

The Praying Life: Connecting with God in a Distracting World

Week 6: Feb. 27—Mar. 3

Chapters 11



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*****THIS WEEK COMPLETES OUR FIRST 40 DAYS OF PRAYER CHALLENGE 2022 BY COMPLETING CHAPTERS 1 – 11 OF A *PRAYING LIFE* by Paul Miller. AFTER THURSDAY, MAR. 3, WE WILL TAKE A TWO-WEEK BREAK FROM OUR “GROWING IN PRAYER BOOK STUDY”. DURING THIS TIME WILL YOU TAKE MORE TIME TO PRAY FOR THE GLOBAL MINISTRIES OF EVANGELISM EXPLOSION. GO TO prayerpartners.world AND BECOME A GLOBAL PRAYER PARTNER. TAKE TWO WEEKS TO INTENTIONALLY PRAY FOR THE NATIONS OF THIS WORLD.

***** JOIN THE GLOBAL EFFORT TO PRAY FOR UKRAINE. Join <http://24-7prayer.com/> and other prayer groups that have a united prayer effort going.

I certainly go through periods of times when I’m intentionally seeing Jesus in everything I do and everywhere I go. Honestly, I can also get so distracted that I go through periods when I’m not focusing on Jesus—always around and ever present in my day, every day. Cognitively, I know that Jesus is always around, weaving His goodness everywhere, but my eyes aren’t always looking for Him. And many times, Jesus can be seen even in the things that seem the worst in life but we get hyper-focused on the hardships that we take our eyes off of Him---the ONE who is able, and who is always present! Even in the storms we can see Him at work.



I love this story written by Rick Hamlin and posted by guideposts.org in Inspiring Stories on 7.18.17.

This sign was sitting on the shelf in the junior high Sunday school room at church. I’d seen it before. It must have been there when I taught Sunday school to my own group of rowdy 5th and 6th graders, including my two sons.

I must have made a lesson out of it. That’s what Sunday school teachers are supposed to do, isn’t it? “Sometimes it’s hard to see Jesus in the midst of our busy lives,” I would say. “And sometimes His presence is very clear. You can’t mistake it.”

Then I showed them the sign. (The sign posted above). Does it say anything to you? Some people see the words immediately, JESUS spelled out in all caps. Some people stare at the sign for the longest time and only see blocks of painted wood. Even when they’re told that “JESUS” is there, they can’t see it. Can you? Seems to me that Jesus was pretty clear about where He could be seen. He could be found among the poor and lonely, the hungry and thirsty, the sick and suffering, and the lost and imprisoned. He made his ministry among “the least of these.” Jesus is present. Whether it be that nice note from someone out of the blue, or witnessing something outrageously kind or seeing a beautiful sunset or hearing a beautiful passage of music. Jesus is there.

This is my prayer. To see Jesus' presence always. To be constantly aware of His abiding love. Read these lyrics to the lovely prayer that was put to music in the musical Godspell.

"Day by day, oh dear Lord, three things I pray. To see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day by day." May this be our prayer.

-----*Daily Reflections*-----

- Sunday, Feb. 27: As you open the pages of chapter 11 this week, Paul Miller writes, "Jesus had been sitting in our waiting room, right in front of me, as obvious as the daylight." I say, "Jesus is around us every day, right in front of us, right beside us, as obvious as the daylight." Are we taking note of seeing Jesus in our everyday occurrences? Paul Miller notes that the 6th cure for cynicism is LOOKING FOR JESUS.
- Monday – Thursday, Feb. 28 – Mar. 3: [Chapter 11](#) questions to consider.
 1. Where do you look for Jesus (pp.82-83)?
 2. Practice looking for Jesus. Write down in your journal where you see him.
 3. How does looking for evidence of Jesus' presence cure our cynicism?
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Daily Reflections are adapted from A Praying Life Discussion Guide

At the close of chapter 11, I find some serious need for reflection. As we take a two week pause from the book study, reflection is where I'm going to be. I'm asking God to give me a more grace saturated vision that will enable me to defeat cynicism so that I can talk with my Father in heaven with a restored childlike simplicity and wonder. I've recognized that there are some heart barriers in my life that distance me from my Father. I want to run to His open arms and feel the embrace without any barriers. I've got some work to do, some renewal, some confession, some repentance, some thanksgiving that needs to take place. I'm growing, continually growing and I don't want to stop growing. Also, during the book study pause, I'm going to spend time praying for the world. Evangelism Explosion has ministries in every continent of the world. And as I'm writing the finishing touches of this post, our brothers and sisters in Ukraine need our intercession. Let's spend some extra time with the Father.



Weekly Prayer Requests Feb. 27 – Mar. 3

Adoration: praising God for who He is and what He has done.

Where does wisdom come from?
Where does understanding dwell?
It is hidden from the eyes of every living thing
And concealed from the birds of the air.

