jesus came to seek and save the LOST!! Yes, Jesus spent time with disciples teaching and training them. Jesus also went out to seek and save those who were lost. Against people's wishes, Jesus went to Zacchaeus's home. Jesus went because Zacchaeus was lost and needed the opportunity to repent. Zacchaeus was as sick as someone that was lame or blind. Pray right now that you will have the opportunity to share Jesus with someone that is lost. Ask God to give you the exact words you will need and the right attitude in your heart as you share. Also, keep your eyes peeled for anyone up in a tree, as they very likely could be lost.

181. September 5 - JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE KING'S
TEN SERVANTS

LUKE 19:11-27

Two things from this event: First, we are to be stewards of the life God has given us on this earth. To the best of our ability, with God's leading, we are to Love God, love and serve others, find our place's and ways to serve, and reach the lost. That is what God will judge us on in the future. Second, verse 27 reminds us of how important it is to reach the lost. Those who don't give God their life, they don't live forever in heaven with us. Forever, they will not be part of God's Kingdom. Pray again right now for the right heart and words as you encounter someone who is lost.

182. September 6 – A WOMAN ANOINTS JESUS WITH PERFUME

MATTHEW 26:6-13, LUKE 14:3-9, JOHN 12:1-11

Mary was there when Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead. In fact, Mary was Lazarus' sister. Mary's anointing of Jesus' feet and then wiping His feet with her hair was an act of love. Don't you think she did this because she experienced the love of Jesus himself. Jesus treated women with respect and love. Jesus took the time to spend with those who were in need of support. Pray right now for the same type of love for Jesus that Mary had. Thank God for spending time with you!

183. September 7 – JESUS RIDES IN TO JERUSALEM ON A YOUNG DONKEY

MATTHEW 21:1-11, MARK 11:1-11, LUKE 19:28-44, JOHN 12:12-19

I am always overcome with emotion thinking about Jesus following His Father's will. Riding in to Jerusalem was Jesus taking that final step to saying, "Yes Father, I will obey. Here I go." How well we know God's will for us. May we have the same determination to follow it, just like Jesus. Pray right now for the strength to follow God "NO MATTER" where it leads you!

184. September 8 – JESUS CLEARS THE TEMPLE AGAIN

MATTHEW 21:12-17, MARK 11:12-19, LUKE 19:45-48

For me, the fig tree and the clearing of the temple is a reminder to keep our priorities straight as believers. Life is about growing in our relationship with God. Bearing fruit can come in the form of serving God, growing closer to God, and sharing the Gospel. This is yet another time God is in a sense saying, "make your lives count!!!" Pray right now for your church family that we may keep our priorities straight also and help you grow in Christ. Pray that today Jesus will be glorified in what you say and do. Pray that someone will know you love Jesus by what you say to them.

185. September 9 – JESUS EXPLAINS WHY HE MUST DIE

JOHN 20:20-36

I will sometimes see someone who professes to be a Christian and think to myself, "wow, they need to get their priorities straight. They have so much potential if they would just put God first." And then I remind myself, "hey, just worry about yourself." We need to love God more and more every day and this world less and less. Money, possessions, all these "worldly" things will go away when we die. Our relationship with God lasts forever. Pray right now asking God to help you get or keep your priorities straight.

186. September 10 – MOST OF THE PEOPLE DO NOT BELIEVE IN JESUS
JOHN 12:37-43

We know that not everyone is going to give their heart to Jesus, however, God has given us the job of sharing the difference Jesus Christ has made in our life. We are to let people know that Jesus is real and He changes lives! It is between each individual and God as to whether or not they are a part of God's kingdom. I think for us it is important to remember how vital sharing our testimony is to God. We can't worry about what people will think or that we might be seen as foolish. Read verse 43 again. Pray right now that your desire is to make God happy. Praise God right now for the difference He has made in your life.

