

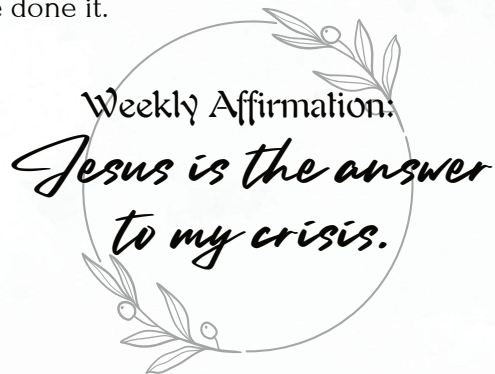
LIFE! IN GOD'S KINGDOM

Resurrection Life - Matthew 9:18-26

for Children: EARN A STAMP

God rarely creates a shortcut to avoid an obstacle. Instead, He promises to be with His people as they do something hard. Likewise, following Jesus isn't always easy, but Jesus has promised, "I will be with you."

Is there something you are just a little afraid to do? Give it a try by asking a parent or family member to do it with you. Earn a stamp when you've done it.



for the Growing Christian:

Read Psalm 4, then read Matthew 8:23-27. Notice the trust that Jesus has in the Father. He can sleep through a storm because He trusts God's care and providence. Look for an opportunity today to display that kind of trust in God's will.

On a different day read Matthew 8:23-27 again. Jesus does not rebuke the disciples for waking Him, but for their lack of faith and trust. Their fear was out of proportion to the circumstances and to the fact that Jesus was with them. On what fears in your life is Satan turning up the volume? Let the promises in God's Word turn the volume back down.

Weekly Memory Verse:

"SEEING THE CROWDS, HE FELT COMPASSION FOR THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE DISTRESSED AND DOWNCAST, LIKE SHEEP WITHOUT A SHEPHERD."

MATTHEW 9:36

for the Mature Christian:

Read Matthew 9:35-10:1. Jesus had shown to His disciples His compassion (and the compassion of God, the Father) for those distressed, sick, and spiritually enslaved.

Jesus then points out to His disciples that there is a whole harvest field of people in need. His disciples were told to pray for workers that would proclaim the good news to those suffering that God cared and had the solution to their crisis. Chapter ten then starts with the disciples becoming those workers.

Prayer often works this way. Many times (but not always) our prayers should put us into action as part of the answer. Many people in your circle of influence need to realize Jesus is the answer to their troubles. Pray for them, then be ready to point them to healing in Christ.

MARCH 2024 GROWTH GOALS

- Watch the Bible Project videos on the Gospel of Matthew (available on the website).
- Read the Gospel of Matthew
- Memorize one of the weekly memory verses
- Try a fast of any duration 8-24 hours, either partial (cutting out a specific food), or full (only taking water). Replace your meal with prayer and Bible reading (see Daniel with any questions).