

M I D - W E E K D E V O T I O N

It is easy for us to get caught up in everything is a storm all of the time. Our culture wants us to believe that everything is a storm of all time. When we live in this whirlwind of information, entertainment, news and so on, we lost track of what matters.

The whirlwind wants us to think and move quickly, so we don't really think about anything at all. It places labels on things for us, turning our neighbor into our enemy. It wants us to stop seeing people as beloved children of God and see them as foreigners, invaders, immoral, un-American, or not true Christians.

But we do not worship the whirlwind. We worship the one who calms the storm. We worship the one who reminds us the only way we should look at anyone is as beloved. We worship the one True God and we seek to emulate Jesus Christ, the one who stills storms and saves us all.

So this week, emulate Christ. Love one another. When the storms of the world surround you, go to the front of the boat and take a nap. Step away from the whirlwind and look to the cross, the anchor of our faith. Let it be our touchstone as we walk through this world.

The Fruit of the Spirit

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Galatians 5:22-23 (NIV)

The puzzle is based on Galatians 5:23-23



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LOVE

GENTLENESS

CONTROL

GOODNESS

SPIRIT

JOY

KINDNESS

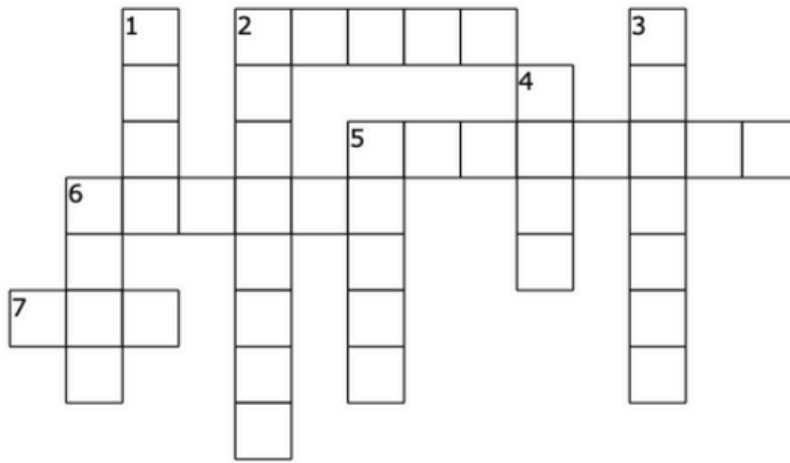
FAITHFULNESS

LAW

PATIENCE

FRUIT

PEACE



ACROSS

2. The usually sweet part of a plant or tree which is good to eat
5. Calmly waiting for something to happen
6. To be kind and tender toward others
7. A feeling of happiness.

DOWN

1. A strong feeling of caring for another person
2. To be loyal and true
3. Being in charge of your feelings actions (self-_____)
4. Treating others with respect
5. Not angry or fighting with another
6. Showing kindness toward others.

GOOD	FRUIT	JOY	CONTROL	FAITHFUL
PATIENCE	KIND	LOVE	PEACE	GENTLE

