***A Prayer Journey in the New Year:***

January 2023

Welcome to the fourth week of January! Please continue setting aside a time each day to meditate on some Scripture and to pray about some specific questions along with me.

Week 4:

I. Verses to meditate on this week:

A. Jeremiah 29:11-13:

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope.**Then you will call upon me and come and pray to me, and I will hear you.* *You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart.*

B. Romans 8:35-39:

***35****Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword?****36****As it is written,*

*“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
    we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”*

***37****No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.****38****For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,****39****nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

II. Pray with me through the Lord’s Prayer each day. Concentrate on God’s victory and protection:

*…* *And lead us not into temptation, deliver us from evil (or: “from the evil one”).*

III. Aids for prayer (you can pray about one of these each day of the week or all each day, whatever seems natural to you):

1. How can we celebrate the stories of God’s transforming work in our lives?

2. How can we encourage each other to keep from being distracted from Jesus’ commission?

3. Are there some ways we can give tangible support to one another in reaching our neighbors?

4. What specific ministry or outreach target is God laying on your heart?

5. What might we need to change to be more effective in Gospel mission?