

WEEK 2

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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 Light of Men

READ JOHN 1:4,5



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In the beginning of the gospel of John, we are given a picture of the glory of Christ. John describes the details of God the Son's incarnation. The imagery of light overcoming darkness is found in many places throughout scripture. In fact, here Jesus is described as that light. A Light that was present in creation and that has not been overcome by darkness. The Light himself accomplishes victory over darkness by defeating sin and death. Jesus is the light of men. He offers light to everyone and gives the right to become children of God to those who believe in His name. Jesus's glory is seen full of grace and truth.

As we consider our lives, we must reckon with the impact that Jesus has made and the offer that is extended to us. We have been given the opportunity to know His glory by knowing Him. This glorious one, who is the Light of men, has extended the invitation for us to have life. This life through His light is what Easter is all about, because Jesus has bought redemption through His sacrifice. So, have you believed in Him? That belief should then lead us to surrender and worship.

Today, would you give praise to the Lord for His coming and His sacrifice? Praise Him that He is the light, and that He has given Himself for us. Would you also pray that those who do not know Christ would realize He is light and surrender to Christ?

## **PERSONAL REFLECTIONS**

# The Lord is your Light

READ EXODUS 13:21



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The idea that Jesus would be light is not foreign to the imagery of Scripture. The nation of Israel was guided by the light of the Lord in the wilderness. It is recounted that the Lord went before them, guiding them by cloud and fire. Where Israel may have been uncertain about where to go and what to do, they were preserved from uncertainty because God physically led them. Jesus is our light who leads in the same way that Israel was led. He leads us into truth and into righteousness.

Are you following Christ? There are several ways that scripture would give us an indication of what it is to follow. We see it described as walking with Him, or being led by the Spirit, or having fellowship with Christ, or walking in light. These descriptions of following Christ point us to the truth that we are meant to let Him lead and do what He calls us to. The life lived in surrender will mean that we forego our own wants and desires in favor of Him. Being led by light is being led by Christ. The light guides us into truth.

Today, as you pray, would you ask Him to give you grace that you might walk in light? Would you also pray that those who do not walk in light would hear His call and follow?

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

# They Have Seen a Great Light

READ ISAIAH 9:2



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Another passage that points to the reality of Jesus as the light of life is found in this passage in Isaiah. The prophecies we find in the Old Testament come in a period of great challenge for God's people. They are gripped by idolatry and rebellion and are going to experience the pain of adversity through foreign armies. During this period, God is promising a deliverance for them that is much bigger than just overcoming a physical battle. He will overcome the enemy of sin and death. It will be that this darkness is overcome by the light of men. Isaiah points to the coming of Christ as the light dawning. Those who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

As we go through life, there will be many challenges that we face. We are not immune to adversity and struggle in life. The hope that we can look to is that because Jesus has overcome darkness, we can live with hope through any circumstance. Isaiah points to the reality that Jesus will be our Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Mighty God, and Prince of Peace. His victory will be final, and His victory allows us to walk in light. So, are you meeting the adversities of the day with the hope of one who is the light of men?

As you pray, ask the Lord to fill you with his peace. Maybe you are overcome by a tremendous amount of adversity and you need peace. Ask the Lord to give you His peace that you might live with hope. If you know of others struggling in this way, pray that they might experience the same peace from the light of Jesus.

## **PERSONAL REFLECTIONS**

# Walking in the Light

READ 1 JOHN 1:5–10



## TODD SUMMERFORD

Standing in the parking lot of Calvary Baptist Church, I noticed a light had been left on in an upstairs room. My family was waiting to go home, so I ran through the building, up the stairs, through a common area, and into the room. Along the way, I did not turn on a single light. This worked out great, saving me a few seconds, until on my way back downstairs.....a metal café chair came out of nowhere, clipping me right at my kneecaps and sending me head over heels. Bruised and limping, I used my phone flashlight the rest of the way.

If we run around in darkness in this world, a lot worse things wait to injure us than a metal chair. Friends, we must walk in the light! We are daily in desperate need of the light of God to expose our hearts to ourselves, that we might confess our sin and be forgiven. We need God's light to lead us in faithfulness. Two spiritual disciplines are vital to walking in light: reading God's Word and prayer. Better than a simple phone flashlight, God's Word shines brightly into our innermost being (Hebrews 4:12). Prayer is an avenue through which we confess our desperate need for God to forgive us from our sinfulness and experience intimate fellowship with Him.

Slowly read back over today's passage. Then spend time praying, asking God to expose sinfulness in your heart. Confess your sins. Ask God to help you walk in His light today and every day.

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

# A Light to My Path

READ PSALM 119:105



## TODD SUMMERFORD

Every student loves an open-book test. The answer to every question sits right before their eyes!

The Psalmist exclaims that God’s Word is a lamp and light for his life. His steps are sure because God’s Word lights his way. He knows which way to turn. He knows where things lie that might cause him to stumble. He is able to walk in faithfulness because the light of God’s Truth illuminates the path. Yesterday you were encouraged to practice the spiritual disciplines of reading God’s Word and prayer. Today, let me encourage you to practice Scripture memory.

As an additional reading today, flip back perhaps one page in your Bible and read Psalm 119:9–11. The Psalmist is committed to having God’s Word “stored up” in his heart. He knows that the way to walk in purity is to guard his steps with the truth of God’s Word. Further, we see him asking the Lord to help him not stray from what he knows is truth.

