

PRAYER UPDATE

PHYSICAL ILLNESSES & SURGERIES this past week

Ethan Pope (8 yrs old) – had his bone marrow transplant from his little sister Sienna on 8/9. He is very uncomfortable and feels crummy. Pray for peace, comfort and kindness to pour into his room. Pray for wisdom for the nurses as they administer medications. Pray for Sienna as she goes back to school while her body is still recovering. Pray for the whole family during this difficult journey.

Kathi Shane – after being in the hospital for several weeks due to cancer is hoping to come home soon. Pray for comfort and peace for Kathi and her husband Farley as he comes alongside.

Mark Hillenga's Dad – is in the hospital due to heart complications. Pray for wisdom for the doctors.

Marty Brewington – had surgery at Dominican this week. Pray for a complete recovery.

Frank Krueger – at Dominican. Pray for God's healing hand.

TLC MINISTRIES, MISSIONS, OUTREACHES & MINISTRIES of Santa Cruz

Sri Lanka Short Term Mission Team – left 8/18 to do a number of work projects at Frisdro Children's Home in Sri Lanka. They will meet up with Tarak and Eileen Khan. Pray for safe travels, good health, no injuries and productive work.

Ukraine Short Term Mission Team led by Trent Smith as they serve with Connie Fortunato – Pray for Trent, Doug and Jen to blend well with the rest of the music camp staff, as they share their musical gifts and love of Jesus with them and the campers. Please continue to pray for Connie who is in continual pain with a sciatic nerve issue. And pray for the confirmation from the government for the closing concert the campers are supposed to give. The government has gone back and forth on whether or not it can happen.

If you would like to minister to a shut-in with a regular visit, or if you'd like us to visit your loved ones in the hospital please contact Carrie Clark 465-3368 | care@tlc.org

A complete prayer list is available at the Info Desk.



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GOD, GUIDE ME

AUGUST 20 & 21 // RENÉ SCHLAEPPER

Show me the right path, O LORD... Psalm 25:4 NLT

Psalm 25 is an acrostic poem in Hebrew, each line beginning with the next letter of the Hebrew alphabet. It's a reminder about how to seek God's guidance.

A _____

He leads the **humble** in what is right, and teaches the **humble** his way. Psalm 25:9

David is feeling:

• _____

Turn to me and be gracious to me, for **I am lonely** and afflicted. Psalm 25:16

• _____

My problems go from bad to worse. Oh, save me from them all! Psalm 25:17 NLT

• _____

Feel my pain and see my trouble. **Forgive all my sins.** Psalm 25:18 (See 7:11) NLT

• _____

See how numerous are **my enemies** and how fiercely they hate me! Psalm 25:19

B

• God wants to guide me, not _____
The Lord is **good** and does what is right...
Psalm 25:8a NLT

• God wants to guide me, not _____
He shows the proper path to those who go astray.
Psalm 25:8b

• God wants to guide me, not _____
He makes his **covenant** known... Psalm 25:14
(See James 1:5)

C

Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths. Guide me
in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and
my hope is in you all day long. Psalm 25:4-5

IMPORTANT TRUTHS ABOUT FINDING GOD'S WILL

• God's will is _____
• God's will is _____
"your ways... your paths... your truth..."

THE BOTTOM LINE: _____?

To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul. O my God, **in you** I trust.
Psalm 25:1,2a ESV

My hope, Lord, is in **you**. Psalm 25:21

COMING THIS FALL:

ACTS ODYSSEY

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You'll take a virtual trip on the trail of the original apostles,
travelling to Israel, Turkey, Greece, and more to discover
fresh insights about the revolutionary early Christian
movement--and how God can do it again!

THIS WEEK'S MEMORY VERSE

O Lord, I give my life to you. I trust in you, my God!
Psalm 25:1,2A

DAILY MEDITATIONS

Brief daily readings based on this weekend's topic:

MONDAY Review the notes from last weekend. What point or points meant
a lot to you? Read James 1:17-18 and Psalm 25. According to these verses,
what is God like? How can this help you when you are stressed out over
decision-making? What decisions are you anxious about? How can the truths
in these verses help you in those decisions? *Thank God that He is good,
gracious, and clear!*

TUESDAY Read James 1:22-25 and Psalm 119:105. According to these verses,
what is a great way to understand the will of God? You may be wondering
about God's will for your life; here are some passages that lay out God's will:
Read James 3:13-18; Ephesians 5:17-18; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-6 and 5:16-18; and
Matthew 28:18. What do they say? *Thank God for revealing His will about
these important areas. Tell Him you trust in Him and want to be yielded
to Him.*

WEDNESDAY Read Psalm 25 again and Psalm 139:10. Many times God guides
us in ways we only perceive when we look back years later. Looking back,
how have you seen God guide you in ways you only see in retrospect? *Thank
God for specific ways He has guided you in retrospect.*

THURSDAY Read Matthew 7:7-11. What does Jesus say in these verses that
relates to finding the will of God? Do you ever struggle with the idea that
God's will is a "dot"—that all the other options must be "Plan B"? What are
some of the drawbacks to this approach? How would you support from
Scripture the idea that God's will involves our free choice within the
framework of His revealed will? *Thank God that He wants you to be mature,
making choices and learning from them. Ask Him to help your choices be
wise ones!*

FRIDAY Read James 1:5-8. How will you know if the guidance you think you
are receiving from God is truly from Him? Great question! These questions
may help: Does it agree with the Bible? Does it make me more like Christ?
Does my church family confirm it? *Today, ask God for specific area you need
guidance about. What is God already telling you through his Word?*

SATURDAY Read Psalm 1. What kind of counsel does this Psalm warn
against? Do you ever listen to "unwise counsel" from friends or media? Ask
God for wisdom to listen only to wise counsel. *Please pray for the services
this weekend—and for the Acts series this fall!*