Destruction and Death say,
“Only a rumor of it has reached our ears.”
You understand its way, O God,
And You know its place.
For You look to the ends of the earth
And see everything under the heavens. (Job 28:20-24)

We fear You, O God, because You care about those who are wise. (Job. 37:24)

As for You, O God, Your way is perfect;
Your word, O Lord, is proven.
You are a shield for all who take refuge in You.
For who are You besides the Lord?
And who is the Rock except You, our God? (2 Samuel 22:31-32)

Pause to express your thoughts of praise and worship.

Confession: stating our sins, and asking forgiveness:

O God, You know my foolishness, and my guilt is not hidden from You.
May those who hope in You not be ashamed because of me, O Lord God of hosts;
May those who seek You not be dishonored because of me, O God of Israel. (Ps. 69:5-6)
If I say I have fellowship with You, O Christ, and yet walk in darkness, I lie and do not practice the truth. But if I walk in the light as You are in the light, I have fellowship with others, and Your blood, O Jesus, purifies me from all sin. (1 John 1:6-7)
If there is any thought within me that needs forgiveness, I confess it. Forgive any way within me that is not according to Your will and Your ways.

Ask the Spirit to search your heart and reveal any areas of unconfessed sin. Acknowledge these to the Lord and thank Him for His forgiveness.

Thanksgiving: thanking God for specific things He has done.

The heavens declare Your glory, O God,
And the skies proclaim the work of Your hands.
Day after day they pour forth speech;
Night after night they reveal knowledge. (Ps. 19:1-2)
I will exalt You, O Lord, for You lifted me up
And did not let my enemies rejoice over me.
O Lord my God,
I cried to You for help and You healed me. (Ps. 30:1-2)

God we have so much to praise You for:

- We praise You, God, for the faithful ministry of Evangelism Explosion over the past 60 years. Thanks be to God for a great celebration of 60 years in ministry on 2.25.22 @ Coral Ridge Presbyterian Church.
- We praise You, God, for followers at Radius Church in Mount Vernon who feel the Holy Spirit's strong conviction to share the Gospel and to bring others to upcoming evangelism

trainings. Pray for divine appointments as they go out sharing with others the love of Jesus.

- We praise You, God, for followers at Calvary Arlington that are moved to go personally and share the Gospel with people God has laid on their hearts to share with.
- We praise You, God, for followers at Northshore, Everett who are excited about evangelism and sharing the Gospel. Pray for these followers as they go about sharing the Gospel with people that God is leading them to.
- We praise You, God, for what You are doing in the hearts of Your people at Arlington Free Methodist Church – give them strength to keep sharing.
- We praise You, God, for moving in Calvary Chapel and Calvary Arlington, Arlington Atonement Free Lutheran, Philadelphia Church, Westgate Chapel, His Place Church, Hope Lutheran Brethren and other churches throughout the Pacific Northwest. God, You, are moving in people's hearts to become Great Commission focused. We pray for a great spiritual awakening to sweep this land.

Supplication: asking for things we want God to do, for others or for us.

May everything I do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:14) I pray, Lord, that words may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel. (Ephesians 6:19)

Pause here to petition God for growth in your desire to know and please Jesus Christ. Pray for a greater love and commitment to Him, for the grace to practice His presence and for the grace to glorify Him in your life. Offer prayers regarding your activities for the week and any special concerns you may have.

- Pray for the people of Ukraine as tension builds on the Ukraine-Russia border. Pray for strength, courage, and perseverance as their home is threatened by imminent conflict.
- Pray for safe passages out of conflict zones for displaced populations.
- Pray for government officials to lead with wisdom in this tense time.
- Pray for the estimated 4 million displaced people who will be forcibly removed from their homes. Pray that in the face of conflict, they will find psychological, emotional and spiritual healing from this trauma.
- Pray for soldiers on both sides of this conflict to be safe from harm.
- Pray for local churches, relief workers, and humanitarian aid organizations to care for what could be a massive wave of displaced people in Ukraine.
- Pray for churches, God's people to have peace and remain strong.
- Pray for believers as they seek to be a light in the darkness.
- Pray for Ukrainians who have never heard the gospel to have an opportunity to experience the hope of Jesus and receive Jesus as Lord.
- Pray for Ukrainian seminaries as they assist their students during this crisis.
- Pray for the US ministry of EE: it's vision for the future, God's person to fill the position of US director. Randall Woods (our director for 8 years will be leaving EE to pastor Midway Baptist Church) and we're asking God for a smooth transition.
- Pray for additional ministry partnerships so that TOGETHER we can reach the world with the Gospel.
- For America to turn to God and our Nation to see the next Great Spiritual Awakening.

