

40-Day Prayer Walk Day 22

Passage: “Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.” —Galatians 6:9

Each time my family moves, I am reminded of how easy it is to give up. You see, as I clean out closets and shelves, I run across evidence of all the projects I deserted at the halfway point. Halfway is where excitement can wane, perhaps because I can't quite see the end yet. So I lose motivation and set projects aside *temporarily*, intending to return to them after a bit of a rest. Funny how easily I can forget those projects entirely. Out of sight, out of mind?

Practical: We've passed the halfway point of our prayer walk—did you notice? If not for the great promise in today's passage, we could possibly grow weary from praying for this long for this single event. Let Paul's reminder spur us on. As we keep-on-keeping-on with our FRIENDS OF FAITH challenge to bring in 100 beautiful women and our personal challenges, we *will* reap a harvest. We just have to remain focused, continue our prayer and then be committed to do what we know to do. Then, we walk patiently to the harvest that we will see in 18 short days.

Prayer: The FRIENDS OF FAITH is just around the corner. Let's pray for the invitations being offered today. Pray that the excitement of all that God has to offer through our up-coming FRIENDS OF FAITH settles in the minds of those who are to attend and leads them to say yes.

Thank you, prayer warriors!
Kim

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Day 23

Passage: “Former things have taken place, and new things I declare; before they spring into being I announce them to you.” —Isaiah 42:9

Boy, was I getting frustrated! Again and again, I tried to start up my computer. None of my usual tricks worked. My repetitive clicking of keys and bars intensified with my tension. I was getting nowhere fast, and getting nothing accomplished even faster. Didn't God know how much I had to get done?

Sounds funny now, I guess, but how many times have you felt this way too—knowing you should be getting something done but making zero progress?

Practical: I love when God makes Himself real in my everyday circumstances. Once I stopped and talked with Him about my computer incident, I immediately thought of the passage above. It dawned on me that my frustration had nothing to do with my computer but everything to do with what God was trying to say to me. God was reminding me that if we plan based on the successes of previous events, we will miss the wonders of the “new things” He has prepared for this FRIENDS OF FAITH Tour Across America. I got the message from my computer frustration: As we move into our final days, let's not rely solely on what worked before at other events; let's be open to new things God wants to do.

Prayer: Whatever we do in this ministry of Roses and Rainbows will always be the same: God-led and inspired, relational, conversational. But as our leadership committees meet this week, will you please pray that each committee receives from God what He wants to be new in our FRIENDS OF FAITH Tour Across America? Pray for last minute heavenly-messages. God has an announcement to make, and I know we want to hear!

Have a great day, everyone.

Kim

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Day 24

Passage: “Adam named his wife Eve.” —Genesis 3:20

Reading through some of those long lists of names in Genesis or Numbers can get pretty boring. This one begat that one, and that one begat this one. I’m tempted to ask, Who cares? But I know the answer: The people on the lists cared. And if our names were on that list, we would care also.

Prayer: Names are important. From the beginning of Genesis, we see that God kept a list of names. Will you pray that we do a great job of handling our lists of names and being organized and prepared for each woman who walks into our FRIENDS OF FAITH event? Pray for our registration teams and administrative teams. Who cares about a name? We do! And we want each woman to know her name means a lot to us.

Practical: We all have our own lists of names, don’t we? Now that you’re building this prayer habit, how about making a list of additional names you want to pray for each day. What about the people at the church who will be partnering with us? What about husband’s names? And don’t forget the names still not on our registration lists – how about letting them hear their name today as an invitation from you to FRIENDS OF FAITH.

Thank you for your faithfulness!
Kim

40-Day Prayer Walk Day 25

Passage: “Faith without works is dead.” —James 2:26 (KJV)

I said to my husband recently, “If people want to see faith at work, they should see all the work from the FRIENDS OF FAITH leadership team right now.”

Prayer: Yesterday, we prayed for those handling registration—our lists of names. Today, let’s focus on the moment those “names” actually walk into our FRIENDS OF FAITH event.

