

Jan. 18-23

Monday, January 18, 2010 *Read: Matthew 6:25-34* Fear, anxiety, worry – they are thieves that rob us Christians of God’s peace and comfort. We do we go to reclaim God’s gifts and promises? His Holy Word! Here Jesus reminds us again to daily live in His salvation and righteousness. Faith in Christ will enable you to entrust your fears and worries to the God who loves you. **Prayer starter: As you head into a new week, what’s your number one concern? Share it with the Lord.**

Tuesday, January 19, 2010 *Read: Romans 8:28-39* Paul offers a message that we can never hear too often – nothing, *absolutely nothing*, can separate you from God’s abundant love. **Prayer starter: Write the words, *If God is for me, nothing can be against me*, on a card or piece of paper and put it where you will see it often today. Let God’s promise fill your heart with peace.**

Wednesday, January 20, 2010 *Read: Mark 4:35-41* Are your worries about to overwhelm you? Give them to Jesus. The winds and waves obey Him. He can surely overcome any concern you have. **Prayer starter: Think of a storm in your life in which God acted mightily. Ask Him to use the present storm you find yourself in to bring about a growing trust in Him.**

Thursday, January 21, 2010 *Read: Philippians 4:4-7* One of the first casualties in the war with worry is joy. But this doesn’t have to be. God is near. He is closer than you think. Follow Paul’s advice. Make your requests known to God. With the peace of God flooding your heart, you will be moved to rejoice! **Prayer starter: Why not put together a “joy” list. Give thanks to God for the joy given you through family, friends, service to others, and the work you do.**

Friday, January 22, 2010 *Read: Isaiah 41: 8-13* We’ve read these verses before. It’s easy to turn to them again especially with the wonderful word picture the prophet offers – worries do not crush us because our mighty God is holding us up. **Prayer starter: Where this week has God had His loving hands on you? Thank Him for His mercy and love.**

Saturday, January 23, 2010 *Read: 1 Peter 5:6-7* We conclude this week’s Treasuring God’s Word with a short but important reading. Peter shares a truth that is found throughout the Scriptures – God *cares* for you. If something is bothering you then God is concerned about it. **Prayer starter: Ask God to help you take your cares to church tomorrow and leave them there so that you might have empty hands and an empty heart to receive His forgiveness, peace and joy.**