- For our leaders to be God-fearing and recognize that they are accountable to Him for each decision and act. (Prov. 9:10)
- For God to grant people in authority wisdom, knowledge, and understanding.
- Pray that the Church in America will open their eyes to see the hope to which we've been called.
- For prospective churches to host Equip America in future locations around the country.
- For plans and preparations for Congress Of Nations in 2023
- For Equip America on March 19 in Grand Junction, CO, Tampa, FL, Fort Payne, AL, Stillwater, OK, and El Paso, TX (Spanish).
- For God to expand the ministry of Hope For Kids in 2022. For expansion of the Explorers' Club ministry.
- Pray churches that have attended Everyday Evangelism Launches will begin implementing.
- For Pastors' in America to Stand UP! Stand Firm! Stand on God's Word with grace, power, and mercy!
- Pray for peace in our cities and unity in our churches and nation.
- **The 71st National Day of Prayer** will be celebrated on Thursday, May, 5, 2022. The theme this year is a call to praise in prayer. *'EXALT THE LORD, WHO HAS ESTABLISHED US'* based on *Colossians 2:6-7*.
- Lift prayers for our persecuted brothers and sisters: ask God to help them rest in the knowledge that Our Good Shepherd walks with them through every difficult situation. Ask God to provide Bibles and Christian literature that will reach the most remote and needy areas where they are in the shortest supply. Ask God to continually bring comforting scripture to their mind giving them the strength to press on. Ask God to bring about justice in an unjust world.
- Pray for your pastor and church leadership.
- Pray for ministries in your church and ministry directors
- Pray for unbelieving family members that God would draw them to salvation.
- Pray for the grieving. There is much loss everywhere. Many lives that are struck by the loss of those they love dearly. Ask God to shower them with his tender mercy and cover them with His feathers and they would take refuge under His wings. That they would grasp His faithfulness to be their shield and rampart.
- Pray for Judy and Nyle Bosier: prayer strategist, ministry coaches, and partners of EE: strength, endurance, and healing.
- Pray for Endre Norem: prayer strategist for EE as he travels throughout the North Western parts of the US, sharing the Gospel, equipping others to pray more intentionally and become courageous witnesses for You.
- Pray for Darrell Farney: prayer strategist for EE as he continues to grow prayer groups throughout the US.
- Pray for Billy Graham Rapid Response Team chaplains who are ministering day and night in numerous Canadian border crossings and in Ottawa. They are offering emotional and spiritual care and sharing the Gospel of Christ when the door opens. People there are open to prayer, pray that the chaplains know how to pray and that God would open the door for them to share the gospel.
- Prayer for peace for all who struggle with anxiety and worry. Pray for the Lord to be the one they run to, to calm their spirit and take the areas of their life causing them stress and fear.
- Prayers for our growing children: Father God, help parents to be good at parenting their children. Give parents compassion and understanding toward children when they make childish mistakes. Help them to discipline with love when dealing with sinful attitudes and actions. God, give children a teachable spirit, blessed by both You and those who observe their life. God, we pray for all children to know You, believe in You and learn at a young age

how to follow, listen to, and obey You. We pray for children to immediately, completely, and with the right attitudes. Help us to teach children Your Word, and how to store it in their heart. May Your Word fill their hearts and transform their lives as they grow and may Your blessings fall upon them. (Place the specific names of children in this prayer to make it more personal).

- Pray that all the pastors attending the EV2 launch on Feb. 12 that missed part of the training will follow through with scheduled zoom training to complete their certification and begin to implement EV2 in their church.

(Ministries of EE: Share Your Faith Workshop, Everyday Evangelism, Hope for Kids)

| SYFW | 3/5 | Hutto Bible Church | Hutto, TX |
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| SYFW | 3/5 | ACyM Casa de Oracion | Brandon, FL |
| SYFW | 3/12 | Bethany EPC | Havertown, PA |
| SYFW | 3/12 | Pathway Community Church | Cincinnati, OH |
| SYFW | 3/12-3/13 | Village Baptist Church | Bella Vista, AR |
| SYFW | 3/12 | Pathway Community Church | Cincinnati, OH |
| SYFW | 3/19 | Covenant Presbyterian Church | Harleysville, PA |
| SYFW | 3/26 | First Baptist Church of Cole | Blanchard, OK |
| SYFW | 4/2 | One Life Church | The Dalles, OR |
| SYFW | 4/9 | Faith Baptist Church | Streetsboro, OH |
| SYFW | 4/9 | CrossPointe Church, CPA | Media, PA |
| SYFW | 4/30 | Rio Life Community Church. English & Spanish | Mercedes, TX |
| SYFW | 4/30 | Broadway Baptist Church | Maryville, TN |
| SYFW | 4/30 | Grace Baptist Church | Salem, OR |
| SYFW | 5/14 | The Redeemed Christian Church | Erie, PA |
| SYFW | 5/14 | Callahan Baptist Church | Callahan, FL |
| EV2 Launch | 3/17 – 3/18 | Harmony Community Church | Peachland, NC |
| EV2 Launch | 4/8 | New Generation Baptist Church | Norman, OK |
| EV2 Launch | 4/7 - 4/8 | First Baptist Rogers | Rogers, AR |
| EV2 Launch | 4/22 | Eficaz a Iglesia Un Nuevo Comienzo | El Paso, TX |
| EV2 Launch | 8/4 – 8/5 | First Baptist Rogers | Rogers, AR |
| HFK Lab | 3/25 - 3/26 | Landmark Church of God | Statesville, NC |
| Classic Clinic | 10/24-10/28 | Chinese Community Church of Indiana | Carmel, IN |