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INTRODUCTION

The Daily Care Devotional Guide is mean t to provide you with scriptural guide, revelation and inspiration during your quiet time with God and personal or corporate bible study.

For you to grow in faith and withstand the evil wind of the enemy in these last days, it is pertinent that you are deeply imbedded in the word of God which is the light that guides you through the best pathway of life and gives understanding t0 the simple. **Psalm 119:105** says, *"Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"* and **Psalm 119:130** also says, *"The entrance of your words gives light; it gives understanding to the simple."* God's counsel to Joshua in **Joshua 1:8** is, *"This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will have good success".*

Hence, the word of God is much needed for a successful Christian Life.

As you diligently make use of this Devotional, **Daily Care From On High,** be thorough in going through the recommended Bible text(s) and not just the commentary. Seek to meditate on what you have read, apply it to your life and share it with others. It is being used by families, individuals, groups, as well as churches. Surely, you will be blessed abundantly as you make use of it.

- SAT. JANUARY 1 -

PRAISE GOD IT'S A NEW YEAR!

Ecclesiastes 3:11

"He hath made everything beautiful in His time"

Praise God for a new year and a new season. *"Let all that has breath praise him"* **(Psalm 150:6)** for the gift of life. Praise God! It is good to celebrate and give thanks to God for the privilege of making it to another year of beauty. Therefore, I declare to you that; Life shall be amazing and beautiful for you this year. You shall spread without limits on every side in everything you do this year. High mountains shall be made plain for you this year. As God has brought you into the beginning of this wonderful year, He shall walk you through and carry you till the end of the year in the name of Jesus, Amen.

How you begin this year determines how well you can end. To begin with God and trust in Him is to end in victory and to begin with Satan is to end in disaster. So, make demand on God's presence from today and you will end the year in victory.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for this new year and for the gift of life. We ask for your presence always, Amen.

- SUN. JANUARY 2 -

WE ARE NEW IN CHRIST

"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation, old things passed away, behold all things have become new" **2Corinthians 5:17**

The very moment we receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and savior, we instantly become a new creation; your spirit is made alive in him and the old man passes away. His peace fills your heart. Of course, everything in your life doesn't change instantly. Some things do, but God will do somethings in your life over time as you grow in your relationship with him. The key is to keep moving forward in your spiritual journey one step at a time. As you abide in him by spending time with him in prayer and worship, as you study his word and connect with other believers in a bible-based church, He will continue to transform you and renew you from the inside out.

Today, remember, God is at work in your life. You may not be where you want to be. You may have made some mistakes or had some setbacks, know that in him, you are the righteousness of God. In him you are new. In him is everything you need. Stay on the God of victory by staying in Him.

PRAYER

Father, thank you, for making me a new man in Christ Jesus, Amen.

- MON. JANUARY 3 -

SET THE TONE FOR THE YEAR

Psalm 34:1

"I will bless the LORD at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth."

When you wake up in the morning, what is the first thing you do? Do you look for God's goodness? Do you set the tone for success, favour and blessing? We are in the first month of the year, last year may have some hardships and difficulties, but it's time to set the tone for a new season.

The scripture tells us that the darker it gets in the world, the brighter it's going to be for God's people. Things may have been bad all around you. People may be negative, complaining and discouraged, but don't let that spirit rub off on you. The worse it gets, the brighter you're going to shine, **Isaiah 60:1-3**. Be determined to set the tone for the New Year by praising God and speaking words of faith over your future.

PRAYER

Father, I set the tone to receive your favour, grace and mercy. Thank you for your faithfulness to me at all times in Jesus name. Amen.

- TUES. JANUARY 4 -

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Genesis 13:1-18

"For all the land which thou seest, to thee will I give it, and to thy seed forever." **Genesis 13:15**

January is often when people are troubled and full of anxiety on how to go about the year. concerns are on; how do I pay the bills, house rent, children's school fees and take up some other responsibilities? "What do you see?" Are you seeing the best for this year or you've allowed the bills and challenges to take over your mind and take off your eyes from God?

