

# DEVOTED TO THE WORD OF GOD AND PRAYER

## WEEKLY ACTION STEP

Text to 317-350-1996 the word:

- “FIRST” to join us on the Faith First journey
- “DAILY” for a 60 second devotion (Daily Hope)
- “BIBLE” to receive a free Life Application Study Bible

Look up Psalm 119:10-11 in your Bible. Read these verses out loud to God as a prayer back to Him.

## BIG IDEA

We change our world for the better through the Word of God and prayer.

## SCRIPTURE

Read Acts 2:41-42 and Acts 6:1-4.

## OPENER

What are you devoted to (consider what you prioritize with your money and time)?

## QUESTIONS

1. Last week, the action step for Faith First was praying, “Jesus, today I choose to be devoted to you above all else.” As a believer, what actions do you take every day to ensure you are devoted to Christ, above all else? What priorities in your life may need to change to demonstrate your devotion to Him?
2. Everyone has days where they still love God, but also have trouble staying motivated. Where in your world do you need a provision, breakthrough or open door?
3. Acts 6:3-4 says, “We will turn this responsibility over to them and will give our attention to prayer and the ministry of the Word”. These are the two rails of faith that guide us towards positive change. What can you do each day to make sure you stay on the rails without straying?
4. As you reflect on the importance of both praying and being in God’s Word, which of these two do you feel more devoted to now? Why do you think that is? How can you devote yourself more to the one that you struggle with?
5. Abraham Lincoln said the nation had become too proud to pray. Have you ever fallen into this trap? How can you remain humble before God?

## TAKEAWAY

- In this world, the Word of God and Prayer are the rails on which the work of God runs.
- People, families, groups, churches, and nations devoted to God's Word and prayer change the world for the better.
- Things too heavy for you to carry can move when placed on the rails of Prayer & God's Word.

## REFERENCES

Psalm 119

## DIGGING DEEPER

- In Psalm 119:169b, David petitioned the Lord saying, "give me understanding according to your Word!". Share areas in your life, (school, work, family, etc.) where "understanding" according to the world collides with "understanding" according to the Word.
- In apprenticeship to Jesus, prayer is one of the most important things we learn how to do. Read Matthew 6:5-8. List what you learned about how to pray from this scripture passage. What do you plan to incorporate or change in your daily prayer time, based on this passage?
- Prayer is not manipulating God; it is communication with Him. Read and contemplate the many ways to share with the Lord, in prayer:
  - Thanksgiving (Philippians 4:6)
  - Worship (Acts 13:2-3)
  - Intercession (1 Timothy 2:1-2)
  - Consecration/When we do not know or understand God's will for us. (Matthew 26:39)
  - Faith (James 5:15)
  - Agreement (Matthew 18:19)
  - Prayer of the Holy Spirit (Romans 8:26-27)
  - All the time (1 Thessalonians 5:17) You have unlimited minutes, and the line is never busy!!