

Study Guide

December 31, 2018

Monday December 31st (I took time to pray today)

Read: Luke 2:41-52 You may wonder how in the world could parents lose their child. But Jesus remained in the temple while His parents traveled back to Nazareth. Then it took them 3 days to find Him. Jesus' reply to their question of why did Jesus do this to them, He said "Didn't you know I had to be in my Father's house?" Jesus knew His calling and what His Father wanted Him to do.

Question: How are you at listening to what God is calling you to do? Is there anything you need to change to hear more clearly? Are you willing to do whatever it takes to listen to God? Is His calling more important than what others are asking you to do?

Tuesday January 1st (I took time to pray today)

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Read: Psalm 91:15 This Psalm reminds us that David knew that God called him and he needed to respond. And there is also the reminder that God is with him in trouble and will deliver him and honor him.

Question: How are you with listening to God and then responding to Him? Do you need to improve or learn to listen to Him more closely? Do you believe that God is with you always even when you are in trouble?

Wednesday January 2nd (I took time to pray today)

Read: Matthew 22:14 This verse is full of questions for me. It makes you wonder if you are one of the invited and if you are then chosen in the end. Christ is always calling us but what is our response.

Question: Has Christ called you and invited you? What is your response to His calling? Have you said yes to the calling but not done anything else about it? Is it time to respond to His calling?

Thursday January 3rd (I took time to pray today)

Read: 1 Thessalonians 5:24 A great reminder that the One who calls us is faithful. God does call us and He is faithful and He reminds us that His faithfulness is always there for us by doing what He promises.

Question: Do you believe that God is calling you? Is there anything in your life that makes you doubt His calling you? Are you willing to accept His calling on your life? How will you respond to it?

Friday January 4th (I took time to pray today)

Read: Isaiah 55:6 Well this Scripture is clear. We are to seek the Lord and call on Him. It also points out that He desires you to seek Him out and to call on Him while He is near.

Question: Do you believe that God is near to you? If not what will you do to seek Him out so that you can sense His nearness? Are you willing to make a lifestyle change so that you will always feel His nearness?

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*Through God's love for us we can't help but want to serve others and show that love to them. Let us help you explore the best way for you to show love and serve in your Christian path. See Pastor Bob or Deacon Maryanne who are willing to help you in your faith walk.*

Notes: today I pray

## THE BACKPACK



**Grow,  
Pray,  
and  
Study Guide.**



## BEGINNINGS

### Prayers For The Week

**Monday:** Lord God, help me to be in tune with Your voice. I want to be able to hear You clearly. Amen.

**Tuesday:** Holy Spirit, I know You desire to speak to me. Let me hear you so that I can respond to my Father's call. Amen.

**Wednesday:** Jesus, let me trust You in the calling You have placed in my life. May I always be obedient to that calling. Amen.

**Thursday:** Lord Jesus, I desire to be obedient to You and not be left out from the chosen. Let me live a life that accepts completely Your faithfulness and love for me. Amen.

**Friday:** Lord, I pray that You have sensed my seeking of You. I desire to always feel You near and to live knowing You are always faithful and keep Your promises. Amen.

**December 30, 2018**

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worship on Sunday!  
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