

Stretched Thin: Overcomers

Life Steps | October 8 & 9, 2016

Memory Verses: James 1:2-4 & Galatians 2:20

Monday

Psalm 126

What are the psalmist's and your expectations of God? How can dreaming bigger draw you into faith with God and others? How can you use scripture to deepen your prayer life? How do you and how does the psalmist look at putting faith into action?

Tuesday

Genesis 13:1; Joshua 1:3-4; Jeremiah 1:11-12

How do you evaluate your daily and long-term expectations? How has God been involved in your life expectations? Describe a time when you rethought your human expectations in order to replace them with God's. Recite from memory several times throughout the day, James 1:2-4.

Wednesday

Proverbs 12:6; Proverbs 18:21; Matthew 18:18

In evaluating your spoken words this week, what was said positively or negatively? How have you spoken positively or negatively into your relationships with God and others? How does what you speak affect you and others?

Thursday

Luke 11:1-13

What are your expectations and rules for prayer? How do your prayers connect you with God and others? Why should you and how can you rethink your attitudes/habits regarding prayer? Personalize the Lord's Prayer while praying it out loud. Recite from memory several times throughout the day, Galatians 2:20.

Friday

Galatians 6:1-10

How do you put faith into action? Do you test your own actions, and do you also test the actions of others? How does this testing of self and others affect your relationships? How can you purposefully show goodness to all people as an action of your faith?

Saturday

Psalm 120:7; 122:6-8; Psalm 128

How do you feel blessed, at rest and/or at peace? How are blessings, rest and peace passive or active in your life? Describe how expectations lead to spoken words, prayer and actions resulting in blessings, rest and peace. Recite both of our memory verses throughout the day.

Sunday

Review Psalms 120-134

Notice how these psalms of ascent elevate expectations, speak faith, look toward God in prayer and put faith into action. How can you rethink, even rewrite one of these Psalms to personalize God's message to you? Pray that re-written Psalm to God.