

Spring Break 2023
Daily Devotional Guide

Story for the Week - "No Ordinary Man"

Sat, Mar 11

- Mark 2:13-17
- Thank you for choosing me, even when I was a sinner
- Task: BEGIN by remembering the grace, love and acceptance that God offers to you through the sacrificial love of His son, Jesus. Think about YOUR story. Think about how God choose you even in your sin. Find a moment to reflect that love and value to someone else today when it is not easy.

Sun, Mar 12

- Luke 8:1-15
- Focus on prayer that calls you to having the proper soil of the heart in which God's seed can grow
- Task: SEE what God is revealing to you today that may be new or challenging. Find time to PRAY THREE TIMES TODAY for 5 minutes. Slow down, stop, and be with the Father.

Mon, Mar 13

- Luke 10:25-37
- Focus on prayer that asks you to see where you are not showing mercy to others who are in need
- Task: Try to see those around you as "the one who needed mercy" in the story that Jesus shares. Challenge yourself to step beyond your boundaries and insecurities to show mercy to someone who might not know they are able to be loved.

Tue, Mar 14

- Matthew 5:1-15
- Focus on prayer that is willing to accept the challenge and calling of the mindset Jesus describes as being blessed
- Task: Stop THREE times during the day and PRAY for 5 minutes. Dwell on the blessings and the characteristics that are described in this text each time. Identify a way or opportunity where you will share them with others in a practical way.

Wed, Mar 15

- Matthew 6:1-13
- Focus on a prayer that calls you to forgive as God forgives us in Christ
- Task: Maybe you need to share or receive grace and forgiveness. Maybe someone has placed you in a mindset that makes you feel small. Maybe you have done that to someone else. Step into this moment and make amends.

Thur, Mar 16

- Isaiah 58:1-14
- Focus on a time of true fasting which calls you to go beyond just "not eating" and being willing to care for the needs of others
- Task: Think about how God has used you, taught you, and deepened you this week? How have you been able to move beyond basic principles of fasting and moved to true fasting this week? What is a behavior or a hunger that is trying to keep you from true fasting?

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Fri, Mar 17

- Mark 5:1-21
- Focus on a prayer that challenges us to consider valuing for those who are marginalized and overlooked in our daily lives
- Task: WASH someone's feet today. Literally or figuratively make it happen. Identify the moment and act on it. Embrace and spend time with someone who may not normally be someone you would interact with. Celebrate their value, their life, and their presence.

Sat, Mar 18

- John 6:25-70
- Focus on a prayer that calls you to value and seek God's eternal gift instead of things that are just for our daily provision
- Task: This is a day of saying thank you. Share a text or a phone call where you tell someone THANK YOU for the ways in which they have helped you see and know Jesus. Say thank you to those who have helped you grow spiritually since the beginning of the school year. Say thank you to those who have been a model of strength and encouragement for you each day.