



Rhythm
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A W O R S H I P L E A D E R ' S

Weekly Devotional

Monday Oct. 21 - Sunday Oct. 27, 2019

Certain About His Mission

Theme for Sunday

“With this in mind, since I myself have carefully investigated everything from the beginning, I too decided to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.”

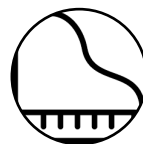
Luke
1:3-4

Sometimes our heart’s emotional response seems to strengthen our faith. Sometimes cold hard facts strengthen our faith. As we engage in this new series together, the Holy Spirit will absolutely be focused in on, as it’s one of Luke’s powerful themes. But also, we will focus in on Luke’s reason for writing; “So that you may know the certainty of the things you have been taught.” We all benefit from faith strengtheners and my hope is that as we walk through this series together, we will experience both fact and emotional/experiential faith charges. Also, we’ll be trying something a bit differently for this series. We don’t have each week thematically spelled out before-hand. We know we want to walk through Luke and take a lot of time doing it. But we also want to listen to the Holy Spirit on what our focus will be each week. In other words, I truly do not know yet the specifics of this Sunday

or the Sunday after. We will be relying on God’s Spirit to guide us in real time. This will be a stretch for us “planners” and to be sure, the Spirit does work in planning as well as in the moment. But for this series, we’ll be choosing “in the moment.” Please join us in prayer, asking the Spirit of God to speak to us and guide us each week on what He would have us learn. And may it all be for His glory and for the certainty of the things we have been taught.

Reflections

- * What do I need to repent of this week?
- * What feels too heavy to carry this week?
- * Where specifically do I need to hear from the Holy Spirit, perhaps instead of trying to manage something with my own prowess?
- * Colossians 4 says to pray with an attitude of thanksgiving and to be “alert” during prayer. Can I put this to good practice this week?



Prayer

THE SPIRIT OF JESUS,

Fill me with thy Spirit that I may be occupied with his presence.
I am blind — send him to make me see;
dark — let him say, 'Let there be light'!

May he give me faith to behold
my name engraven in thy hand,
my soul and body redeemed by thy blood,
my sinfulness covered by the life of pure obedience.

Replenish me by his revealing grace,
that I may realize my indissoluble union with thee;
that I may know thou hast espoused me to thyself for ever,
in righteousness, love, mercy, faithfulness;
that I am one with thee,
as a branch with its stock, as a building with its foundation.

May his comforts cheer me in my sorrows,
his strength sustain me in my trials,
his blessings revive me in my weariness,
his presence render me a fruitful tree of holiness,
his might establish me in peace and joy,
his incitements make me ceaseless in prayer,
his animation kindle in me undying devotion.

Send him as the searcher of my heart,
to show me more of my corruptions and helplessness
that I may flee to thee, cling to thee, rest on thee,
as the beginning and end of my salvation.

May I never vex him by my indifference and waywardness,
grieve him by my cold welcome,
resist him by my hard rebellion.

Answer my prayers, O Lord,
for thy great name's sake.

taken from "The Valley of Vision: A Collection of Puritan Prayers and Devotions"

SONGS AND ART

1. RAISE A HALLELUJAH

"Louder than the unbelief"

2. COME BEHOLD THE

"He the theme of heaven's praises"

3. O PRAISE THE NAME

"O trampled death, where is your sting?"

4. ANOTHER IN THE FIRE

"And I can see the light in the darkness, as the darkness bows to Him"

5. I'M LISTENING

"Cause everything You say is life to me"

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