187. September 11 – JESUS SUMMARIZES HIS MESSAGE
JOHN 12:44-50

Have you ever wondered what God is like? Well, when you see who Jesus is, you see what God is like! And when we put our trust in Jesus, He leads us down a road unique to each one of us. I thank the Lord that I gave my heart to Him early in life and it has lead me down a road much different than had I sown more wild oats. Like I said, each road is different. Some stray from the path of God early in life and then find the Lord, and go on to have a powerful ministry. Whatever path we tread, we know that when our faith is in Jesus Christ it lead to eternal life in the Kingdom of God. Pray right now that the path you take from this point forward is one filled with faith and trust in God.

188. September 12 – JESUS SAYS THE DISCIPLES CAN PRAY FOR
ANYTHING

MATTHEW 21:18-22, MARK 11:20-26

What do you think it means to really believe and have NO DOUBT in your heart? If we really believe in Jesus Christ, our hearts and our lives are completely changed. We don't worry about worldly things because we have strength, confidence, and hope. Every day spend time with God and your faith and belief in Him will grow. Are you holding a grudge against anyone? Why? Do you need to forgive them? Holding grudges keeps us from being who God wants us to be. Pray right now asking God to help you forgive that person.

189. September 13 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS CHALLENGE JESUS' AUTHORITY
MATTHEW 21:23-27, MARK 11:27-33, LUKE 20:1-8
The religious leaders asked Jesus, "Who gave you the right?" Have you ever thought about that question for yourself? Who gives you the right to do anything you do? Remember, we live IN this world, but we are not OF this world. God gives us the RIGHT to do so many things. God also gives us the RIGHT to be His children. The most important thing is to be RIGHT with our heavenly Father. Pray right now for the RIGHT relationship with God. Ask God to help you remove anything that comes between you and Him. Our God is an awesome God and worthy of following!
190. September 14 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE TWO SONS
MATTHEW 21:28-32
How often have you felt the Lord's leading and you didn't act on it? Maybe you felt you should speak to someone about Jesus or maybe you felt you should give someone a call; and you didn't. For some believers this parable has an even deeper meaning. Some folks attend church every Sunday and have been shown what it means to be a follower of Jesus, but they refuse to give Christ their hearts. When it gets right down to it, life on this earth is very short. Pray Right now for the desire to make each day count for God!
191. September 15 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE EVIL FARMERS
MATTHEW 21:33-46, MARK 12:1-12, LUKE 20:9-19
We, as believer and followers of God, do not want to be the evil farmers. We want to be about the Master's (God's) business and we want to give the Lord His due. All the glory, honor, and praise belongs to Him! It means that every single day we get up, every single day God blesses us with another day on this earth (another day in the vineyard), we need to ask God to help us be fruitful. Pray right now that you will be fruitful today. Pray that your day will bring glory to God!
192. September 16 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE WEDDING FEAST
MATTHEW 22:1-14
Every day God calls us to the table with Him. God wants to celebrate life with us and hear about our plans, thoughts, and fears. God wants to give us guidance and encouragement and yet we often refuse to come to the table. In the parable the man was not wearing proper wedding clothes. Every day God offers us the proper way to live and we have the opportunity to put on the clothes of righteousness (the clothes of humility, service, love, encouragement and hope). God made us with the ability to CHOOSE. We get to choose LIGHT OR DARKNESS. Pray right now that you will walk in the light today and take God up on His offer of guidance.

193. September 17 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS QUESTION JESUS ABOUT PAYING TAXES

MATTHEW 22:15-22, MARK 12:13-17, LUKE 20:20-26

The church leaders were trying to trap Jesus, so they thought they would try to trap Him with a question about money. Money is a trap for many people. Money shouldn't be a trap, it should be a tool.

Sadly, the use of money can be something that separates us from God and from a healthy relationship in marriages and friendships. Pray right now for the strength to not be reeled in by greed and loss of self-control. Pray for a Godly perspective when it comes to money.

