

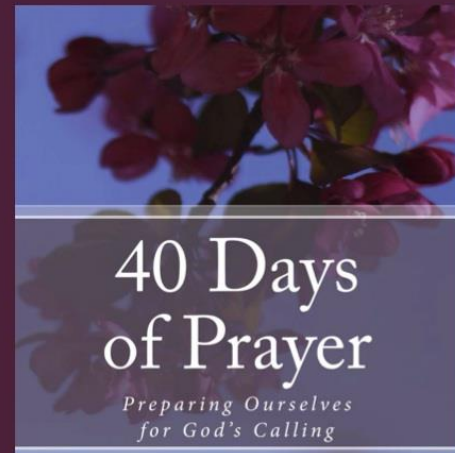
Monday, April 1st

Day 23 – Transformed People

Romans 12:1-2, Romans 8:28-30

The Christian Deformation process is working to not become conformed to this world's values, actions and perspective. The Christian Formation process is becoming conformed to the image of Christ. What does becoming more Christ-like mean for you? As you become more Christ-like even today, how (specifically) will that show up in your life?

Prayer Thought: Ask God to transform you. Ask God to show you what new values, actions and perspectives to embrace.



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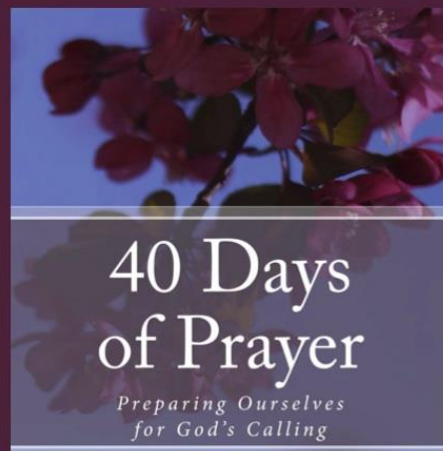
Tuesday, April 2nd

Day 24 – The Great Commandment

John 13:31-35

Jesus did not give new laws, rules or policies. He was not very specific with instructions about how to live out our faith. Instead, Jesus focused on what is essential....loving each other. The first and foremost way others will know that we are disciples is our love for one another. Anything that prevents, distracts or otherwise diminishes this purpose needs to go. Loving other Christian disciples is a primary focus when we want to live as Christian people and congregations.

Prayer Thought: Confess any bitterness or resentment you hold toward fellow disciples. Ask God to strengthen your resolve to love other disciples. Ask God to help your church become more loving.



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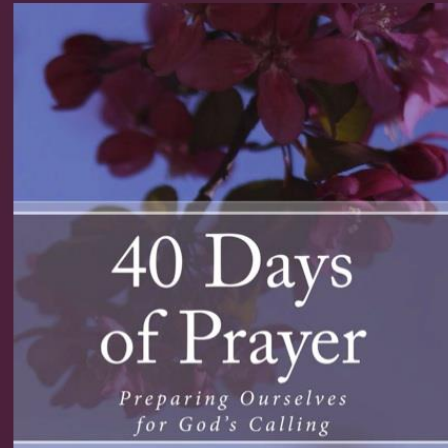
Wednesday, April 3rd

Day 25 – The Great Commision

Matthew 28:16–20

Remarkable. It is remarkable that God trusts us enough to include us in God's mission in the world. Making Disciples. First we are called to love other disciples and then to participate in making additional disciples. This means bringing new people into the Faith and then strengthening and supporting them in their Christian Formation process. This is our commission. This is what Christ has called us to do. This is a mark of a Christ-centered disciple and church.

Prayer Thought: Consider how much you personally are participating in this commission from Christ. Consider how focused your church is on making and forming disciples.



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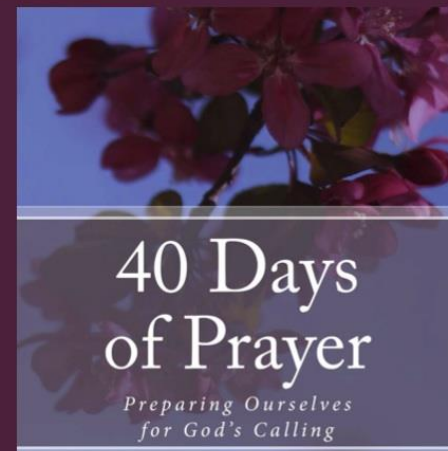
Thursday, April 4th

Day 26 – Criteria For Success

Matthew 25:31–46

Buildings, Bodies and Budgets. Sometimes disciples mistake these tangible and visible items as what makes for a successful church. The more we have of each, the more successful we are. Instead, these are simply means to the real foci – faithfulness and transformation. Becoming more like Jesus is the goal. Loving each other and making disciples are our callings. How do you measure success in your church?

Prayer Thought: Ask God to help you lay aside human criteria for church success and to integrate God's criteria more fully.



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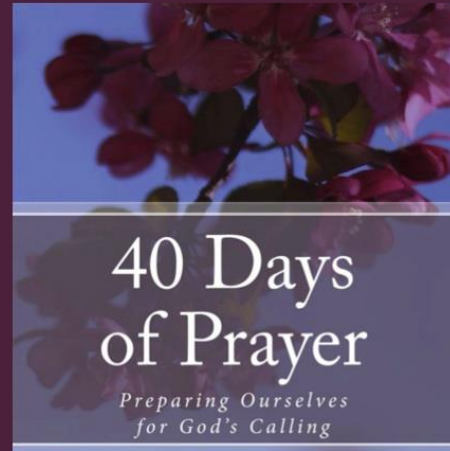
Friday, April 5th


Day 27 – Trust God For What You Need

Philippians 4:10–19

Do we have what it takes to love others and make disciples? Can our church become more of what God is calling it to become? Many disciples through the centuries have asked this question... and have found that God is faithful. God will provide everything you need to do what God asks you to do. God will equip your congregation to live out its calling from God. All your needs for the journey will be supplied as they are needed. Trust God with your and your congregation's needs.

Prayer Thought: How much do I believe God will equip our congregation with what we need to accomplish God's purpose for us? Boldly ask God to dramatically increase your faith in this area.



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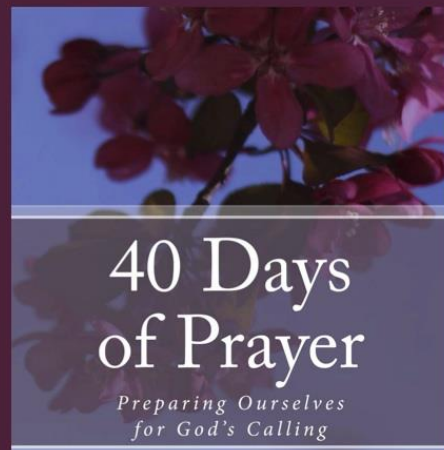
Saturday, April 6th


Day 28 – The Desires Of Your Heart

Psalm 37:3–5

This scripture has always puzzled me. God will give you the desires of your heart? Won't that turn God into Santa Claus? Not when we first "Take delight in the Lord." When we center our lives in Christ, laying aside our sinful ways and selfish desires, then we discover that our hearts begin to beat like God's. Our focus grows more Christ-like. In fact, our desires change to become more Christ-like. So, in discerning God's calling for you and for your church, listen to your desires as you pray. What wisdom and guidance is there?

Prayer Thought: O Lord, as I submit myself to you as Lord of all, help me discern the desires of my heart that are reflective of your guidance.



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