

Feb. 1-6

**Monday, February 1, 2010** *Read: Ruth 1:1-18* This text is often used for weddings. The picture of Ruth is one of everlasting friendship. Ruth loves Naomi and will not let death nor discouragement keep her apart from her mother-in-law and friend. **Prayer starter: Praise the Lord for a friend of yours who has loved and supported you in the same way as Ruth loved Naomi.**

**Tuesday, February 2, 2010** *Read: John 11:17-37* When Jesus speaks to Martha, he speaks as the divine Son of God. But when He stands before Lazarus' grave, we see Jesus in all His humanity. Revealed to us is our Savior's caring heart for all whom He loves. **Prayer starter: Do you know someone who mourns? Ask Jesus to comfort that person today.**

**Wednesday, February 3, 2010** *Read: Isaiah 54:7-10* As God promised Noah that the earth would never again be destroyed by water, so He promises that never again will His church be exiled from His grace. **Prayer starter: Can you make a list of the promises of God? Do so and then thank the Lord in prayer for each one.**

**Thursday, February 4, 2010** *Read: Ecclesiastes 4:8-12* In the midst of Solomon's sometimes depressing writings, there are gems of great wisdom. In the midst of trouble, we are blessed when we have a friend who can lend a helping hand. **Prayer starter: Who is there to pick you up when you stumble? Your spouse? Your brother or sister? A dear friend? Give thanks to God that you have such a person in your life.**

**Friday, February 5, 2010** *Read: 2 Timothy 1:15-18* Refreshment here could mean the basics – food and water and the like. But it could also be that Onesiphorus refreshed Paul's soul by reminding the apostle of God's goodness and mercy. **Prayer starter: Ask the Lord to refresh you this Sunday at worship with His Gospel of peace and forgiveness in Christ Jesus.**

**Saturday, February 6, 2010** *Read: Joshua 1:1-5* How was the Lord with Moses? There was the parting of the sea...water flowing from a rock...meals of manna and quail. Joshua remembered these miracles of God; he *could* trust that the Lord would be with him. **Prayer starter: Pray the promise from Hebrews 13:5.**