

## *Good Morning*

*"This is the day which the LORD has made;  
we will rejoice and be glad in it." - Psalm 118:24*



## **Verses for the Week**

### **He Is Risen**

*Now after the Sabbath, as the first day of the week began to dawn, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary came to see the tomb. <sup>2</sup> And behold, there was a great earthquake; for an angel of the Lord descended from heaven, and came and rolled back the stone from the door, and sat on it. <sup>3</sup> His countenance was like lightning, and his clothing as white as snow. <sup>4</sup> And the guards shook for fear of him, and became like dead men.*

*<sup>5</sup> But the angel answered and said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. <sup>6</sup> He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. <sup>7</sup> And go quickly and tell His disciples that He is risen from the dead, and indeed He is going before you into Galilee; there you will see Him. Behold, I have told you."*

*<sup>8</sup> So they went out quickly from the tomb with fear and great joy, and*

*ran to bring His disciples word.* - Matthew 28

## ***DAILY DEVOTION***

***1 My soul waits in silence for God only; From Him is my salvation. 2 He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken. 3 How long will you assail a man, That you may murder him, all of you, Like a leaning wall, like a tottering fence? 4 They have counseled only to thrust him down from his high position; They delight in falsehood; They bless with their mouth, But inwardly they curse. Selah. 5 My soul, wait in silence for God only, For my hope is from Him. 6 He only is my rock and my salvation, My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.*** – Psalm 62

A majority may rule in the culture, but in your personal life, there should be only one ruler—and that's God. It makes no difference if 10,000 people tell you what you ought to do. Once you have decided to follow the Lord, it's best to stand right where you are until you get marching orders from Him.

Does this mean we should never take godly counsel? Not at all. It simply means that when we know God hasn't said to move, we shouldn't yield to the temptation to please others by following their directives or timeline. In other words, while seeking scriptural advice, believers should also listen for the Holy Spirit's promptings and warnings. For example, when dealing with your children, you may sense there's a time to bring up an issue and a time to hold off ([Eccl. 3:7](#)).

Sometimes, however, a fear of failure may discourage us from doing things God's way, making us think, *What if things don't turn out as I planned? What if I'm ridiculed by my peers?* But ultimately, we must ask ourselves whether we're going to listen to God or the world. Remember, you don't have to fear failure when you obey the Lord. He's the one who intervenes in times of hardship. And He promises to act in behalf of the one who waits for Him ([Isa. 64:4](#)).

Remaining steadfast takes courage. That's why Paul said, "Be strong in the Lord" ([Eph. 6:10](#)). All the pressure in the world can't make you budge when you trust the Rock upon which you stand. With God's guidance, you can act with complete

confidence of a successful outcome. – *Charles Stanley*

## ***New Testament Reading***

### **Luke 7:1-30**

#### **Jesus Heals a Centurion's Servant**

**7** Now when He concluded all His sayings in the hearing of the people, He entered Capernaum. **2** And a certain centurion's servant, who was dear to him, was sick and ready to die. **3** So when he heard about Jesus, he sent elders of the Jews to Him, pleading with Him to come and heal his servant. **4** And when they came to Jesus, they begged Him earnestly, saying that the one for whom He should do this was deserving, **5** "for he loves our nation, and has built us a synagogue."

**6** Then Jesus went with them. And when He was already not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to Him, saying to Him, "Lord, do not trouble Yourself, for I am not worthy that You should enter under my roof. **7** Therefore I did not even think myself worthy to come to You. But say the word, and my servant will be healed. **8** For I also am a man placed under authority, having soldiers under me. And I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes; and to another, 'Come,' and he comes; and to my servant, 'Do this,' and he does *it*."

**9** When Jesus heard these things, He marveled at him, and turned around and said to the crowd that followed Him, "I say to you, I have not found such great faith, not even in Israel!" **10** And those who were sent, returning to the house, found the servant well who had been sick.

#### **Jesus Raises the Son of the Widow of Nain**

**11** Now it happened, the day after, *that* He went into a city called Nain; and many of His disciples went with Him, and a large crowd. **12** And when He came near the gate of the city, behold, a dead man was being carried out, the only son of his mother; and she was a widow. And a large crowd from the city was with her. **13** When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her and said to her, "Do not weep." **14** Then He came and touched the open coffin, and those who carried *him* stood still. And He said, "Young man, I say to you, arise." **15** So he who was dead sat up and began to speak. And He presented him to his mother.