Practical: Your prayers have been the hard work that accompanies your faith. It’s truly been amazing to watch! Prayer has not been a last resort when you didn’t know what else to do. Rather, prayer has been a partner of our work. We can make our plans for the FRIENDS OF FAITH event and tweak our plans and have every detail in place, but it’s our diligent praying that will ensure each woman receives a calm, warm, and enriching experience with Jesus when she attends our FRIENDS OF FAITH event.

Thanks, prayer team, for your faith *and* work!
Kim

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Day 26

Passage: “And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.... Let us encourage one another.” —Hebrews 10:24-25

Many wish our lives had unfolded differently. For example, we may wish the injury hadn't happened... or the depression hadn't hit...or the misunderstanding hadn't happened. Maybe we wish we had achieved more in our careers so we could have afforded that dream house. Perhaps we wish we had dared to follow a dream.

Practical: We will be opening our FRIENDS OF FAITH doors to many who feel as though life has left them behind. What an awesome opportunity we will have to encourage each woman with God's truth! And what is that truth? That in God's eyes we are right where we are supposed to be. Jesus comes to us, wherever we are. He finds us in our happy times, and He sits with us in our times of deep sadness. He “gets” where we are, and He continually invites us to look at our lives through His eyes and see the good plan He still has for each of us.

Prayer: Today, let's pray for the greeters who will be standing at the doors of our FRIENDS OF FAITH event. These women are on the front lines of beginning the ministry of friendship to the ladies attending our event. From their designated spots at the entrances, they look each woman in the eye and tell her how delighted we are to see her. Pray that our greetings make each woman feel she is right where God would have her to be.

See you tomorrow,
Kim

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Day 27

Passage: “Let every man be swift to hear.” —James 1:19

The most important part of our conversations may not be the words we speak, but rather the words we *listen* to. In today’s passage, James reminds us to rush to listen. How much more natural it is for most of us to rush to *speak*! Yet at times in my life when I was the most confused or hurting, the greatest healing came from having someone simply sit and listen to me.

Practical: Our FRIENDS OF FAITH event is all about conversations. Those conversations are facilitated at our larger gatherings by each table’s table-talker. I ask each table-talker to prepare as if she has to talk the entire 30 minutes and to pray that she has to talk hardly at all. Ideally we, as facilitators, want to get the conversation started and then focus on listening. That way we can hear what is being said, we can hear what is *not* being said, and we can hear how God is leading us to encourage and equip.

Prayer: Let’s pray for the facilitators of the great conversations we hope will occur at our FRIENDS OF FAITH event. Pray that this group of women listen and lead great conversations, where everyone can laugh and share. Pray each table-talker will truly be swift to hear so that each woman will leave, as one of our gals likes to say, “feeling like we can conquer the world.”

Thank you, prayer team!
Kim

40-Day Prayer Walk Day 28

Passage: “Encourage one another and build each other up.” —1 Thessalonians 5:11

Encouragement is indispensable. There is no such thing as a person who doesn't need encouragement.

Practical: Sometimes it only takes a word, a smile, or a hug to encourage another person. Sometimes we may need to sit with someone and listen. All these are simple acts, but encouragement has an impact far beyond the apparent simplicity of the action. Can you recall a time when someone lifted your spirits at a Roses and Rainbows event? Our FRIENDS OF FAITH event will soon open its doors to women ready to pass along the encouragement they have received and to accept a fresh dose of encouragement from others. This is the greatest way to encourage the ministry of friendship.

Prayer: Let's pray that the ministry of friendship God has put within each of us will flourish. Ask God to help us slow down and look deeply into the eyes of those around us. Pray that we will hold ourselves accountable to ask others how they are doing...and then hang around for the answer. Pray we would notice opportunities to build up the women at FRIENDS OF FAITH as God spreads that ministry of friendship beyond FRIENDS OF FAITH to others who need it.

PLEASE continue to invite those you know and those you bump into. Please do not let anyone go uninvited!

Thank you, prayer friends!
Kim