

LENTEN 2019



I *See* YOU



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Week Five: Day 23 - Monday, April 1, 2019

I See You – Alien

Scripture:

When an alien resides with you in your land, you shall not oppress the alien. The alien who resides with you shall be to you as the citizen among you; you shall love the alien as yourself, for you were aliens in the land of Egypt: I am the LORD your God.

(Leviticus 19-33-34 – NRSV)

Devotional Reading

There is much debate in the United States of America between Republicans and Democrats, millennials and boomers, liberals and conservatives and red, yellow, black and brown people on the status of aliens residing in the country. Are they legal or illegal? Should they be accommodated or shunned?

The Biblical mandate is clear. The alien should be treated the same as any citizen. Why? Moses indicates the Israelites to treat the alien with respect, reminding them that they as a people were once aliens in a land that was not their own.

When you have been an alien, you can empathize with those who decide on their own or are forced to leave their native land to seek a better life. It may be that your opportunity today is to make the alien you encounter feel welcomed and blessed. It may be them today who is the alien; it may be you tomorrow.

Be a Witness!

Week Five: Day 24 - Tuesday, April 2, 2019

I See You – Stranger

Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by so *doing* some have unwittingly entertained angels
(Hebrews 13:2 – NKJV)

Devotional Reading:

In most instances in the Bible, angels are always described as appearing in the form of a human being. The writer of Hebrews recognized this keen observation. The admonition given was to be hospitable to strangers as they may also angels (messengers) without you even knowing it.

How do you treat strangers? You know the man or woman who wears a turban or veil that you meet at the grocery each week. Or how about the family you see that sits on your row at church that you notice but have never spoken to. Or how about the person who is always sitting alone in the cafeteria at work or school during lunch.

Strangers are all around us. Some are searching, waiting on a message from God. Some are looking and waiting on you to bring a message from God. Be careful how you entertain the stranger as God may be calling you precisely at any given moment, to share a word or deed of blessing to the stranger that is in your presence.

Be a Witness!

Week Five: Day 25 - Wednesday, April 3, 2019

I See You – Homeless

Scripture:

*Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
and bring the homeless poor into your house;
when you see the naked, to cover them,
and not to hide yourself from your own kin?*

(Isaiah 58:7 – NRSV)

Devotional Reading

It has been reported that 564,708 people in the U.S. are homeless. According to a recent report, over half a million people were living on the streets, in cars, in homeless shelters, or in subsidized transitional housing during a one-night national survey. Of that number, 206,286 were people in families, 358,422 were individuals, and a quarter of the entire group were children.

Those who make up the homeless derive from all ethnicities, all classes, some are physically or mentally ill, some are estranged from family, some are on the run. The causes of one's homelessness are largely insignificant when compared to their need for support, love and peace.

How do you see the homeless? How do the homeless see you? While it may be no crime to be homeless, it is criminal to treat the homeless as anybody who is not a child of God.

Solving the problem of homelessness commences with your declaration to the homeless person, "I see you---beyond where you are."

Be a Witness!

Week Five: Day 26 - Thursday, April 4, 2019

I See You – Poor and Needy

For the poor will never cease from the land; therefore I command you, saying, 'You shall open your hand wide to your brother, to your poor and your needy, in your land.'

(Deuteronomy 15:11 – NKJV)

Devotional Reading

Moses said it. Jesus said it too. Experience confirms it. The poor and needy will always be on the planet. How can we feed them? How can we reach them? How can we teach them?

What's in your pocket? Put it in your hand and be prepared to give to the poor and needy. What's in your pantry? Open it and be prepared to give to the poor and needy. What's in your closet? Retrieve everything you can no longer wear and be prepared to give the same to the poor and needy.

Since the poor and needy will always be with you---be there for them with a kind word or deed. Then watch how God will open the door for you to minister to them in so many different ways.

Be a Witness!

Week Five: Day 27 - Friday, April 5, 2019

I See You – Neighbor

So he answered and said, “‘You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind,’ and ‘your neighbor as yourself.’ ”
(Luke 10:27– NKJV)

Devotional Reading

How you treat your neighbor is a fair indication of what you really think about yourself. Jesus said the greatest of all commandments and adherence to the law is wrapped up in how you treat your neighbor.

To be sure, you may not even know your neighbor’s name. Your neighbor may not properly maintain their property. It could be that your neighbor is anti-social and cold towards you. Nonetheless, Jesus advises to love your neighbor with your all.

Your neighbor is your opportunity to show and share God’s love to one who may be in need of deliverance. Your neighbor receiving your Christian witness may eventually become a good neighbor and what’s more---even a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Love your neighbor with all your heart, soul and your strength and like a good neighbor---be there.

Be a Witness!

Week Five: Day 28 - Saturday, April 6, 2019

My Weekly Prayer Journal

Today, my prayer for others is:

Today, my prayer for family is:

Today, my prayer for my church is:

Today, my prayer for my community is:

Today, my prayer for myself is:



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MATT 28:19 | Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.

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