

Feb. 8-13

Monday, February 8, 2010 *Read: Mark 4:35-41* The Greek word used for “furious squall” is used in Matthew’s Gospel to describe an earthquake. That’s what the disciples were up against as they tried to control the boat on the lake. They also learn an important truth – Jesus does care about them...and about *all* of His disciples. **Prayer starter: Read Psalm 50:15. What trouble are you facing with which you could use the Lord’s help?**

Tuesday, February 9, 2010 *Read: Matthew 8:28-34* Readers are often troubled that Jesus let the demons attack the herd of pigs that ultimately died. Jesus was giving the people of this area a chance to see they had received a visitation from God. Rather than asking the Lord to abide with them, they urged Him to leave their presence. Rather than delight in Jesus, they despised Him. **Prayer starter: When you pray the Lord’s prayer today, give special emphasis to the 6th and 7th petitions. Review your Catechism for additional instruction.**

Wednesday, February 10, 2010 *Read: Luke 5:17-26* Did you catch the contrast here? The Pharisees blaspheme Jesus; the crowd glorifies the Lord. Jesus gave the man what he needed and wanted – forgiveness for sins and healing of his body. **Prayer starter: How good it must have sounded to the paralyzed man to be called “Friend” by Jesus. The Lord calls you “Friend” too. Read John 15:13-14 and then give thanks to Jesus for His friendship.**

Thursday, February 11, 2010 *Read: Mark 5:21-43* When a loved one is dying, do you leave their bedside? To leave his only daughter to seek out the Lord’s help shows the faith Jairus had in Jesus. When it seems that there is no hope at all, we can always turn to our Lord. **Prayer starter: What’s on your list of concerns to pray about? Hear the Word of Jesus: “Don’t be afraid; just believe.”**

Friday, February 12, 2010 *Read: Luke 7:11-17* This is one of the most tender stories in all of Scripture. Can there be anything greater than to know that God’s heart of compassion go out to you? **Prayer starter: Who in your circle of friends needs to be reassured about the compassion of Jesus? Lift up that person by name to the Lord today.**

Saturday, February 13, 2010 *Read: Jude 1-25* Road side warning signs let us know when there is trouble up ahead. The brother of the Lord writes believers to warn them about certain people who were teaching false doctrine about the grace of God. Did you find Jude’s warning to be applicable to our present time? **Prayer starter: Pray again the words from verses 24-25. Praise God that we can put our trust in Him!**