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ASBURY DAILY STUDY GUIDE *November 4-9, 2024*

INTRODUCTION

The All Saints Day message, “Footsteps,” remembers members of Asbury Church who have died in the last year whose footsteps have influenced us and how, as Jesus followers, our footsteps make a difference in the lives of others as we live out our faith.

Monday: Ephesians 5:1-2

“The way of love,” as envisioned by the author of Ephesians, includes living in new ways of Godly righteousness and holiness (Ephesians 4:24), speaking in truth (Ibid. v. 25), putting hands to work for good rather than evil (Ibid v. 28), building up instead of tearing down (Ibid. v. 29), and putting aside hostilities in favor of compassion (Ibid v. 31-32). Which of these comes most easily for you? Which is most challenging? How can you work towards improving those that are challenging?

Tuesday: Matthew 4:18-22

The men who would become known as “the disciples” – titans of faith revered for centuries to follow – were merely living their daily lives when Jesus approached them and spoke three simple words: “come, follow me” (v.19). When have you felt Jesus calling you to do something – whether as audacious as to leave your career to follow a new way of living, or as simple as going out of your way to show kindness to somebody? How did following that calling change you? How did it better the life of someone else?

Wednesday: 1 John 2:3-8

Following Jesus means acting like Jesus, loving like Jesus, and caring like Jesus (among a litany of other actions and ways of living). How has someone walking in the footsteps of Jesus made it easier for you to walk in the footsteps of Jesus? How can you walking in the footsteps of Jesus better the life of someone who comes after you?

Thursday: Proverbs 2:20

The second chapter of Proverbs is all about wisdom and how it can guide our footsteps, culminating in the closing assurance to the reader that wisdom will allow us to “walk in the ways of the good and keep to the paths of the righteous” (v.20, NIV). How have you found wisdom to be a guide for you? What have the best sources of wisdom been for you? If they are found outside of the Bible, how have they intersected with your faith? How can you impart this wisdom on others as they chart their own faith journey?

Friday: Psalm 119:101-105

The words and laws found in the Bible have been used in many positive ways in the centuries since they were written (and, in some cases, for many years as oral tradition prior to that). But they have also been used for very hateful and negative reasons. What are ways that you can be sure the path that you’re journeying on is one that is led by a faithful, caring, loving reading of God’s Word?

MOVING FORWARD

Our lives are formed by those who have come before us – loved ones, religious figures, teachers, and many more people have all helped to lead us to where we are today. This week, consider how walking in the footsteps of those people has influenced your life; and how you will intentionally take footsteps for those following you to walk in as they seek to be better followers of Jesus.