**Lent Scripture Readings 2018**

February 20-27

**Wednesday: Daniel 9:5-6**

*We have sinned and done wrong. We have been wicked and have rebelled; we have turned away from your commands and laws. We have not listened . . .*

How willing are you to pray this “we” prayer? What does God need to show you so that you can?

**Thursday: Romans3:23, 27a**

*For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God . . . Where, then, is boasting?*

How have we protected ourselves from experiencing the pain sin brings God? Consider fasting one way you have separated yourself from the people who need to see God’s work in you.

**Friday: Romans 4: 1a, 2-3**

*What then shall we say . . . . If in fact, Abraham was justified by works, he had something to boast about—but not before God. What does the Scripture say? “Abraham believed God, and it was credited to him as righteousness.*

As you bring yourself before God, ask Him to point out anywhere you have placed more importance on your knowledge, experience, skill, or service than on God’s credit to your salvation account. Live in His credit as your worth.

**Saturday: Mark 8:29**

*“But what about you?” [Jesus] asked. “Who do you say I am?”*

How do your daily actions and attitudes communicate your answer to Jesus’ question to those you live with, work with, play with, worship with? Confess any disconnect between what you believe and how you demonstrate that belief.

**Second Sunday of Lent: Mark 9: 4 & 8**

*And there appeared before them Elijah and Moses, who were talking with Jesus. . . . Suddenly, when they looked around, they no longer saw anyone with them except Jesus.*

How can you protect a single-focus on Jesus today in worship? What do you need to stop seeing or thinking about. Pray for eyes that see Jesus only.

**Monday: Psalm 105:4**

*Look to the Lord and his strength; seek his face always.*

Where do you need the Lord’s strength to be who Jesus needs you to be? Where will you see Jesus’ face today? Near someone’s hurt, anger, insecurity or joy? With that fresh vision, how can you be the face of Jesus for someone?

**Tuesday: Hebrews 11:1**

*Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see.*

 How does God make His redeeming work and eternal reward certain for you? How does this certain hope infuse your day with joy and thanksgiving?