

Wednesday, April 28

One of the best ways we can help persons with their Christian walks is to constantly remind them of Jesus and the calling that God has placed on their lives. Even though Joshua was Moses' aide for many years, Moses never failed to encourage Joshua to look to the Lord for his strength and guidance and not to Moses himself. Jesus is the one who makes your faith grow, and you are to continually remind others of this truth.

Deuteronomy 31:1-8 and Hebrews 11:32-12:2

- In what ways do Moses and the author of Hebrews encourage you to look to God for power and strength?
- How will you specifically keep your eyes on Jesus throughout the day today?

Thursday, April 29

One of the greatest role models in the Bible was Mordecai with his niece, Esther. Mordecai raised Esther and modeled for her how to live an upright and godly life in one of the toughest times in Jewish history. Not only did Esther follow Mordecai's example but she also willingly put her life on the line for her people. Just like Mordecai, Paul, and Timothy, your example as a believer is crucial to the growth of many in your sphere of influence.

Esther 2:5-7, 17-19; 4:1-17; and 1 Timothy 4:11-16

- How important were the values that Mordecai instilled in Esther?
- According to 1 Timothy, name the ways you can set a powerful example for those you know.

Friday, April 30

One of the most amazing aspects of being a Christian role model is inspiring younger believers to do the ministry and work of God themselves. It was through Elijah's life and ministry that his young assistant Elisha was inspired to become a great prophet like his teacher. And it was Paul's life, teaching, and charge to Timothy that launched Timothy to continue to build the young church after Paul's death.

2 Kings 2:1-22 and 2 Timothy 4:1-8

- What was Elisha's request of Elijah before he was taken away?
- List the things that Paul instructed Timothy to do as a minister of God. How do these instructions also apply to you?

Saturday, May 1

When you discover that this Christian life isn't about you—it's about helping others grow in faith and purpose—then God will give you great influence. When you come to understand this, you'll faithfully structure your life for the betterment of God's people. Scripture equates this to being a shepherd—one who feeds, guides, protects, and cares for the sheep.

Acts 20:17-35 and 1 Peter 5:1-4

- According to Acts 20:28, who is it that gives you authority to be a shepherd of people? Who is the owner of the sheep you shepherd?
- How can you further structure your life to be the best Christian influence to those God is giving or has given you to shepherd?