## Friday

Read Philippians 4:1-9. On a scale of 1 to 10, what's your anxiety level now? Often the new year is a time of stress. What does Paul say is the key to peace? Do what he recommends right now: Give thanks to God for specific things. Present your requests to God. Focus on what is good.

## Saturday

Please pray for this weekend's message-the new series called RADICAL DEEP ORGANIC CHANGE! Thanks!

# Prayer Update

HOSPITALIZED & SURGERIES this past week Matthew Brunetti (age 13) testing continues, surgical procedure, UCSF Dave Staffa bone marrow transplant, Stanford Ron Denevi brain tumor surgery, Stanford 12/20 Coraly Hanson foot surgery 1/9 Ethan Pope (age 5) leukemia treatment Deanie Badertscher Back Surgery 12/21 Steven Adams partial paralysis, diagnosis unknown HOSPICE CARE

John Burton, Elizabeth Harrell, Charleen Van Veldhuizen

### HOME WITH THE LORD

We received word that Elaine Hedges passed away on December 16th. Her family is grateful for all the prayers & visits from TLC friends, Elaine's faith was strong to the end, as she praised her Lord Jesus. Elaine was much loved and will be missed by many.

Alma Rueb the mother of Jerry Rueb, former TLC pastor, went to Glory. Please remember Jerry and his family in prayer who are also grieving the loss of his father, Will Rueb, who died within the past month.

#### A complete prayer list is available at the information desk.





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Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. Phillipians 3:12-14

## How not to change:

Try to be \_\_\_\_

This leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and then

Therefore, my dear friends, as you have always obeyed—not only in my presence, but now much more in my absence-continue to work out your salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose. Philippians 2:12-13

## *Four key questions:*

1. What's the key concept to really changing?

"For it is God who works..."

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2. How do I let God work in me?

"...who works in you..."

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- 3. So am I supposed to work or is it all about grace?

"...to will and to act..."

Pursuing God doesn't change my \_\_\_\_\_

It changes my \_\_\_\_\_

4. So why should I grow?

"...in order to fulfill his good purpose."

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*This Week's Memory Verse* "For it is God who works in you to will and to act in order to fulfill his good purpose.'" Philippians 2:13

## Daily Meditations Monday

Read Philippians 2:12-13. What was the most important truth you learned from this last weekend's message? How have you seen God work in you this past year? How have you seen God work through you this past year? How do you think you have grown the most this past year? (Hint: Ask someone close to you)

Thank God that He works in you!

## Juesday

Read Philippians 2:14-18. How have you seen Christians "shine like stars" to a dark world this past year? What do you think is the most effective way to shine? What was the most effective way others shined Christ into your life?

On this New Year's Eve, ask God to help you shine to your own community in certain specific ways.

## Wednesday

Happy New Year! Read Philippians 3:1-14. In this passage Paul says he once counted himself worthwhile because of his status as a Pharisee and his legalistic perfection. In verse 8, what is the only thing that matters to Paul now? What about you - how do you calculate your worth? Looks? Works? Reputation? Paul says there is nothing like the "surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus". Ask God to make this year one of knowing Christ more intimately and deeply! This will be our emphasis this year at TLC!

## Thursday

Read Philippians 3:15-21. Paul compares his spiritual life to a race. What is his goal? If we all had Christ-likeness and heavenly reward as our goal, how would that improve our unity? Why? In contrast to Paul's focus on Jesus, he says there are others whose minds are on earthly things. How does Paul describe them?

Ask God to help you focus on the ultimate goal this year!