

Running into the light

1. God gives me

FEAR

Submit yourselves to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee. James 4:7

Always pray and never give up. Luke 18:1

2. God gives me

Barnabas and Paul took Mark with them. Acts 12:25

Mark deserted them... and did not continue with them. Acts 15:38

3. God gives me

Barnabas took Mark and sailed for Cyprus. Acts 15:39

Steps in the right direction:

..... matter. matter. matter.

4. Warning: is possible

My Spirit will not always strive with humans. Genesis 6:3

Pharaoh hardens... Ex.8:15, 8:32. God hardens... Ex.9:12, 10:1

If you want to hear God's voice, do not harden your heart. Hebrews 4:7

5. But I can join the

Get Mark and bring him with you, because he is helpful to me in my ministry. 2 Timothy 4:9-11

Papias recorded, "John the Apostle used to say, 'Mark became Peter's interpreter and wrote accurately all that Peter remembered of the things said or done by the Lord... to one thing Mark gave attention: to leave out nothing and to make no false statements.'"

But He gives us more grace. James 4:6

My grace is sufficient for you, for My power is made perfect in your weakness. 2 Corinthians 12:9

The ACTS of prayer, plus needs for which to seek for answers.

A. Adoration; C. Confession; T. Thanksgiving; S. Seeking

For personal reflection, or group discussion

1. This sermon was titled *Running into the light*.
 - a) Were/Are you a fast runner or athlete?
 - b) Would you rather run into the light, or into the dark? Why?
2. How can fear lead to 3 very different responses (Fight, Freeze, Flee)?
3. Read James 4:7.
 - a) What are the 2 conditions, and why are they listed in that order?
 - b) Why would the devil flee?
4. Read Luke 18:1, noting the words *always* and *not / never*. What is the correlation between them?
5. Why do you think God gives second, and third, chances? What is the appropriate response on my part?
6. When should we give second chances to others. In what ways does Luke 17:3-4 help? In what ways is this text 'Tough Love'?