194. September 18 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS QUESTION JESUS ABOUT THE RESURRECTION

MATTHEW 22:23-33, MARK 12:18-27, LUKE 20:27-40

Praise the Lord that we serve a RISEN SAVIOR! God is alive and working in our souls and lives right now. They asked Jesus a question about marriage, however, the real question was about faith. Deep down they were wondering if they should put their faith in Jesus Christ. If we listen to people, I mean really listen; we can maybe help them with something that could be life-changing for them. Pray right now that you will be a better listener and someone who cares.

195. September 19 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS QUESTION JESUS ABOUT THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT

MATTHEW 22:34-40, MARK 12:28-34

Loving God and loving our neighbor are the two most important things we can do with our lives. The religious leaders were trying to trap Jesus so that they could kill Him. Our world is much the same in the fact that it is trying to trap us. Satan does not want us to love God and love our neighbor. Pray right now that your steps today will be towards loving God more. A good thing is the fact that you are reading this right now. It means you desire to keep growing!! Carve out a piece of time each day that is "LOVING GOD TIME" and just spend a while with the Lord.

196. September 20 – RELIGIOUS LEADER CANNOT ANSWER JESUS' QUESTION

MATTHEW 22:41-46, MARK 12:5-37, LUKE 20:41-44

Take a moment and answer this question, "Who is Jesus to you?"

In His last days before going to the cross, Jesus was taking one more opportunity to let people know that He was the Son of God. May this be a reminder for you right now that Jesus is Lord of your life. Jesus is your Lord, your savior and your teacher. Jesus loves you enough to die for all your sins. Pray right now thanking Jesus for being your Savior and renew your commitment to Him to live a life worthy of the calling you have received. You have been called to be a child of God!!

197. September 21 – JESUS WARNS AGAINST THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS
MATTHEW 23:1-12, MARK 12:38-40, LUKE 20:45-47
Do you practice what you preach? My kids watch what I do all the time and most of the time that is good, but once in a while it's not. Inside all of our hearts we have a desire to be great. To be great in God's eyes is to be a servant. Jesus served and asks us also to serve. Pray right now asking God for a servant's heart. Pray for humbleness that you will put others first.
198. September 22 – JESUS CONDEMNES THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS
MATTHEW 23:13-36
Woe to those of us who shut the door of heaven in people's faces. There is a song that goes, "just one more soul." When I think of someone spending eternity in hell, I cringe. Jesus' heart was broken seeing the church leaders driving people away from a relationship with God and a home in heaven. Jesus died so that no one would have to be separated from Him. Pray right now that you will reach just one More soul for Jesus. Pray that as God brings that person in your life today, you will be ready to reach them for Jesus! You are not going to be able to reach someone today if your own heart is not ready. Pray right now asking God to remove impure thing in your soul. Ask God to remove the desire in your heart to every put that impure thing back in your life. Be ready for that soul to come across your path today.
199. September 23 – JESUS GRIEVES OVER JERUSALEM AGAIN
MATTHEW 23:37-39
God is very protective of us. God wants the best for us and He wanted the best for his children of Israel. God gave us His son and His Holy Word to provide us a way to succeed. Even though God has done His best, it is up to us. No matter how much God wants a Relationship with us and wants to see us flourish, it's up to us! Pray right now that God will make you a blessing today.
200. September 24 – A POOR WIDOW GIVES ALL SHE HAS
MARK 12:41-44, LUKE 21:1-4
Why do you think Jesus called His disciples over and talked to them about the widows gift? What was Jesus trying to teach them? How important is every soul to God? The rich are no more important than the poor. If we are humble and give from the heart, we are a blessing to God. Pray that you will be a humble servant of Jesus Christ.

