

WEEK 1

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40 Days of Prayer

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40 DAYS OF PRAYER INTRODUCTION



Our annual *40 Days of Prayer* has become one of my favorite times of the year for our congregation. It is a sweet thing to interact with those who are yielding this time in prayer to the Lord. Over the course of the last year, we have been challenged with the reality that prayer is powerful because the one who we pray to is powerful, so it is fitting to put that into practice through another corporate time together. Leading into this season of Easter, we are looking squarely at the person and work of God the Son. He impacts our lives and is worthy of all our praise. Over the course of these 40 days, we will be digging into that truth further as we engage in praying with one another. May this season of prayer bring you joy as you fellowship with Jesus.

Each day, there will be a passage with a brief explanation, some application, and then a prayer response. As you pray the specific prompt, I would encourage you to take the opportunity to pray for other things as well. You can pray for those in our congregation who have need, for missions, or other needs the Lord burdens you. You can sign up to receive our daily prayer email to help guide you. Also, you can pray for our church, for the ministries we have here, and for our staff. Certainly, include your daily prayer concerns and whatever else the Lord lays on your heart.

May it be that our hearts would be changed through this concentrated season of prayer together.

Yours In Christ,
Pastor Chris

The Word became Flesh

READ JOHN 1:14



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We should never let the truth of verse fourteen become commonplace for us. The reality that God became flesh and dwelt among us is an incredible reality that should always bring us to worship. Before verse 14, John has detailed Jesus's preexistence and role in creation. As we are pointed to the heights of his creative work, we are then brought to the depths of his sacrificial love. The incarnation is one of the clearest depictions of God's love we can find. That He was willing to become flesh and humble himself for us is truly amazing.

We should be brought to a place of worship and gratefulness when we consider the height and depth of God's work in our redemption. All that was needed was given and sufficiently secured by God the Son. For those in Christ, our lives are never the same by virtue of the implications of these truths. Those who have been redeemed have fellowship with God are made heirs and offered life to the fullest. This is all given as the result of the Word becoming flesh. John says we have seen his glory! And it is glory to consider all that Christ has done.

Let us pray that our worship would be worthy of the glory of Jesus. Let us also pray that we would be motivated to obedience by our worship.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

The Exalted One

READ COLOSSIANS 1:15-20



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This passage points to Jesus's headship. He is the one in whom all things are preeminent. Jesus is the one who reigns from creation to resurrection, over the church, and over all things. We can describe Him as the one who is highly exalted. That means He receives a priority in all things. He has the first place in everything and is worthy of the first place in everything.

So how do our lives demonstrate his preeminence? Is it evident in the things we say? Is it evident in how we go about our days and interact with others? What we are really reflecting on should be the difference it has made. What is the difference in our everyday actions that Jesus is supreme over all things? It should be that when we evaluate how we live, we would say that everything is affected by the truth that He is the one who has supremacy in all things.

Let us pray that God would alter our priorities and attitudes to conform to the truth that He is preeminent over all things.

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The Humble One

READ PHILIPPIANS 2:5-11



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The Word, who is the preeminent one, “humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death.” God the Son lowered himself and experienced humanity. The writer of Hebrews, in chapter four, reflects on Christ having experienced everything we experience, yet without sin. As we reflect on the amazing truth that Jesus would be willing to give so much, we must also reflect on why He did it. It was for the glory of God.

This passage points us to the truth that God has highly exalted Him, but we should not miss that it is for the glory of God. We might mix it up and begin to think that we should be receiving glory. We might want the recognition that rightfully belongs to God. As we live and seek to be faithful, we should always keep in mind that God should be glorified through us. Jesus’s determination was obedience and humility, for the glory of God. Our aim should be no different. Our lives should be those of humility, whereby we highlight the glories of our God and King.

As we pray today, let us praise God for what He has done for us and thank Him for His humility. Let us also praise Him that we have experienced grace through His sacrifice. May it be that our thankfulness would inform our actions and attitudes today, just as Paul instructs the Philippians.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

The Lamb Slain For Us

READ 1 PETER 2:21-25



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Peter further emphasizes Jesus's humanity as he talks about the tangible ways Jesus demonstrated His humility, to the point of death, and even through the demonstration of His response to mistreatment. He was the one who, when reviled, did not revile in return. He suffered at the hands of men, yet did not threaten. Peter says this is an example that we might follow in His steps.

