

**“GOD ON THE MOVE”**  
**“God Moves... Over the Fence”**

This week we took a closer look at tangible ways to begin moving with God through ordinary life matters. The walk we are going on to Jerusalem is a long journey but remember the importance of moving and keeping active in your faith and health even in your own backyard. The work of Lent is searching our lives for the many ways God is present as we move to the cross. As you go throughout this week, be intentional to keep finding ways to stay active in your faith in this journey of Lent. **(Study Guide written by Pastor Rebecca Goltry Mohr)**

This week we completed 1,362 miles! Just 4,547 to go until we reach Jerusalem!

Things I'd like to remember from today's sermon: **“God Moves... Over the Fence”**

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*Daily prayer: Gracious God, Embolden our hearts and spirits as we press on toward the goal and remind us that we do not walk this road alone.*

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This week's sermon may be viewed at <http://sundaystreams.com/go/firstwichita>

## Study Guide

### **Monday, March 25: Luke 13:1-5**

“Repent, or you will perish.” This call to repentance to change your heart is the business of Lent. In the scripture Jesus gets the point across that it does not matter who or why, but we are all in need of repentance. Today, instead of thinking through the people who have wronged you, and before blaming others- turn 180 degrees around and reorient your day to follow God. Repent, and know God. **Daily challenge:** *Move Upward- Find ways to move into a deeper relationship with God, allow God’s rhythms of justice and righteousness to become your movement upward.*

### **Tuesday, March 26: Luke 13:6-9**

Can’t you relate to the man whose fig tree won’t produce? What strikes me most in this scripture is the patience of the man. For three years he was hoping for fruit, but now he wants the tree to be cut down. The gardener advises him to have patience and wait for one more year before cutting it down. This patience takes a lot discipline. So frequently when things don’t go our way, we believe we can “get rid of the problem.” This scripture is pointing towards a different solution of waiting rather than irrationally taking action. **Daily challenge:** *Move inward- Find ways to move into knowing yourself, allow your gifts and passions to be realized in all that you do. Move toward accepting yourself, just the way you are.*

### **Wednesday, March 27: Psalm 63:1-8**

In the midst of the desert days in Lent, our souls that are dry, weary and faint thirst for God. As we continue to move toward Jerusalem, our bodies might become tired, and our drive to achieve distance might diminish, but the love of God and desire to know and be known by God are still present. Rest and be thankful that God never leaves you and that you always have a God that cares and replenishes you in times of need. **Daily challenge:** *Move outward- Find ways to assess the community you live, work and play in. Move out beyond yourself to help a neighbor, volunteer for an organization, or make connections that challenge your daily comfort.*

### **Thursday, March 28: Isaiah 55:1-9**

God invites you to into the abundant life. The nurturing word of God never runs out and is always available for all to freely partake. This invitation from God, is the hope we need to keep walking toward God’s promises. When the dirge of life as we know it leaves you feeling empty, the abundant life through God will fill and sustain you. **Daily challenge:** *Move ofward (of the church) - Find and commit to ways to plug into the church and become a more committed follower of Jesus by your service to our local congregation. Move throughout the hallways and classrooms, praying for teachers, participants, and for the holy connection that happens when we share and learn about how God is moving in our church today.*

### **Friday, March 29: 2 Corinthians 10:1-13**

In 2 Corinthians Paul is not well-liked. He tries to appeal through the humility, meekness and gentleness of Christ, but clearly Paul is trying to dampen the wages of war against him by bringing a message of peace that is rooted in Christ. This meekness is something that we all could benefit greatly from. As the week began you began in repentance, now you move towards meekness and humility. May God’s love continue to move with you as you continue the soul work of Lent. **Daily challenge:** *Move into Wholeness- Throughout the week you have been challenged to move upward, inward, outward and ofward. Today, reflect on how each of these movements has helped you to welcome wholeness in life and relationships. As you journey throughout Lent, God will continue to purify you and put a new and right spirit within you.*