201. September 25 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT THE FUTURE
MATTHEW 24:1-25, MARK 13:1-23, LUKE 21:5-24
Jesus shared with the disciples what was going to happen leading up to His second coming. Jesus said the Good News must be preached to all nations (or people groups). If we are to have a heart like that of Jesus Christ, we must have a heart for the lost soul. We must have a heart for those that don't know Jesus. We have to share with the lost about Christ. Tell them what Jesus has done for you. Separation from God for eternity is hell and we don't want that for anyone. You have the opportunity every day to share Jesus. Pray right now asking God for the heart, humbleness and desire that not one soul be lost in your circle of influence.
202. September 26 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT HIS RETURN
MATTHEW 24:26-35, MARK 13:24-31, LUKE 21:25-33
Well, we do know this, "there is a better chance today for Jesus to Return than there was yesterday." There is a song that goes, "you Better get ready, Jesus is coming and it won't be very long." What do You think it means to "be ready?" I think it means that we are Committed to living for the Lord; that we are striving to live out the Great Commandment and Great Commission. At some point, this 34-3 World will be gone and the Kingdom of God will survive. Pray right Now that you will be ready and becoming more ready every day!
203. September 27 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT REMAINING WATCHFUL
MATTHEW 24:36-51, MARK 13:32-37, LUKE 21:34-38
Don't let the worries of this life lull you to sleep. Staying on task and focused is a difficult thing to do. We are surrounded by distractions that take our focus off of God's will for us. Our jobs, our families, our finances, our hobbies, our issues and all kinds of others things draw our minds away from God. It takes strength to not be pulled away from what is most important. Pray right now that you will have the strength and determination to keep your life focused.
204. September 28 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE TEN BRIDESMAIDS
MATTHEW 25:1-13
At one time or another in our lives we all have uttered the words, "uh-oh." Uh-oh, did we close the garage door? Uh-oh, I just spilled on the brand new carpet. Jesus warns us over and over again in the Bible, don't be the one that says "uh, oh" when I return. Keeping Watch means that every day we are diligent in being prepared and Living our lives for Jesus Christ. "Well done, well done good and faithful servant" is what we desire to hear. Ask God right now to help you live a life in which you are growing as his follower. If you don't know how to grow and be ready, ask your pastor.

205. September 29 – JESUS TELLS THE PARABLE OF THE LOANED MONEY
MATTHEW 25:14-30

Jesus told these last few parables in Matthew 25 right before He went to the cross. There was more Jesus wanted to teach before He left. Until Jesus returns to earth, He has entrusted you and me with this earth. In verse 29 Jesus says, "but from those who do nothing, even what little they have will be taken away." We have a job to do and we are going to continue to give our best in doing it. Pray right now that you will be diligently seeking God's will every day. Pray that your heart and mind will be open to how God wants you to invest His assets today. The master will return and WE WILL be able to give an acceptable accounting!

206. September 30 – JESUS TELLS ABOUT THE FINAL JUDGMENT
MATTHEW 25:31-46

We hear of these horror stories of people stopping to help someone by the side of the road and it is a trap, and the good Samaritan gets robbed. We live in a world where many of us are afraid to stop and help someone, however, if we open our eyes there are plenty of opportunities to help someone in need. Jesus said that someday we will be judged and He will be able to tell who is a follower of Him by how they helped someone who was hungry, thirsty, or a stranger in need. We will have to give an accounting to God and we pray we will be able to give a good one. Pray right now that the eyes of your heart will be open to needs around you.

207. October 1 – RELIGIOUS LEADERS PLOT TO KILL JESUS
MATTHEW 26:1-5, MARK 14:1-2, LUKE 22:1-2

I just do not like this part of the Bible. I hate reading about what Jesus went through. Why did Jesus endure all the suffering anyway? BECAUSE WE NEED A SAVIOR! Everyone needs a savior! Thinking about the fact that whosoever doesn't believe in Jesus Christ spends eternity in hell, should leave us with a burning in our hearts for the lost. Jesus died for the lost. The least we can do is share with people what Jesus did for them; and will continue to do for them! Pray right now for a burning passion and desire to share Jesus.

