November 3 | Sunday

Oh, What a Beautiful Morning...Save the World Read Matthew 5:6



04 | Mon - Righteousness | Read Matthew 5:6 / 2 Corinthians 5:21

The Greek word for righteousness is a combination of two words meaning just and right. As the creator, God has a just and rightful claim on every human being. Not everyone recognizes His claim, but those who understand it will want to conform to His standards of right living. Is it hard to trust God when you don't feel holy? Jesus is the one who makes you holy because he has given you the gift of *his* righteousness. What are some examples of Jesus living rightly?

05 | Tue – Mirror, mirror on the wall... | Read Romans 6:11-13

God's righteousness starts with the person in the mirror. How can you change the world unless you start with your self? The lyrics of 'Get Your Business Straight with God' (Carman) remind us: you can't teach what you don't know; you can't lead where you won't go. Would you take some time this week to consider the ways your life reflects the righteousness that comes from God? Then ask the Holy Spirit to help it spill over into other areas of life.

06 | Wed - A promise | Read Matthew 5:6 / 2 Peter 1:3-4

We can be hungry and thirsty for many things, passionate to attain or achieve or obtain. You can see teams chasing after a championship with all the energy they possess. College students make sacrifices and do whatever it takes to qualify them for the career of their dreams. Jesus promised that if you are hungry to know God and His kind of righteousness, you *will* be filled. Have you ever felt that kind of passion and experienced the promise? How and when?

07 | Thu - Confession | Read John 16:23

Living rightly is not easy; to be honest, it is not 'normal'. Have you been or are you now in the state of *not* being excited about living righteously? That kind of life can sound strict and dour with no element of joy. You know you 'should' but just don't feel it. You can be honest with God. If you admit it to Him, He will not reject you. Ask the Lord to put a hunger and thirst in your heart and see what happens. He will most definitely answer that request!

08 | Fri – The power of influence | Read Philippians 1:9-11

When a person changes on the inside, it starts to spill over into life. As a result, relationships change, priorities are rearranged, attitudes are affected. Your actions become more consistent with your beliefs. And without even noticing it, your influence grows. People are impacted by those who are humble and authentic. When you live your life this way, you become a positive influence for good...even before you ever say a word. What name comes to mind as the most authentic person you know? Why?

09 | Sat – Start here | Read Romans 12:1-2 / 2 Peter 1:3

There are many things in today's world that need saving...people's hearts, babies' lives, a child's innocence, endangered species, the environment. What are you passionate about? Maybe that is where God is calling you to be an influencer. How do you start? Begin with asking God to show you the place He wants to use you. Find others who have the same concerns. Learn the facts. God will open doors for action at the right time, especially if you are determined to honor Him in the words you say and the way you live.

