



## Day Twelve September 23rd

Today is Friday, September 23rd. The weekend is fast approaching are you making arrangements to attend church this Sunday? I'm excited to worship with you again this Sunday.

## Today's Scripture John 15:12-17

“This is my command: Love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this: to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants anymore, because a servant doesn't know what his master is doing. I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me, but I chose you. I appointed you to go and produce fruit and that your fruit should remain, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he will give you. “This is what I command you: Love one another.”

What would it look like if we loved each other well at FSBC?



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### Special points of interest

- Create your own personal prayer list.
- Daily pray for a lost friend.
- Keep your eyes on the Kingdom and mission prayer.
- Daily ask God to “breathe” on FSBC.

## Personal Prayer List\*

1. Your One: \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_
4. \_\_\_\_\_
5. \_\_\_\_\_
6. \_\_\_\_\_

\* Email Greg if you would like him to join you in praying for these needs.

## Journal Prompt

Consider spending time everyday writing. Even if it's only for 3-5 minutes, you will find it a real blessing. Everyday during our time of prayer, there will be a Journal Prompt. One idea to help stir your mind and affec-

tions toward God.

### **Prompt:**

By faith—Part 2

Think about a time that you walked by faith. What was it like to walk by faith before seeing any end results?

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“God can handle your doubt, anger, fear, grief, confusion, and questions. You can bring everything to him in prayer.” –

Rick Warren

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## Pray for the Norwegian Jew in Norway \*

**Population:** 1,300

**Christian:** 0.4%

**Primary Religion:** Ethnic Religions

The Jews of Europe arrived on the continent at least 2,000 years ago during the early days of the Roman empire. Since then, they have been a significant influence in the history and culture of Europe. Norway is home to a small Jewish population.

### **Ministry Obstacles:**

Jews in European countries associate Christianity with persecution since much of the persecution through the centuries was church sanctioned.

### **Prayer Focus:**

Pray that the few Jewish background believers in Europe would be filled with the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Pray they would make a conscience effort to bless others with the fragrance of Christ. Ask the Lord to soften the hearts of the Jewish people in Norway towards Christ so they might hear and receive the message of salvation. Pray that God would grant Jewish believers favor as they share their faith in Christ with Jewish people. Pray for a church planting movement within the Jewish community in Norway.

\* From the “Joshua Unreached of the Day” App. Please download for more information

## Pray for your "One"

Are you praying for your one? During this time, I want to encourage you to be praying evangelistically for your one. How has God placed on your heart? Invest, Invite and Inquire

As you have considered evangelistic efforts, what has God been leading you through? Are there specific people God continues to place on your heart? Are there ways God is asking you to invest in their lives?

Ask of God. Pray for your "One" and continue to add to your list.

## FSBC Prayer Focus

For three days, join with me and pray youth ministry.

Our youth meet every Sunday evening. Tyler has developed a time of games, food, worship, and Bible Study. On Wednesday night they have a High School Bible Study after many of the youth have volunteered for Awana. One of the exciting aspects of this years youth group is the creation of their own "Evangelism Tract." They will be creating a tract and then teaching it to the church. It will be a great tool to help us reach the lost for Jesus Christ.

Prayer:

1. **Tyler**—Pray for Tyler as he leads our student ministry. The youth love him and Nicole and they have been growing in their faith.
2. **New Believers**—Be praying for the new believers God is reaching in the youth ministry. Pray they might grow in grace and knowledge and be transformed into Christ's image.
3. **Students in the Schools**—We have youth who go to public and private schools. We have a few youth who are homeschooled. No matter their schooling, we need to fervently pray for them. Would you consider adopting one of the students and pray daily for them. You can contact Tyler and he will give you a name or two.
4. **Parents**—The parents of our youth are tasked with a huge responsibility. There are unique obstacles they face that I did not face. Pray for the parents of our youth. Ask God to lead them into truth and wisdom.