208. October 2 – JUDAS AGREES TO BETRAY JESUS

MATTHEW 26:14-16, MARK 14:10,11, LUKE 22:3-6

If you open your heart to God, He comes in to your heart and dwells there. If you open your heart to satan, he comes in to your heart and dwells there. Pray right now in Jesus name that satan be out of your life. Pray right now for opportunities to make a difference for God. Pray that your life will shine for Jesus. People will be watching you, so make sure that they see the love and joy of Jesus Christ emanating from your soul.

209. October 3 – DISCIPLES PREPARE FOR THE PASSOVER

MATTHEW 26:17-19, MARK 14:12-16, LUKE 22:7-13

Jesus knew there would be a man carrying a pitcher of water. Jesus knew the man would lead the disciples to a house. Jesus knew the house would have an upper room that was already prepared for them. Jesus knew He was going to die for the forgiveness of our sins. Jesus knew that He would overcome death and rise from the grave. The only way for us to be "right" with God is through faith in Jesus Christ. The disciples found everything just as Jesus had said. When you think about it, we find everything just as Jesus has said. Pray right now that you will be prepared to share the Gospel of Jesus with someone – His death, burial, and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins – is the story that we have the privilege and responsibility to share.

210. October 4 – JESUS WASHES THE DISCIPLES FEET

JOHN 13:1-20

Jesus loved His disciples very much and as His life on this earth was coming to an end He wanted to demonstrate love once again. loving is serving. Loving is placing another's needs before your own. Do you want to teach people about Jesus and have them grow to love Jesus like you do, then wash their feet (put them first and serve them). Pray right now thanking God for His love and for demonstrating that love to us in so many ways. Praise God right now for all the blessing you have received!

211. October 5 – JESUS AND HIS DISCIPLES SHARE THE LAST SUPPER
MATTHEW 26:20-30, MARK 14:17-26, LUKE 22:14-30, JOHN 13:21-30
Jesus was sitting at the table with the men he had poured His heart out to for 3 years. He knew these men loved him, and yet one would betray Him into the hands of His accusers. I do not know how God does it. Even today, He knows the hearts of every single person. God knows each one that loves Him and each one that conspires to do evil. God knows about allllll of the heartache, pain, evil, suffering, joy, excitement, and love. Our God is a mighty God to carry all of the cares of the people on this earth. And He chose to pay the price for them on the cross. Every time we eat of the bread and drink of the cup, may we remember the promise Jesus has made to us and the opportunity we have to keep our end of the bargain. Thank God right now for His awesome love.
212. October 6 – JESUS PREDICTS PETER’S DENIAL
LUKE 22:31-38, JOHN 13:31-38
Satan had to ask God for permission to try to mess up the disciples lives. Jesus told Peter that He had pleaded in prayer for him, knowing That Peter would slip up but Jesus prayed that Peter’s faith would not fail. Jesus went to God in prayer, very likely more than once, pleading with God to keep Peter’s faith strong. Jesus gives us a great example of how we are to pray for others. First we have to have a love for God and a love for others, then we have to be people of PRAYER! Maybe, just like Peter, we will pray for someone, they will turn back to God, and in turn strengthen others for Jesus Christ.
213. October 7 – JESUS IS THE WAY TO THE FATHER
JOHN 14:1-14
Wow! This event has several scriptures quotes that I have used a lot; “in My Father’s house are many mansions”, “I go and prepare a place for you”, I am the way, the truth, and the life”, “anyone who has seen me has seen the Father”, “ask for anything in my name and I will do it.” These are all wonderful quotes from Jesus. What quote from Jesus brings you hope, comfort, peace, or assurance? Jesus was telling His disciples not to worry, but to trust Him. When we put our trust in Jesus, we can’t lose. Pray right now asking God to help you put all of your faith and trust in Him.

214. October 8 – JESUS PROMISES THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 14:15-31

How often do we forget that God is with us through the presence of His Holy Spirit? God says His Holy Spirit will teach us and give us Those gentle nudges when we need them. Pray right now asking God To remind you of His presence in your life. Putting our trust in God Gives us a peace of mind that is wonderful. As we Face difficult situations, even death, we have a peace that surpasses all understanding.

