

## FRIDAY

*“If the prophet had bid thee do some great thing, wouldst thou not have done it?”*

II Kings 5:13

SCRIPTURE:

II Kings 5:1-14

“Despise not little duties; they have been to many a saved man an excellent discipline of humility.

“Despise not little temptations; rightly met they have often nerved the character for some fiery trial.

“And despise not little crosses; for when taken up and lovingly accepted at the Lord’s hand, they have made men ready for a great crown.”

*E. M. Goulburn*

It is while you are patiently toiling at the little tasks of life, that the meaning and shape of the great whole of life dawns upon you. It is while you are resisting the little temptations that you are growing strong.

And Christ said, “He who is faithful in a little, I will make master of much.” Often His way of testing us is through the seemingly in-significant things. If we do these obediently and conscientiously, then how much more will He put our hearts into the greater things!

*Prayer: Dear God, how much I would like to be used by Thee in some big task. Please make me faithful with what You have given me that someday I may be called to do the more difficult as well. AMEN*

## SATURDAY

*“NO LIMIT TO HIS LOVE”*

SCRIPTURE:

Jonah 3:1-6, 10, 4:1-5

Fortunately for all of us, God’s love cannot be earned or deserved . . . it can only be accepted.

Nineveh was one of the wickedest cities of all time — and one of the greatest. When God called Jonah to go as a “missionary” to this place, Jonah tried to escape by running away. Nineveh was so wicked; he had no desire to see it saved. And Jonah knew God’s mercy; if Nineveh did repent, it would be spared by God.

This is what Jonah’s story is all about: a man who resents God’s capacity to forgive even the worst of men.

Even today, people cannot imagine that God could possibly want anything to do with them and so they turn from the very One they need so desperately.

And indeed, sometimes God forgives men of such questionable backgrounds, of such former dissipation and immorality, that the world is incensed. How can such people be accepted and walk free, while the “good man,” the casual and proud, still seek and struggle to “find God?”

They have been accepted because — though they know their failure — they have trusted God’s ability to forgive them and change their lives.

Without this humility — this trust in God’s mercy, we can never know His full love and pardon, either.

*Prayer: Lord, forgive me for believing I am better than other man. One sin is imperfection and all of us need Thy divine love and forgive-ness. Make me an individual who sees in all man a possibility of good for Thee, I pray. AMEN*

# Daily Family Devotions

The thought begins in the Bible verse;  
please take the time to read it first.

**MONDAY, APRIL 5, 2021**

*“HIS LOVE IS LIKE A SPRING”*

SCRIPTURE:

John 4:7-15; 13:35

Love has always had an amazing effect on people.

A person falls in love — and suddenly colors are more vivid, music little more poignant, people more attractive and work less of a drag. Actually, of course, things around him have not changed: it is his outlook, his condition which has altered.

And this is how the Holy Spirit— or God’s love in us — works, and the man or woman who has at last experienced this overwhelming love of God’s suddenly finds all of life new . . . The fearful man now faces his future with confidence for he faces it with God. The woman addicted to alcohol — or some other bond — no longer seeks escape from life; she runs to meet it now, desiring to live it to the full for her Lord and others. The youth — who once pronounced a curse on a perverse and indifferent society — now sees a God-hungry mass of people, seeking and floundering for the love he’s found in God.

When divine love fills a man, it must overflow. No man is big enough to contain it. Christ said it is like springs of living water, continuously pouring out and impossible to contain. So the love of God cannot ever be withheld from the world around.

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## TUESDAY

### “WHAT IS THE HOLY SPIRIT?”

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:16-20; 26, 27

If someone were to ask you to define the Holy Spirit, could you? Is He real to you?

We might say the Holy Spirit is the presence of God within us . . . or more specifically perhaps, the power of God within us. Christ promised us that if we turned to Him, in obedience and commitment and need, God would answer with this Holy Spirit.

When God’s Spirit is within a man he is aware of an overwhelming love, a sense of power, assurance, and inner peace. It is the same assurance a child has in the dark when he holds his father’s hand — that a sick person knows when his physician is near.

Have you ever experienced sudden, illogical peace in the face of catastrophe or illness? This is the Comforter.

Have you ever been at a loss as to what direction to go, only to have a door suddenly open for you? This is the Counselor. Comforter, Counselor, the Holy Spirit *is* God-with-us, just as Christ promised He would be.

*Prayer: Lord, help me to seek Thy presence in my life more. Help me to recognize it when it is in my heart, and to be thankful for Thy presence with me. Lord, may I never confuse the peace I have from Thee with the world’s peace or with my own inner willfulness. Make me always more sensitive to Thee, and may my life reflect Thy Spirit within me as I live day by day. AMEN*

## WEDNESDAY

### “AS A STUDENT OF GOD’S SPIRIT”

SCRIPTURE:

John 7:15-18; Luke 1:57-80

Have you ever felt inadequate when you have wanted to speak out for your faith because you are not “theologically” educated? Neither were the greatest men in the Bible.

Even Paul — with his intellectual Greek and Hebrew schooling, was taken by God into the desert to be schooled by the Holy Spirit. Almost every man whom God called in Scripture, was the student of God — not of men . . . Moses, Elijah, John the Baptist, David, Jesus Christ.

Today, we feel somehow we must have the mark of *man’s* approval upon all we believe. We read the Bible, then immediately turn to see if contemporary men agree. And how often this can lead to a *gospel according to man* — not to the Gospel according to God. For often God’s Word goes straight across the grain of societies and rulers. It almost always opposes the popular trend and leads the Christian to a solitary and unique stand in the world.

Where do you find your guidance — your measure of Truth, your authority? Do not underestimate the ability of God to speak to you alone through His Word. The Holy Spirit lives to teach us, and we need only open our hearts to see the magnificent mysteries and the hidden things God has for us.

*Prayer: Lord, more and more teach me to learn from Thee and from Thy Word. May men’s words and their slogans fade in importance as I draw nearer to Thee. Give me trust and commitment as I seek Thee in Thy Word, I pray. AMEN*

## THURSDAY

### “ARE YOU TRYING ON AN EMPTY TANK?”

SCRIPTURE:

John 14:10-14, 15:1-11

There is a story of an old Scotsman who bought a car from a friend in order to replace his horse-drawn buggy.

One day his friend came over, only to find the new owner struggling to push the car up the road that led to town. He exclaimed, “Sandy — did ye not put gas into the tank?”

“Nae,” the pusher grunted. “Tis too costly.”

“And why then did ye buy the car?”

To save feedin’ the horses!”

Many people today are trying to lead just as ridiculous a Christian life — on an “empty tank” — without the power and presence of God within their lives. It cannot be done . . . When a man exchanges his old way of living for the new, God expects him to take advantage of the available, new source of power — spiritual power that he was not able to make use of before. Yet some of us still go along, trying to push ourselves through life — and we find we are more exhausted now than we were before. Perhaps it is because of this very same thing.

God has promised you his “fuel” — His Holy Spirit. Pray for it; then expect it. It comes through commitment, trust, and obedience. It is literally the presence of God with you.

*Prayer: Lord, help me to remember — as my body needs food daily, as even batteries must be recharged, so must my spirit be filled with Thee. AMEN*