## Prayer Reminders:

- - Prayer 9:38—Join Greg in praying every morning at 9:38 for workers in the harvest field.
- - 1@1—I saw this idea on the Texas Baptist website and really liked it. Join me everyday in praying for the lost in our area and around the world at 1:00 pm daily.
- 30 by 2023—Would you join me in praying for 30 baptism by December 31, 2023? Let's ask God to let us baptize 30 between September 1, 2022 and December 31, 2023.
- Adopt a Youth—Ask Tyler for a name or two of our youth to daily pray for.
- Extended Period with God

## Bibliography

I'll give you a few titles of books you may want to read or add to your collection.

1. *Spurgeon on the Priority of Prayer Compiled by Jason K. Allen*

## Mission Focused Prayer

### Webster Conference Center

As part of our regular mission giving, we include 1% of all general receipts to the Webster Conference Center.

### **Purpose Statement**

Webster Conference Center shall provide facilities, programs, and personnel to:

- assist churches in making disciples of Jesus Christ, and developing leaders
- assist people in meeting personal and professional leadership needs
- assist the Red Cross and other

relief organizations in providing food and shelter during times of disaster

Webster Conference Center has been designed with people like you in mind, and we invite you to come and enjoy a day, a weekend, or an entire week with your family, church, or civic organization. Facilities include sleeping rooms, meeting rooms, dining areas, recreational facilities, and large areas of open space where you can just get away from it all. Come and enjoy God's wonderful world in the retreat setting.

## My Utmost for His Highest by Oswald Chambers\*\*

### The Missionary's Goal

He...said to them, "Behold, we are going up to Jerusalem..." —[Luke 18:31](#)

In our natural life our ambitions change as we grow, but in the Christian life the goal is given at the very beginning, and the beginning and the end are exactly the same, namely, our Lord Himself. We start with Christ and we end with Him— "...till we all come...to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ..." ([Ephesians 4:13](#)), not simply to our own idea of what the Christian life should be. The goal of the missionary is to do God's will, not to be useful or to win the lost. A missionary *is* useful and he *does* win the lost, but that is not his goal. His goal is to do the will of his Lord.

In our Lord's life, Jerusalem was the place where He reached the culmination of His Father's will upon the cross, and unless we go there with Jesus we will have no friendship or fellowship with Him. Nothing ever diverted our Lord on His way to Jerusalem. He never hurried through certain villages where He was persecuted, or lingered in others where He was blessed. Neither gratitude nor ingratitude turned our Lord even the slightest degree away from His purpose to go "up to Jerusalem."

## Utmost for His Highest (Con't)

“A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master” ([Matthew 10:24](#)). In other words, the same things that happened to our Lord will happen to us on our way to our “Jerusalem.” There will be works of God exhibited through us, people will get blessed, and one or two will show gratitude while the rest will show total ingratitude, but nothing must divert us from going “up to [our] Jerusalem.”



“...there they crucified Him...” ([Luke 23:33](#)). That is what happened when our Lord reached Jerusalem, and that event is the doorway to our salvation. The saints, however, do not end in crucifixion; by the Lord’s grace they end in glory. In the meantime our watchword should be summed up by each of us saying, “I too go ‘up to Jerusalem.’ ”

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*John 15:7 “If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you.”*

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## Prayer Thoughts by Pastor Greg

If you remain, or abide, in Christ, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you. This is one of the most remarkable prayer promises in Scripture. Does it literally mean we can ask anything? Let’s step back and consider this verse.

To abide or remain in Christ has the idea of being attached to Him. It has the idea of drawing our power and sustenance from Christ, Himself. Jesus is our heart and soul.

Ask yourself, is Jesus your heart and soul? How much does your attention and affections focus upon Jesus. How often do you think about, meditate upon or consider the atonement of Jesus.

One of the fruits of abiding in Christ is answered prayer. As you focus more and more of your attention and affections upon Jesus and the cross, you will begin to think more and more like Jesus. You will begin to ask of God only those things Jesus would ask for.

This type of living takes time. It takes a willingness to forgo things of this world at times and spend time with Jesus. It is about remaining in His words and genuinely getting to know who Jesus is, how He works, and what He asks for. Get to know Him. As you do, you will see an increase in answered prayer because you ask of God what His Son would ask for.