It is completely counter to the flow of our world to think that we would show the kind of humility that Jesus did. In fact, many of us could never dream of not responding to reviling or suffering to at least the same degree that has been directed at us. This is what makes what Jesus did so incredible. It is the calling then to follow His example. So, are you willing to follow Him? That willingness includes our desires for retribution or prominence as well. It includes all things and all situations, including our reactions to them.

Today, would you pray that God would give you the attitude of Jesus and strengthen you to follow His example.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Scripture Points to Christ

READ LUKE 4:16-22



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On this day, Jesus read and taught in the synagogue. He opened and read a passage from Isaiah that pointed directly to the role and work of the Messiah. *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me....."* Those who heard His bold proclamation of fulfillment, although not understanding exactly what Jesus was saying, still marveled at His teaching. Jesus was, in no uncertain terms, pointing to the fulfillment of this passage in Himself. The people were left with an opportunity to believe or to reject. Every aspect of Jesus' incarnation and the purpose of it was spelled out to the people, yet they did not believe.

It might be easy for us to make the same mistake. Jesus has fulfilled all the prophecies set forth in this passage. He has offered Himself and sufficiently fulfilled the work of redemption. It is left to us to believe by faith and surrender to Him as Lord. Many live every day aware of this calling that Jesus has extended, yet they do not yield. And even for those who have yielded, there is the calling that this surrender would continue to strip away everything that is not Christ. So how does your life reflect surrender? How does your life reflect that you have believed in Christ as the Messiah sent by God to bring redemption?

As we pray today, let us thank God for His work in Christ, and for the redemption that we have been given through His sacrifice. Let us also ask Him for strength that we might surrender every part of our lives to Him.

PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

Jesus the Light of the World

JOHN 8:12



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The metaphor of light is one that runs throughout the pages of scripture. From the moment in Genesis when God says, *"Let there be light"*, light serves as a way of demonstrating God's action and presence. It should be no surprise to us then that Jesus would proclaim that He is the light of the world. When we follow Him, we walk in light instead of darkness. It is His presence that provides light and illuminates our path.

We often struggle with how we are called to live and what we are called to do in situations. Many try to make definitive decisions and come up with definitive answers to questions without abiding in fellowship with Jesus. Everything this passage communicates tells us that Jesus will enable us to walk in light. So, if you want leading, we find it in fellowship with Him. If we do not walk with Him, we walk in darkness. *"The one who follows Him will have the light of life."* Are you walking with Jesus? That is where light is found.

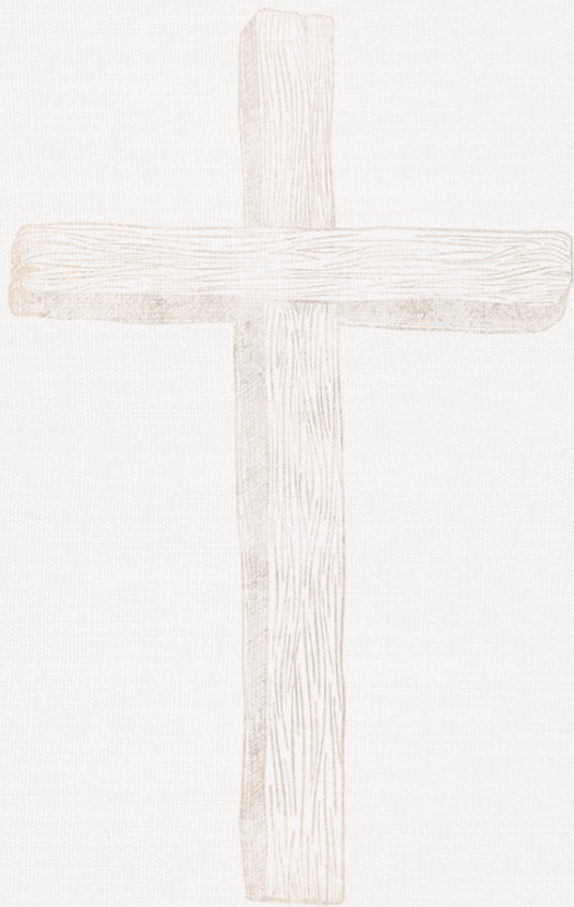
Let us pray that as we draw near to Him, we would be impacted by the light that is Christ and that we would walk in that light. Ask the Lord to challenge and change you through His Word.

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