WHICH Book Are You Living By?

Monday

Pray:

Read: Matthew 5:38-42 **Think about the following:**

- 1) Do we still hear the saying "an eye for an eye" today?
- 2) If so, why is this term popular?
- 3) Why does what Jesus suggest sound so radical?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, the world around us insists on "an eye for an eye", but you ask us to love others. Give us the strength to love others they way you do. In Jesus' name, amen.

Tuesday

Pray:

Read: Matthew 5:43-48 (also read Leviticus 19:18)

Think about the following:

- 1) Think of the specific people in your life who are easy to love?
- 2) Why are these people easy to love?
- 3) Now, think about specific people in your life who are NOT easy to love?
- 4) What makes loving these people difficult?
- 5) How do you feel God has called you to love them?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me this week to show kindness and love to my "enemies" that I mentioned above. Help me to do this so they may see your love in my life. In Jesus name, amen.

Wednesday

Pray:

Read: Luke 10:25-37

Think about the following:

- 1) What would it have been like to be the man who was robbed and have these "holy people" pass him by?
- 2) What is the significance of the man being cared for by the Samaritan?
- 3) How do you think this man may have felt about being cared for by a "Samaritan"?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have called us to care for those who the world discards. Help us to not pass by an opportunity to care for someone in need. Let us care for them so that they may see your glory. In Jesus name, amen.

Thursday

Pray:

Read: John 15:13; 10:11 Think about the following:

- 1) What is the greatest love?
- 2) Who would we lay down our life for?
- 3) Would we lay our life down for a stranger? Our enemy?
- 4) How did Jesus lay down his life for everyone?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank you that you sent Jesus, our good shepherd. Help us to never take this sacrifice for granted. In Jesus name, amen.

Friday

Pray:

Read: Luke 23:32-34

Think about the following:

1) How does Jesus demonstrate his perfect love in today's reading?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, even while Jesus was being crucified by his enemies, he still asked you to forgive them. Help us to forgive our enemies when they persecute us. In Jesus name, amen.

Saturday

Pray:

Read: Romans 6:6-7

Think about the following:

- 1) Why was our "old self" crucified with him?
- 2) What are we no longer slaves to?
- 3) What does this mean for our life today?

Prayer: Heavenly Father, you have freed us from our sin. Thank you for this gift. Help us to share our faith with others so they too may know this freedom! In Jesus name, amen.

