**LESSONS**

Praise God in good, bad times

For the past several weeks, I’ve been feeling spiritually unattached. My passion for prayer and scripture has waned and so has what was once a daily habit of meditating on the Word. I’ve been feeling the emptiness that always creeps in when I fail to put God above other responsibilities in my life. It isn’t that I’m not praying, I wake up every morning and thank God for the many things in my life.

But at night, after a few short prayers for those I know who are sick, lost or lonely, I’m left feeling unattached. I’ve been feeling spiritually empty and chores we have no choice but to carry out, that thinking makes me feel like I’m not doing God any justice. I don’t give up on faith, I love God and His word but I struggle with the emptiness that always creeps in at night.

The reality is that anything in my life right now is in His hands and I’m not in control of it. This is why we can ask God for anything and everything and He will hear our prayers.

The prayer that the future course is mapping out this way it should. How wonderful, right? I’m not sure.

The realization that I could have God’s love and strength at this time in my life is comforting.

**STUDIES**

**Gideon – Your weakness, God’s strength** Bible study to begin

The seven-week Bible study, “Gideon,” by Debbie Story, will begin Jan. 21 at the Serenity’s Lutheran Church, 613 N. Ben-Jones Dr.

This study will help you see God’s love for His servant, Gideon. You will see God’s strength when others see only weakness. You will see how God is not only powerful, but also present in your life. You will see how God is present and working in your life.

**SEE SHEET, E3**

**OCEANS FOR EMOTIONS**

**Seek, you shall find**

“Seek and you shall find, knock and the door will be opened. Ask and you shall receive.”

It’s a simple wealth of wisdom to live by, but sometimes it’s hard to remember. It’s easy to get caught up in our own problems and forget about seeking help from others.

But it’s important to always keep looking for help, whether it’s from a friend, family member or professional counselor.

In the past, I’ve struggled with depression and anxiety and found that seeking help from others has been beneficial.

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**ADVICE**

Don’t miss opportunity to help others in need

You don’t have to look for those people in need, God will bring them to you. It’s important to be responsive to the needs of others. He will give you the opportunity to help others in need.

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**FOR HELP**

If you or someone you love is struggling with alcoholism, contact the Alcoholics Anonymous website at www.aa.org or call 1-800-343-3083.

If you or someone you love is struggling with addiction, contact the National Mental Health Association at www.nmha.org or call 1-800-950-6266.

If you or someone you love is struggling with financial problems, contact the National Foundation for Credit Counseling at 1-800-388-2227.
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FOOD

The United Methodist Women of First United Methodist Church are hosting its 25TH ANNUAL ARTS ANDRAFT Bazaar on Saturday, November 4. The bazaar will feature an auction, bake sales, silent auction, a raffle for a trip to Europe and local items like jewelry, furniture, collectibles, gift baskets, and much more. The event will be held from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First United Methodist Church, 100 West Bank Street. Admission is $2 at the door for adults or free for children. All proceeds will benefit the church and its community outreach programs.

The event will also feature a silent auction with items such as handmade jewelry, art pieces, and gift certificates from local businesses. Visitors can browse the various items and make bids on their favorite items. The auction will close at 2 p.m., and the winning bidders will be announced at that time.

In addition to the auction, there will be a bake sale with a variety of delicious treats available for purchase. The sale will be held throughout the day, with new batches of baked goods being added as they sell out.

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Thank you for your support, and we look forward to seeing you at the event!
**FAITH CALENDAR**

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**MEN’S DAY CELEBRATION** is scheduled for Oct. 25 at Victory Christian Center, 425 N. Live Oak St., from 8 to 10:30 a.m. A breakfast will be served, followed by owning sessions. The cost is $10 at the door.

**REVELATION**

Revelation 20:11-15

SUNDAY, OCT. 25

**PRAIRIE BIBLE INSTITUTE** will hold its annual fall seminar Oct. 25-28 at Lutheran Church in College Station. For information, visit pbedministries.com.

**PRAYER**

**ONE DAY AT A TIME**

We meet each day with a freshness of heart to begin anew. Will we begin this day with a spirit of prayer, thankfulness and dependence? We cannot afford to delay or put off what is needed in our lives. Today is God’s gift to begin afresh. We need to trust him in all ways.

**REVELATIONS**

Revelation 13:11-12

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It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas. 

At least, that's what I've been reading to myself since Dec. 1.

I wake up each morning and hope that the elevated electric light bulb that is hanging from the ceiling will still be illuminated when I finish my prayer. I'm a sucker for Christmas lights, and I love staring at them as I fall asleep.

The ceiling in my bedroom is painted white, and it's the perfect backdrop for the colorful lights. I love how they create a warm and cozy atmosphere in my room. It's a great way to unwind after a long day.

My favorite thing about Christmas lights is their ability to transform a space into something magical. They can turn a plain wall into a stunning work of art, and they can make any room feel more festive and inviting.

Of course, God doesn't really care what we do during the holidays. But it's a fun time to practice our faith and celebrate the season with loved ones. 

I'm reminded of a story I heard about a woman who was given a gift of a special Christmas light. It was a small, white light that glowed softly and cast a warm glow. The woman was overjoyed to receive it, and she felt a deep sense of gratitude for the gift.

She decided to hang the light in her bedroom, where she could see it every night. As she walked by, the light would catch her attention, and she would feel a sense of peace and comfort.

One day, her husband came home from work and saw the light for the first time. He was struck by its beauty and asked her about it. She explained that it was a Christmas light given to her as a gift, and that she appreciated it more than any other decoration.

Her husband was impressed by her appreciation for the gift, and he decided to hang a matching light in their living room. They enjoyed the lights together, and they felt a deep sense of joy and contentment.

The woman's story reminds me that the true meaning of Christmas is not about gifts, but about finding joy and meaning in the simple things. It's about being grateful for the gifts we receive, and using them to bring light and warmth to those around us.

So, as I look at the Christmas lights hanging from my ceiling, I'm reminded to be grateful for the gifts I have, and to use them to bring light and warmth to others. 

I hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas, and that you find joy and comfort in the simple things.

Let's make this Christmas a time of love, kindness, and generosity. Let's reach out to those who need our help, and let's spread the light of love and joy to those around us.

Joy, peace, and love to all of you this holiday season.
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