

Bay City Wesleyan Church
December 8, 2019

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Sunday Morning 12-08-2019

Jesus gives the greatest Christmas gifts of all time.

He gives faith to defeat fear.

Hope to drive out despair.

Love to expel apathy.

Peace to overwhelm worry.

Joy to replace powerlessness.

<http://bible.com/events/6649328>

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Our First Series of 2020: The Spirit's Prayer Guide for Ordinary People

It seems like most people pray even if they aren't particularly religious. But we all struggle to pray. Ordinary people like you and I need all the help we can find. Let's smash our prayer struggles this year with a few simple practices.

Romans 7:21-25 NIV

21</small> So I find this law at work: Although I want to do good, evil is right there with me.

22</small> For in my inner being I delight in God's law;

23</small> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me.

24</small> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death?

25</small> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/rom.7.21-25.NIV>

Romans 8:1-4 NIV

1</small> Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus,

2</small> because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit who gives life has set you free from the law of sin and death.

3</small> For what the law was powerless to do because it was weakened by the flesh, God did by sending

his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh to be a sin offering. And so he condemned sin in the flesh,

4</small> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fully met in us, who do not live according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

<https://bible.com/bible/111/rom.8.1-4.NIV>

Lamentations 3:19-26 NIV

19</small> I remember my affliction and my wandering, the bitterness and the gall.

20</small> I well remember them, and my soul is

downcast within me. <small>21</small> Yet
this I call to mind and therefore I have hope: <small><font
color="#999999">22</small> Because of the Lord 's great love we
are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. <small><font
color="#999999">23</small> They are new every morning; great is
your faithfulness. <small>24</small> I
say to myself, "The Lord is my portion; therefore I will wait for him."
<small>25</small> The Lord is good to those
whose hope is in him, to the one who seeks him; <small><font
color="#999999">26</small> it is good to wait quietly for the
salvation of the Lord .
<https://bible.com/bible/111/lam.3.19-26.NIV>