

Trust

Sunday, March 25, 2012

John 15:1-4

Lent

A Season of Prayer and Reflection

Special Times of Prayer ⇔ Constant Awareness of God

Constant Connection

John 15:1-4; Jer 17:7-8

Image – Vines, Branches, Trees; Water, Roots; Fruit

Terms – Abide / Remain; Trust / Confidence

On a Journey

Eph 5:1-2; Gal 5:16-18

Image – Journey, Lifestyle

Terms – Walk, Way, Love, Spirit

In the Midst

Hab 3:17-19

In the Midst – Hardships; Distractions, Cares, Duties

Already and Not Yet – Trust, Vision

Passages for Pondering

John 15:1-4

1 “I am the true vine, and my Father is the gardener. **2** He cuts off every branch in me that bears no fruit, while every branch that does bear fruit he prunes so that it will be even more fruitful. **3** You are already clean because of the word I have spoken to you. **4** Remain in me, as I also remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.

Jer 17:7-8

7 “But blessed is the one who trusts in the LORD, whose confidence is in him.

8 They will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream.

It does not fear when heat comes;

its leaves are always green.

It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit.”

Eph 5:1-2

1 Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children **2** and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

Gal 5:16-18

16 So I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. **17** For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want. **18** But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Hab 3:17-19

17 Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

18 yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

19 The Sovereign LORD is my strength; he makes my feet like the feet of a deer, he enables me to tread on the heights.