

EMMANUEL PRAYER LIST - APRIL 2022
Ukraine Update - Bruce and Deb Crowe - Mir Ministries

- Deb and children have joined Bruce in Romania and are assisting with giving aid.
- Van and driver documents needed to cross the border.
- Communication needed to find friends in Ukraine.
- Wisdom among missionaries inside Ukraine (Protection, Timing, Travel).
- Open doors for aid into villages where the Crowe's serve.
- Romanian church network, continued unity, open hearts.
- To continue shining the Light of Christ in this dark hour, for safety & aid.
- Many of the youth from Club 180 are now in the army, and need God's protection.
- \$72,000 was generously raised for sending humanitarian aid to the ministry!

Study continued

8. Read John 11:33-42. Next we need to surrender our heart. After Jesus spoke with Martha and Mary, he then went to the tomb. Everyone was grief stricken. Jesus was filled with compassion, and we are told that Jesus wept. Undoubtedly, he was sorry, for the grief people were experiencing. But he wasn't sad about Lazarus, as He knew what He was about to do. What was the bigger issue that Jesus wept over?
9. He told them to roll away the stone. That stone, in many ways, is symbolic of all those things that stop us seeing Jesus for who He really is, God. What are some of the 'stones' in our lives that stop us seeing Jesus?
10. Read John 11:43-44. Lastly, we need to surrender our life, our circumstances. If we are going to live a life of faith then we need to realise that the circumstances of our lives are in the hands of God. Jesus told Lazarus to come out of the grave. Imagine you are there, what would it have been like? He told them to take off the grave clothes. Jesus wants us to be wrapped in the clothes of life (Read Colossians 3:12).

What would be some of the 'grave clothes' of our old life that we need to get rid of?

**The words found on a cellar wall inside a
concentration camp in Cologne.
Written by a Jewish inmate.**

"I believe in the sun, even when it is not shining."

"I believe in love, even though I don't feel it."

"I believe in God, even when he is silent."



When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth.

Luke 18:8

1. Surrender - Martha & Mary John 1:1-44

2. Commitment - Simon of Cyrene Mark 15:21-32

3. Purpose - Thomas John 20:24-29

MARTHA & MARY John 11:1-44

Luke 18:8 Why did Jesus ask if He would find faith on the earth when he returns?

WHAT IS GOD SAYING IN THE MIDST OF OUR STRUGGLES?

v.3 Lazarus is sick, the situation is desperate - What did Jesus do?

Martha (v.20-21) If you had _____ my brother would not have died.

What did Mary do?

Martha's struggle: (v.22-24)

Sometimes God doesn't change your situation because _____

Often it's only in the midst of struggles & suffering that we start to see.....

THE NEED TO SURRENDER

Matt 16:24 True followers of Jesus are called to: _____

_____ & _____

Deny yourself =

1. Surrender our _____ (our arguments, intellect etc) v.25-27

I Am the _____ & the _____

Do you _____ this?

2. Surrender our _____ (It's not about _____) v.33-40

What stone is stopping you from seeing the glory of God?

3. Surrender our _____ (Our circumstances, struggles etc) v.43-44

Lazarus _____!

What the grave clothes represent:

Col 3:12

1. Read Luke 18:1-8. In the parable, Jesus talks about the struggles we face, the injustices of the world etc. Why do you think he ends the parable by saying, "When the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

What are some of the things in the world that pull us away from faith in God?

2. Read John 11:1-21. Lazarus is sick, and the sisters send word to Jesus to come. Put yourself in the position of Martha and Mary. How would you have reacted to the fact that Jesus didn't respond immediately to your request?

Have there been times in your life when you've prayed, but it has seems that God has not heard, or ignored, your prayers?

What did it do to your faith?

3. Peter said that it's often only in the middle of our struggles that we start to see our heart, our sin, our wretchedness. What is God's ultimate desire for our lives?

4. Martha gets into a discussion of theology with Jesus (v. 22-24). Martha seems to have a good grasp on doctrine, but she is struggling in her heart to apply it to her life, because of her grief. Have you ever found yourself knowing the answers to theological questions, and knowing the answers to what's going on in your life, but struggling to apply it when comes to your personal life?

5. Read John 11:25-27. Faith isn't about understanding doctrines, or belief systems, or spiritual concepts, it's about a person, the person of Jesus Christ. Explain what Jesus meant when He said to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die?"

How did this apply to her situation? How does it apply to yours?

6. Read Matthew 16:24. Jesus said that there are three things that are essential to being a true believer. What are they?

If we're not careful, the situations we go through in life can cause us to turn away from God. However, God uses our situations in life to strengthen our faith. The first of these essentials in to 'deny yourself.' What does that mean?

7. Ultimately, denying oneself is surrender. The first thing that we need to surrender is our mind, our arguments, our intellect. We often want the answer to the question, "Why?" But God usually doesn't answer that question. Rather, we should ask, "What is God saying to me in this circumstance?" How hard is it for you to be satisfied with not knowing the answer to the "Why" question?