

Monday, May 21 – *“For I am with you, and no one will lay a hand on you, for there are many in this city who are my people.” (Acts 18:10)* One of the ways that Jesus is with us day after day after day is through the love, care, support and admonition of those around us. Because of Jesus you know that you aren’t alone in all of this. There are others and they will be the hands, feet, arms and heart of Jesus for you. Just as you will be the exact same thing for them. We sometimes forget that this life as a follower of Jesus isn’t a sprint, it is a marathon. We also sometimes forget that we aren’t running this marathon alone!

Tuesday, May 22 – *‘But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness.” So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.’ (2 Corinthians 12:9)* This is what trips up many people. In order to fully experience a life in Christ one must embrace their weaknesses. We have been taught from a very young age that we hide our weaknesses. We don’t dare show anyone that we are weak in any way for the fear that they will exploit our weaknesses to our disadvantage and their advantage. Yet, how will we ever overcome that which trips us up again and again if we never acknowledge that which trips us up again and again?

Wednesday, May 23 – *“I can do all things through him who strengthens me.” (Philippians 4:13)* Do you believe this verse? All things? Really? Let’s get down to it. Do you want to do all things? The answer is “No”. I don’t want to walk through a swamp, but if I had to Jesus would give me the strength. I don’t want to be a window washer on the Empire State Building, but if I had to Jesus would give me the strength. I don’t want to have heart failure, but if I do Jesus will give me the strength. Do you get it? This verse isn’t about doing anything you want to like a super power. This verse is about being able to do anything you have to.

Thursday, May 24 – *“For this I toil and struggle with all the energy that he powerfully inspires within me.” (Colossians 1:29)* Being a follower of Jesus doesn’t mean that life is going to be easy. Being a follower of Jesus simply means that you have power, beyond yourself, that you can tap into when life requires it. I often wonder to myself how people with no faith make it through the tough times. I don’t know how you lay in a hospital bed and all you have is a hope that a doctor knows what they are doing. I don’t know how people deal with work stress, family stress, financial stress, etc. without a faith in Jesus. Life isn’t easy and I am so glad that I don’t have to go through it alone. It breaks my heart how many people doing just that.

Friday, May 25 – *“For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.” (Matthew 18:20)* There is power in numbers. Why is it that we always want to do things on our own? Our sin stained nature loves doing things alone because there is no accountability. The old saying is true. Character is how you behave when nobody is watching. God is a God of relationships. God created the universe as a relationship. God created human beings to be in relationship with him and with each other. We are relational beings. We crave it, we desire it and we long for it if we don’t have it. We might trick ourselves into believing, for a moment, that we don’t need anybody, but it just isn’t true. There is power when two or three people are gathered in Christ’s name. There is power in numbers and I will bet that you could use some power today. Go find some people and gather in Jesus’ name.

Pentecost - The Christian festival celebrating the descent of the _____ on the disciples after his Ascension, held on the seventh Sunday after Easter.

A festival celebrated fifty days after the second day of Passover. Commemorates God's giving of the _____ to Moses.

_____ someone a fish and you feed them for a day. _____ them how to fish and you feed them for a lifetime.

Revelation #1 – _____

Revelation #2 – _____

Revelation #3 – _____

Go – Out into the _____

Train – There is a _____ way!

Baptize – Help people to _____

Instruct – How do I _____ now?