**16** Then fear came upon all, and they glorified God, saying, "A great prophet has

risen up among us"; and, "God has visited His people." " And this report about Him went throughout all Judea and all the surrounding region.

### **John the Baptist Sends Messengers to Jesus**

<sup>18</sup> Then the disciples of John reported to him concerning all these things. <sup>19</sup> And John, calling two of his disciples to *him*, sent *them* to Jesus, saying, "Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?"

<sup>20</sup> When the men had come to Him, they said, "John the Baptist has sent us to You, saying, 'Are You the Coming One, or do we look for another?'" <sup>21</sup> And that very hour He cured many of infirmities, afflictions, and evil spirits; and to many blind He gave sight.

<sup>22</sup> Jesus answered and said to them, "Go and tell John the things you have seen and heard: that *the* blind see, *the* lame walk, *the* lepers are cleansed, *the* deaf hear, *the* dead are raised, *the* poor have the gospel preached to them. <sup>23</sup> And blessed is *he* who is not offended because of Me."

<sup>24</sup> When the messengers of John had departed, He began to speak to the multitudes concerning John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed shaken by the wind? <sup>25</sup> But what did you go out to see? A man clothed in soft garments? Indeed those who are gorgeously appareled and live in luxury are in kings' courts. <sup>26</sup> But what did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I say to you, and more than a prophet. <sup>27</sup> This is *he* of whom it is written:

'Behold, I send My messenger before Your face,  
Who will prepare Your way before You.'

<sup>28</sup> For I say to you, among those born of women there is not a greater prophet than John the Baptist; but he who is least in the kingdom of God is greater than he."

<sup>29</sup> And when all the people heard *Him*, even the tax collectors justified God, having been baptized with the baptism of John. <sup>30</sup> But the Pharisees and lawyers rejected the will of God for themselves, not having been baptized by him.

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***"For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life." John 3:16***

## The **A B C's** of Salvation

**A - Admit** to God that you are a sinner.

*"For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God." Romans 3:23*

**B - Believe** in Jesus Christ as God's Son and receive God's gift of forgiveness from sin.

*"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life."*

*John 3:16*

**C - Confess** your faith in Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

*"That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:9-10*

*Then follow through by getting involved in a Christ centered Bible believing church and being baptized in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost. Acts 2:38*

## **Prayer List**

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Arlon & Teresa Clifton	Mary Frank
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Bea Bass	Meagan Zieman
Becky Cushman	Melanie Allen
Bertha & Lloyd Carroll	Melissa Owens
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Betty Heathwole	Michael Wiggins

Betty Sanders

Bill Sanders

Bubba Polk Family

Buck Daniel

Clay Sanders

Danny Stillinger

David Kinard

Debra Edwards

DeeDee Kaney

Demaris Jowers

Deneena Fogle

Don Roberts

Dorothy Lott

Dwayne & Jennifer Cox

Emory Dunbar

Evonne Villegas

Eula Kinard

Frances Woodward

Frank Engle

Gwen Bell

Iris Grubbs

Jalisha Forrester

James & Sharon Smedley

Janice & Buddy Darnell

Jeanette Bass

Jenna Bodiford

Jerry Fail

Jerry Thompson

Jessie Dowling Family

Jim & Katie Simmons

Jimmy Still

Joanne Cagle

Joanne Sanders

John Barnes

John Bishop

Johnson Family

Jordan Blankenship

Joseph Cook

Karen Bradford

Kerry Cartwright

Kim Melton

Kristi North

Larry and Joye Jeffcoat

Laura Randolph

MICHAEL MATHISON

Mike Booth

Mikki Murden

Ned Martin

Nett Martino

Nicole Nash

Nikki Gilmore Tripp

Norm Wilkes

Pamela Thomas

Pat Jayroe

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Patsy Carson

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Rhodus Family

Roger Godley

Roger Kaney

Rollis & Pat Evans

Ronnie Cagle

Rosalyn Stone

Rose Varnadoe

Samantha McCarty & Baby

Sandra Tune

Sandy Wingate

Sarah Sanders

Sarah Terry

Sease Family

Schumpert Family

Shemeeka Frank

Shirley Jackson

Shirley Still

Shotts Family

Stacy Spell

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Stephanie Hensley

Susie Martin

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