

Day-by-Day With God

Monday

Matthew 28:19-20

19 Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen.

Tuesday

Mark 16:15

15 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.

Wednesday

Luke 24:47

47 and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Thursday

Colossians 4:5-6

5 Walk in wisdom toward those who are outside, redeeming the time. 6 Let your speech always be with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.

Friday

Ephesians 5:1-2

1 Therefore be imitators of God as dear children. 2 And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and has given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma.

Saturday

Let's prepare our hearts and minds for the Lord's Day.

Faithful Sayings

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Why Me, Lord?

"Why me, Lord?" the unwanted, the We have all likely crippled, and those said this during who were down some part of our right evil. Jesus had lives. Usually, we compassion for we will say this when these people, and we are told to do treated them with something that we love and mercy; he really don't want to wanted to save their do. A lot of times, souls from the pits of hell. As Christi- we will say this if ans, we are com- we have to associate manded by Jesus with certain types of himself to go and people that we really don't want to associate with. Those that make disciples of all are different from nations. ourselves, those that **Matthew 28:18-20,** are poor or down- *18 Then Jesus came trodden, or those to them and said, "All authority in that are outcast from heaven and on earth has been given to our society. If we me. 19 Therefore go read the gospels of and make disciples of all nations, bap- the life of Jesus, we tizing them in the will see that Jesus name of the Father went to the poor and and of the Son and the outcast of soci- of the Holy Spirit, ety in those days. Je- sus went to the poor,*

20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

As Christians, do we always go to these types of people to preach the word of God to them? A good example of one who was told to go and did not want to go is Jonah.

Jonah 1:1-3,

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me." 3 But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.

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Jonah thought he was running away from the Lord. He tried to run away because he did not want to go to the city of

Nineveh. Nineveh was a powerful and wicked city. The Jews hated the people of Nineveh. And Jonah had grown up hating the Assyrians and fearing their atrocities. Jonah's hatred was so strong that he didn't want them to receive God's mercy. You see, Jonah was actually afraid the people of Nineveh would repent as seen in chapters 3 and 4. Do we allow ourselves to have such a hatred for a person or group of people that we don't want them to repent of their ways, so that they may receive God's mercy and forgiveness? If so, perhaps we would do well to consider God's response to Jonah's attitude. Jonah's attitude is representative of Israel's reluctance to share God's love and his mercy with others. As we read in the Gospels, we will find that Jesus

was willing to associate with all kinds of people. For example, there was the despised tax collector (**Matthew 9:9**); the insane hermit (**Mark 5:1-15**); the adulterous woman (**John 8:1-11**); an outcast with leprosy (**Luke 17:11-19**); and a royal official (**John 4:46-53**).

Here we see many of the people Jesus came to know. Some reached out to him; Jesus reached out to them all. Regardless of how great or

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unknown, rich or poor, young or old, sinner or saint; Jesus cares equally for all. You see, no person is beyond the loving touch of Jesus. As Christians today, do we act the same way? We know that we are to go into the world and preach the Word to those who are lost. We know that we are to have mercy on those who do not know the saving grace of the Lord. Do we care for and learn to love those who are dying in their sins? Are we able to leave our comfort zone and step into the world of the lost? It's not easy to be with those who are different from ourselves. It's not always easy to tell those who are lost that they are going to hell if they refuse to be saved by the blood of Jesus.

Do we love the souls of the lost? Have we forgotten that we were once among them? Have

those who have spiritual needs. Our attitude as Christians should be like Isaiah.

Isaiah 6:8,

8 Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And I said, "Here am I. Send me!"

2 Timothy 4:2 sums it all up. We as Christians are to be ready in season and out of season; always ready to preach the word to all mankind.

2 Timothy 4:2,

2 Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season. Convince, rebuke, exhort, with all long suffering and teaching.

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