

PRAYER UPDATE

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (age 6) leukemia treatment, LPCH Stanford Day Hospital every 10 days for the next two months. This is his 5th round of chemo pumping four different drugs into his little body. Please continue to pray for the family as they travel to Stanford for morning chemo.

Liz Bishop Please pray for conclusive results and complete healing as Liz goes through another procedure.

Mary Masters hospitalized due to possible intestinal obstruction and infection. Please pray that these problems will resolve without surgery and that no serious infection is found.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Bonnie Rice slipped into the presence of the Lord on May 2nd after a very brief battle with Pancreatic cancer. Bonnie became a Christian later in life and became very involved at TLC including serving on several mission's trips and participating in many local TLC ministries. Her service will be held at TLC on May 15th @ 1 pm with a reception following in Monschke Hall.

A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.



TRUTHS TO REMEMBER WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG

MAY 10 & 11 // RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

5 THINGS TO REMEMBER ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN LIFE WHEN EVERYTHING GOES WRONG

1. _____
"So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in **suffering** for the gospel, **by the power of God.**" 2 Timothy 1:8

"Of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am **suffering** as I am." 2 Timothy 1:11

"Join with me in **suffering**, like a good soldier... 2 Timothy 2:3
2. _____
"He has saved us and called us to a holy life—**not because of anything we have done** but **because of his own purpose and grace.** This grace was given us in Christ Jesus **before the beginning of time,** but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel." 2 Timothy 1:9,10

3. _____

“... I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that **he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.**” 2 Timothy 1:12

4. _____

“What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. **Guard the good deposit** that was entrusted to you—**guard it** with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.” 2 Timothy 1:13-14 (See 2 Timothy 2:1-2,8)

5. _____

“You know that everyone in the province of Asia has deserted me, including Phygelus and Hermogenes. May the Lord show mercy to the household of **Onesiphorus**, because he often refreshed me and was not ashamed of my chains. On the contrary, when he was in Rome, **he searched hard for me until he found me.** May the Lord grant that he will find mercy from the Lord on that day! You know very well in how **many ways he helped me** in Ephesus.” 2 Timothy 1:15-18

NOTE THIS CONTINUED EMPHASIS OF PAUL:

“Join with me in suffering for the gospel, **by the power of God.**” v. 8

“...guard it **with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.**” v. 14

“**He is able** to guard what I have entrusted to him...” v. 12

THE UNDERLYING TRUTH:

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MEMORY VERSE: “For I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that **he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.**” 2 Timothy 1:12b

MONDAY: Read 2 Timothy 1:8. Why do you think Paul mentions so often that part of our calling as Christians is to suffer? Have you ever been ashamed of your faith? Have you ever gone through difficulty or insults because you are a believer? What is the natural human response when we are made fun of, or hurt? What response do you see modeled by Jesus, Paul, Stephen, etc.? How is this better for the gospel? *Ask God to help face difficulty in life, especially in your walk of faith, with an attitude of peace.*

TUESDAY: Read 2 Timothy 1:9,10. How does Paul say we are not saved (“Because of...”)”? How are we saved? Why do you think this message seems so difficult to grasp? What is dangerous about thinking you are saved by works? Why do you think Paul emphasized the basic principle of God’s grace in a letter to a pastor (Timothy) who presumably knew about grace already? *Ask God to help you focus on His grace that saves you - not your own works!*

WEDNESDAY: Read 2 Timothy 1:12. Paul says something similar in 2 Timothy 4:18. Read that verse too. How do you think this truth (that God is able to keep our destiny safe) helped Paul in his circumstances? How can this simple truth help you through the darkest times of life? Why do we doubt this? *Ask God to help you remember that ultimately you are safe in His hands!*

THURSDAY: Read 2 Tim. 1:13-14 and 2 Tim. 2:8. What is the “deposit” Paul asks Timothy to guard? How do people try to diminish or distort the simple gospel that we are saved by God’s grace through Jesus Christ? Why do you think people do this? How can you “guard” this valuable treasure? *Ask God to help you always stay on message - the gospel message!*

FRIDAY: Read 2 Tim. 1:15-18. Why do you think people deserted Paul? Have you ever been deserted by people you once trusted? When have you been refreshed in a time of need by another believer? How can you refresh another believer today? *Ask God to help you seek out someone who is hurting and missing in action, like Onesiphorus did.*

SATURDAY: Please finish any devotions you may have missed. Reread all of 2 Timothy 1, and the first 7 verses of chapter 2, in preparation for this weekend. Please pray for our services, and invite friends to hear James Durbin! Thanks!