215. October 9 - JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

JOHN 15:1-17

Jesus said that He is the vine and we are the branches and if we remain in Him we will produce much fruit. Jesus laid down His life for us and that is what He asks us to do for each other. I am often reminded that love is an action word. Love is serving, giving, helping, sharing, and even sacrificing. When we love, God is filled with joy and we are filled with joy too. Pray right now that you will remain in God's love and follow His commands.

216. October 10 – JESUS WARNS ABOUT THE WORLD'S HATRED

JOHN 15:18-27

I know that sometimes I am much too worried about what other think or what they MIGHT think. Jesus says that if people are upset with us because of our faith, remember, they were upset with Him first. They don't want anything to do with God because it means they have to give up THEIR life. What does God want us to do? God wants you and me to keep sharing with people the difference Jesus makes in our lives! There is a song that goes, "Jesus is the answer...for the world today...above Him there's no other.....Jesus is the way." Pray right now for the courage to stand tall for Jesus Christ.

217. October 11 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT THE HOLY SPIRIT

JOHN 16:5-15

Jesus sent us His Holy Spirit to guide us and direct us in what is true. Jesus also said that the Holy Spirit convicts people of their sin. It's through the Holy Spirit that people realize they need Jesus. When we listen, the Holy Spirit tells us what we need to hear. God gives us those Holy nudges to keep us moving, to help us testify, and to know what we are doing is in His will. Pray for a listening ear and a heart to follow God's will when it is made known to you.

218. October 12 – JESUS TEACHES ABOUT USING HIS NAME IN PRAYER
JOHN 16:16-33

“In Jesus name we pray” is how I often end my prayers. Jesus is the reason we have to rejoice! We have hope, peace, security, eternity, direction, and love because of Jesus. Because we love Jesus and Believe in Him, God loves us. Did you know that we can rejoice?!?! We can rejoice because Jesus overcame the world. The world hung Jesus on the cross, but Jesus overcame the world. He rose from the grave, defeated death, and His spirit lives in our hearts. We will have our own trials and sorrows, however, we can celebrate and be filled with joy because Jesus lives! Praise God right now for His love for you. Thank Him for every good thing in your life!

219. October 13 – JESUS PRAYS FOR HIMSELF
JOHN 17:1-4

Jesus says it clearly in this time of prayer with God; there’s just one one way to God and it’s Jesus, one way, the pathway of the Son. Don’t you think Jesus prayed this prayer as a reminder of what His impending sacrifice would accomplish. Maybe it also gave Jesus extra strength for what He was about to face? It also helped Jesus to know that He would be returning to glory (heaven) to be reunited with His heavenly Father. Pray right now for the vision and strength to complete YOUR work for God.

220. October 14 – JESUS PRAYS FOR HIS DISCIPLES
JOHN 17:6-19

Do you believe Jesus is who He says He is? Jesus shared with us who God is and taught us many lessons about how to live by faith. Jesus prayed, asking God to keep the disciples safe from the evil one. I believe that prayer spans the centuries and is for us too. Think about why the world would hate us?? The world doesn’t follow God, love God, or adhere to the Bible. So, that means the world is going to hate those that do. However, inside the soul, people are empty. This is why God sends us into the world; so that we can reveal God to them, just like Jesus did to us. It’s as simple as this: if you love the Lord, you share Jesus with people.

221. October 15 – JESUS PRAYS FOR FUTURE BELIEVERS
JOHN 17:20-26

Jesus prayed another prayer that was specifically for us! Jesus wants us to be united. When people see us loving each other, being patient with each other, lifting each other up instead of tearing down, and being happy together, people are more likely to come to believe in Jesus. IT IS THROUGH US that the glory of the Lord will shine. People will see how much God loves us and blesses us. Pray right now asking God to help you be the very best brother or sister in Christ.

222. October 16 – JESUS AGAIN PREDICTS PETER'S DENIAL
MATTHEW 26:31-35, MARK 14:27-31