

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Deanna Morden - had surgery at Stanford hospital on 5/20. Pray for peace and comfort for the family and wisdom for the doctors for the best treatment at this time.

Lorraine Windsor - is back at Dominican due to recent falls. Pray for wisdom for the doctors as they diagnose her condition and treat her accordingly.

HOME WITH THE LORD

Heidi Garwood's mom, Freida Heath - passed away recently while in the presence of family. Pray for peace and strength for Heidi as she is planning her mom's memorial while coming alongside her husband Dick through his journey with cancer.

Gary Williams' (former TLC pastor) mom, Loretta Williams - Family were gathered around when she passed peacefully into the presence of Jesus. Gary is so thankful for memories of this past year together, including celebrating her 90th birthday.

Rosemarie Turner, Rene Schlaepfer's mom - is in the arms of Jesus and completely whole and released from Alzheimers! Rene and his sister, Heidi were both by her side reading and singing to her and remembering the love that they shared with mom over the years. A celebration of her life will take place in the auditorium on Sunday, June 14th at 1:30 pm.

**We would love to visit your loved ones in the hospital. Contact Carrie Clark
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A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.

DEBATING JESUS

ABOUT PRIORITIES

MAY 30 & 31

RENÉ SCHLAEPFER

JESUS' TEACHING ON WHAT MATTERS MOST

1. THE QUESTION WE ALL HAVE

One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" *Mark 12:28*

What is the most important thing _____?

Pharisees focused on the _____
Jesus focused on the _____

2. THE ANSWER WE ALL LONG FOR

"The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Love _____ (1 John 4:19)
Love _____

The law through the lens of legalism feeds my _____
and my _____

The law through the lens of love shows me evidence of _____
(Romans 13:8-10)

3. THE CHOICE WE MUST ALL MAKE

"Well said, teacher," the man replied. "You are right in saying that God is one and there is no other but him. To love him with all your heart, with all your understanding and with all your strength, and to love your neighbor as yourself is more important than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he had answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And from then on no one dared ask him any more questions. *Mark 12:32-34*

WHAT DRAINS MY LOVE FOR GOD AND OTHERS?

- Unbalanced _____
- Uncontrolled _____
- Unexamined _____

This week's memory verse: "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

DAILY MEDITATIONS

MONDAY

Read Mark 12:28. The questioner was really asking, "There are so many options; how do I do what God wants me to do?" Even today most people are overwhelmed with options and wonder if they are doing God's will. Where in your life are you confused and seeking direction? *Bring to God the specific areas where you are in need of guidance.*

TUESDAY

Read Mark 12:29-31. How do you think Jesus' answer surprised the teacher of the law? How is this the right answer even for all the ways we seek God's guidance on various decisions today? *Ask God to help you see all your decisions through the grid of loving God and loving people.*

WEDNESDAY

Read Mark 12:32-34. The man says to love God and others is more important than what? Today we don't do burnt offerings and sacrifices anymore, so fill in the blank for our times: Loving God and others is more important than: _____. How can you apply this verse to your schedule, your family, your task list today? *Ask God to help you remember what's most important.*

THURSDAY

Read all of Mark 12:13-34 again (the three debates with Jesus we've covered in this series). How do you see Jesus redirecting each question about a controversial issue of the day to the core issue: a relationship with God? His pattern was always to answer the question directly, if there was a clear scriptural answer, but even then to lead the questioner back to the crucial issue of God's love and our surrender to Him. How can you apply this in our own era of hot potato topics? *Ask God to help you stay focused on the core issue: His love for us and our response to Him.*

FRIDAY

Read another famous passage about love: 1 Cor. 13:1-13. Look at the description of love in verses 4-7. In what areas do you tend to do well? Where do you particularly need to see growth? *Ask God to fill you with his Spirit and help you grow in love.*

SATURDAY

Please meditate on this week's memory verse and pray for the weekend services. Thanks!