Maybe you have never tried to memorize Scripture. Or maybe you did and it just seemed too difficult. Today’s key verse (Psalm 119:105) is an excellent place to start! Would you take the time today to commit that one verse to memory and meditate on it through the day?

Spend time today thanking God for the gift of the Bible. Ask Him to illuminate your path as you read the Bible and to help you commit verses to memory, that you might daily walk in His light.

## PERSONAL REFLECTIONS

# A Light Forevermore

READ REVELATION 22:5



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Jesus is not just light for today. This passage in Revelation looks forward to the fulfillment of all that God has promised. John is giving us a glimpse of the complete consummation of all that Jesus has redeemed. The passage reveals that the Son of Man will be the light of Heaven. He himself will be a light whose glory is the centerpiece of eternity. There will be no need for a lamp or for the sun because Jesus will be our light. This picture of light shows us that our peace is secured by Christ, and his peace will be abiding forevermore.

As you think about peace and what it yields in our lives, have you realized that Jesus himself is that very peace? He has secured peace for us to find in Him. While we might look for it in several places and through many different things, Jesus is the only one who can give it to us. The peace He gives is not just for the moment, but is a peace that will be ours for all eternity as we dwell with Him. This is the inheritance of the saints in the light of Christ! And that peace impacts our today as much as our tomorrow.

Today, would you thank Him that He is the light of all eternity? If you are struggling with peace, would you ask Him to provide it for you as you draw near to Him? Pray for others to know the comfort of God's promise for all eternity.

## **PERSONAL REFLECTIONS**

# The Faithful I AM

READ GENESIS 17:1-8

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## MICHAEL PEELER

In Genesis 17:1-2, the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless." God then established an everlasting covenant with him, gave him the name Abraham, and promised that he would become the father of many nations. His descendants would inherit Canaan, he would be richly blessed, and through him all the families of the earth would be blessed. These promises came not through Abraham's merit but through God's grace, setting His redemptive plan in motion.

Centuries later, that story continued in the book of Exodus. A severe famine drove Abraham's descendants to Egypt, where they settled and multiplied. A new Pharaoh, unaware of Joseph's legacy, grew fearful of the growing Israelite population and enslaved them. His cruelty escalated into a decree that every Hebrew boy be killed. The God-fearing midwives, however, refused to be a part of Pharaoh's edict. Pharaoh then ordered every Hebrew son to be thrown into the Nile.

In this dark moment, Jochebed gave birth to a son. She hid him for three months, then placed him in a basket among the reeds of the Nile. Pharaoh's daughter discovered the baby, and through God's providence, Miriam arranged for Jochebed to nurse him. The child - Moses - was raised under God's protection and would one day lead Israel to freedom.

### **Application:**

Freedom from bondage and redemption from sin are possible because of the one who is fully sovereign and fully sufficient. Only God could birth a nation from a 99-year-old man and his wife. Only God could guide a helpless infant on the Nile and raise him into a deliverer. In the New Testament, God's redemptive plan was fulfilled in Jesus, whose sacrifice brought forgiveness and life. Only God's Son could pay the price for sin. God's redeeming work is done! Alleluia!

The Lord Almighty is attentive to every detail of your life. God knows exactly where you are. Even when circumstances feel overwhelming, His faithfulness remains steady. His call is simple: walk before Him with a blameless heart. Will you respond in obedience and draw near to the Great I AM?

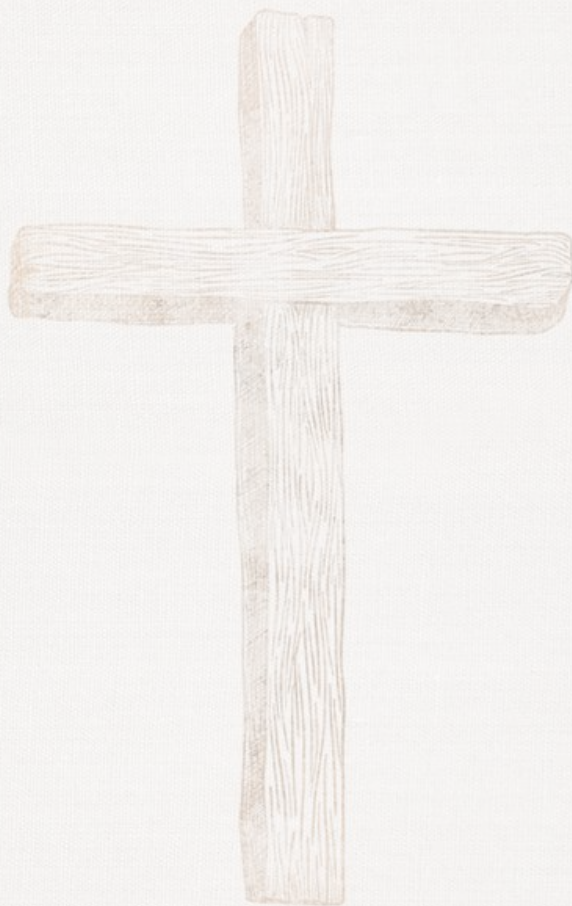
### **Prayer:**

Father, you are the God who was, who is, and who is to come. Thank you for your faithfulness and for redemption through Jesus. Strengthen me to know you deeply. Guide me to walk with you daily. And, prepare me to abide with you eternally. Amen.





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