

“First Watch” Touch Points for Evangel’s Prayer Vigil team
For the week of November 8, 2015

When Creativity Won’t Come

The current series of Touch Points is taken from “Time Out in Tough Times,” from the editors of Guide-posts (MIF Books, 2009). The reflections come from a variety of writers.

READ: God created man in His own image. . .

Genesis 1:27

REFLECT: “You can make anything you want,” the teacher said, placing jars of paint in the center of each table. I watched as the preschoolers began swiping and swirling the colors across their papers.

When the pictures were done, we arranged them along the wall: a strawberry tree; a blue dog; a lady with six hands, “because by mommy’s always saying she needs more hands.” I was impressed that each drawing was unique. Such creativity!

I thought about my own life. How routine it had become. I made the same meatloaf, drove the same routes, prayed the same phrases. I even made the same mistakes.

God is the great Creator—and we are His children, made in His image. Creativity is our heritage! Yet often we face both our opportunities and our problems with tunnel vision. Creativity enables us to see things in new ways, to produce original solutions, to break out of the “but-we’ve-always-done-it-this-way” rut.

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PRAY: *Holy Spirit, I want to do things the-way-we’ve-never-done-it way. Would You give me ideas how?*

DO: Try to do the usual tasks in your life in an unusual way.

ADDITIONAL PRAYER PROMPTS

- Use the Pause to Pray as a guide to focus on other concerns through the week. *The full version used on Wednesday evenings is on the table in the lobby and on the website (see Archives).*
- Reflect on this week’s worship service, the music, Scriptures, and Pastor Dave’s message “Caught Up Together—Part 2” (1 Thessalonians 4:13-18)*. Pray that the Lord will lead you to ways to apply the lessons learned in your own walk with Christ, as you connect with different people this week.
- Continue to pray for opportunities to invite people to our services, and to become engaged in spiritual discovery with the people of Evangel in other ways as well. Ask the Lord to open doors of conversation, connection or compassion with others to enable that engagement this week.

** A podcast of the sermon and other materials will be posted on the website by Monday.*

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