



## Day 1 Devotional, Sunday May 30, 2010

Isaiah 58: 6-11 (The Message)

"This is the kind of fast day I'm after:  
to break the chains of injustice,  
get rid of exploitation in the workplace,  
free the oppressed, cancel debts.  
What I'm interested in seeing you do is:  
sharing your food with the hungry,  
inviting the homeless poor into your homes,  
putting clothes on the shivering ill-clad,  
being available to your own families.  
Do this and the lights will turn on,  
and your lives will turn around at once.  
Your righteousness will pave your way.  
The God of glory will secure your passage.  
Then when you pray, God will answer.  
You'll call out for help and I'll say, 'Here I am.'

### **A Full Life in the Emptiest of Places**

"If you get rid of unfair practices,  
quit blaming victims, quit gossiping about other people's sins,  
If you are generous with the hungry  
and start giving yourselves to the down-and-out,  
Your lives will begin to glow in the darkness,  
your shadowed lives will be bathed in sunlight.  
I will always show you where to go.  
I'll give you a full life in the emptiest of places—  
firm muscles, strong bones.  
You'll be like a well-watered garden,  
a gurgling spring that never runs dry.

Prayer:

Today, my Father, let me be like a tree planted by the river,  
bringing forth fruit in its season. Let the sap of your Holy Spirit  
rise within me. Let me not become dry and barren but rich in  
abundance and fertility. May many weary ones find refreshment  
in the shadow of my branches. (Brother Ramon)

Question: How in my life am I the change I want to see in the world?

## Day 2 Devotional, Monday May 31, 2010

Ephesians 1:16-19 (NIV)

For this reason, I have not stopped giving thanks for you remembering you in my prayers.

I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you. The riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints and his incomparably great power for us who believe.

Prayer:

Most High and Glorious God, enlighten the darkness of our hearts and give us a true faith, a certain hope and a perfect love. Give us a sense of the divine and knowledge of yourself, so that we may do everything in fulfillment of your holy will; through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
(St. Francis of Assisi 1182-1226)

Question: Who encourages me to know God better, prays and shares in my life? Where do I see myself connecting with other Christians to make that happen more often?

## Day 3 Devotional, Tuesday June 1, 2010

John 13:12-17 (NIV)

When he had finished washing their feet, he put on his clothes and returned to his place. "Do you understand what I have done for you?" he asked them. "You call me 'Teacher' and 'Lord,' and rightly so, for that is what I am. Now that I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also should wash one another's feet. I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

Prayer:

God Almighty, eternal, righteous, and merciful, give to us poor sinners to do for thy sake all that we know of your will and to will always what pleases thee, so that inwardly purified, enlightened and kindled by the fire of the Holy Spirit, we may follow in the footprints of thy well-beloved Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. (Francis of Assisi 1182-1226)

Question: What does it mean to wash someone's feet today?

## Day 4 Devotional, Wednesday June 2, 2010

Romans 8:14-17 (The Message)

God's Spirit beckons. There are things to do and places to go! This resurrection life you received from God is not a timid, grave-tending life. It's adventurously expectant, greeting God with a childlike "What's next, Papa?" God's Spirit touches our spirits and confirms who we really are. We know who he is, and we know who we are: Father and children. And we know we are going to get what's coming to us—an unbelievable inheritance! We go through exactly what Christ goes through. If we go through the hard times with him, then we're certainly going to go through the good times with him!

Prayer:

Lord, renew our spirits and draw our hearts to yourself that our work may not be to us a burden, but a delight. Oh, let us not serve you with the spirit of bondage as slaves, but with the cheerfulness and gladness of children, delighting ourselves in you and rejoicing in your work.  
(from Benjamin Jenks 1646-1724)

Question: When was the last time I asked God what's next?

## Day 5 Devotional, Thursday June 3, 2010

Psalms 37:3-5 (NIV)

Trust in the LORD and do good;  
    dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture.  
Delight yourself in the LORD  
    and he will give you the desires of your heart.  
Commit your way to the LORD;  
    trust in him and he will do this:

Prayer:

Holy and Eternal God, give us such trust in your sure purpose, that we measure our lives not by what we have done or failed to do, but by our faithfulness to you.  
(New Zealand Prayer Book)

Question: Do the desires of my heart line up with God's heart for the world around me?

## Day 6 Devotional, Friday June 4, 2010

Isaiah 30:15 (NIV)

This is what the Sovereign LORD, the Holy One of Israel, says:

"In repentance and rest is your salvation,  
in quietness and trust is your strength,

Prayer:

If this day, I should get lost amid the perplexities of life and the rush of many duties, do thou search me out, gracious Lord, and bring me back into the quiet of thy presence. (F.B. Meyer)

Question: What do I find the hardest about being quiet in God's presence?

## Day 7 Devotional, Saturday June 5, 2010

2 Corinthians 9: 12-15

This service that you perform is not only supplying the needs of God's people but is also overflowing in many expressions of thanks to God. Because of the service by which you have proved yourselves, men will praise God for the obedience that accompanies your confession of the gospel of Christ, and for your generosity in sharing with them and with everyone else. And in their prayers for you their hearts will go out to you, because of the surpassing grace God has given you. Thanks be to God for his indescribable gift!

Prayer:

Dear Lord, teach me to be generous, to serve you as you deserve. Fill us we pray, with your light and life, that we may show forth your wondrous glory. Grant that your love may so fill our lives that we may count nothing too small to do for you, nothing too much to give and nothing too hard to bear. (From a prayer by Ignatious Loyola 1491-1556)

Question: What do I think is too small, too much or too hard in serving Jesus?