

Encounter these verses today:

*circle words that you identify with,
underline phrases or sentences you'd
like to remember, write questions about
the passage out to the side ...*



Luke 16:1-9 [The Message Paraphrase]

:: The Shrewd Manager Gets Praised ::

¹⁻²Jesus said to his disciples, "There was once a rich man who had a manager. He got reports that the manager had been taking advantage of his position by running up huge personal expenses. So he called him in and said, 'What's this I hear about you? You're fired. And I want a complete audit of your books.'

³⁻⁴"The manager said to himself, 'What am I going to do? I've lost my job as manager. I'm not strong enough for a laboring job, and I'm too proud to beg. . . Ah, I've got a plan. Here's what I'll do . . . then when I'm turned out into the street, people will take me into their houses.'

⁵"Then he went at it. One after another, he called in the people who were in debt to his master. He said to the first, 'How much do you owe my master?'

⁶"He replied, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.'

"The manager said, 'Here, take your bill, sit down here—quick now— write fifty.'

⁷"To the next he said, 'And you, what do you owe?'

"He answered, 'A hundred sacks of wheat.'

"He said, 'Take your bill, write in eighty.'

⁸⁻⁹"Now here's a surprise: The master praised the crooked manager! And why? Because he knew how to look after himself. Streetwise people are smarter in this regard than law-abiding citizens. They are on constant alert, looking for angles, surviving by their wits. I want you to be smart in the same way—but for what is right—using every adversity to stimulate you to creative survival, to concentrate your attention on the bare essentials, so you'll live, really live, and not complacently just get by on good behavior."



What is God speaking to you this morning ...



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[Engage the message throughout the week]

Monday: 6.14.2010

Reading: Psalm 30

Do you feel like you are just surviving? Just getting by? Can your weeping be turned into dancing?

Think about it:

God doesn't want you to stay where you are. He loves you far too much to allow that. He is calling you beyond survival ... into thriving! Into dancing!

Pray for: *Township Supervisor, Trustees and public servants*

Reflections: _____

Tuesday: 6.15.2010

Reading: Psalm 142

Refuge. A safe place. Security. Hope for the future. These are the things we all are hungry for in life.

Think about it:

Who do you call on for these things. Who do you blame when these things are gone.

Pray for: *Flushing Schools (last day!!)*

Reflections: _____

Wednesday: 6.16.2010

Reading: Psalm 117

Maybe the shortest Psalm recorded. Today's reading serves as a solid reminder that God deserves praise. His love (which is unconditional and unending) and His faithfulness (which is matchless and priceless) should put us on our knees today!

Think about it:

Find a creative way to thank God for who He is today.

Pray for: *City Mayor, City Council, and public servants*

Reflections: _____

Thursday: 6.17.2010

Reading: Psalm 32

Holding out. It's often what we all do best. David writes in this Psalm about the oppression of conviction and the peace of forgiveness.

Think about it:

Are you holding back? Are you energized about your spiritual journey?

Pray for: *Those seeking employment*

Reflections: _____

Friday: 6.18.2010

Reading: Psalm 51

Written after David is confronted by his adulterous relationship with Bathsheba. The call is for a pure heart, a disciplined spirit and the restoration of joy deep in his heart.

Think about it:

What sacrifice does God delight in? (v. 17)

Pray for: *The ministry of the Flushing Christian Outreach Center*

Reflections: _____

Saturday: 6.19.2010

Reading: Psalm 108

We end our week of Psalms by reading a familiar song. Even modern writers have used the lyrics of this Psalm in their music.

Think about it:

How great is God's love? How high does His faithfulness reach? What help is man? How can we discover victory?

Pray for: *Fathers everywhere! Happy Fathers Day tomorrow!*

Reflections: _____