The beginning of the year may not be an easy start due to most challenges that comes with it, but do not be like the disciples of Jesus who started their journey with Jesus but they forgot that Jesus who started the journey with them is still with them in the same boat. Do not see as Gehazi, the servant of the prophet Elisha - **2Kings 6:15.** See a glorious future!

PRAYER

Lord, I open my eyes to see good things irrespective of what pictures the enemy projects for the year in Jesus name, Amen

- WED. JANUARY 5 -

DECIDE WISELY

Genesis 13:11

"Then Lot chose him all the plain of Jordan; and Lot journeyed east: and they separated themselves the one from the other."

The plain of Jordan looked green to Lot and he chose it. But there was more to Sodom than the greenness of the Land. There was a lot of wickedness in Sodom, even Lot became sick of the immorality**.** The green land became a wasted land because it was destroyed by God.

Gold in its raw form does not look appealing, taking decisions like Lot without a critical look into the right issues and necessary factors are the major setback to success. Things are not really as they appear on the surface. Every open door is not an opportunity, some are traps. Look before you leap.

Ask the right questions, pray and investigate before you decide on what to do. Lot saw Sodom as a well-watered plain, but the choice he made based on what he saw ended up as the worst decision of his life.

PRAYER

Proverbs 16:2-3, 7-9

- THURS. JANUARY 6 -

SUCCESS COMES FROM GOD

Genesis 24:48

"And I bowed down my head, and worshipped the Lord, and blessed the Lord God of my master Abraham, which had led me in the right way to take my master's brother's daughter unto his son."

The word Success was used by Eleazar, the servant of Abraham, who was sent to get a wife for his master's son, Isaac. It is translated "God Speed" in the King James Bible. In recognition of the fact that no one can be successful unless enabled by God. He prayed; *"Lord God of my master Abraham, give me success today"* **Genesis 12:24 (GNB)**. He acknowledged God as the giver of success. What he asked was granted him and he returned home to his master with Rebecca.

Many people in a bid to succeed may know that God can give them whatsoever they want but because they were not ready to follow the right process just as Eleazer did and got the choice result, they chose to sell their souls to the devil and may have all the fame and wealth they desire, but the truth is, material acquisition alone does not equate to success. Wealth is a means to an end and not an end in itself. Success comes from God.

PRAYER

Lord, direct my paths. Amen

PREPARE AND STRATEGIZE

Genesis 14:14

"And when Abram heard that his brother was taken captive, he armed his trained servants, born in his own house, three hundred and eighteen, and pursued them unto Dan."

Imagine how helpless Abram would have been if his servants were not trained and armed when the news of Lots taken captive got to him. However, he had prepared for war in the time of peace; his trained three hundred and eighteen servants were mobilized. They went to war, defeated very strong armies and brought back bounties. Had Abram started to train his people when the news got to him, he would have been willing but lack the capability to rescue Lot.

His proactive in training and preparation of his servants as a ready army made him a major player especially in the battle for supremacy as Kings were at his mercy. Cotin Powell, a former U.S Secretary of States said, *"There is no secret to success. It is the result of preparation, hard work and learning from failure".* ***Please prepare ahead.***

PRAYER

Lord, help me to be prepared always.

- SAT. JANUARY 8 -

STRATEGIC ALLIANCE

Genesis 14:13

"And there came one that had escaped, and told Abram the Hebrew; for he dwelt in the plain of Mamre the Amorite, brother of Eshcol, and brother of Aner: and these were confederate with Abram."

Abram did not go to battle with only his servants; even though they were trained, he went also with his allies; Aner, Eshcol and Mamre. These people were the inhabitants of the Land, they got there before Abram and knew the terrain better than him. Abram did not underrate them; neither did he dismiss their capability and right. He formed an alliance with them and their alliance was mutually rewarding, He took them to battle and when they returned, he ensured that they were well compensated.

Who are your allies? Is your alliance strategic? Can you succeed with the people currently surrounding you? Do the people around you have the capacity to contribute to your success? If your answers are not favourable, you need to do an audit of the people around you. Success is infectious, so is Failure.

PRAYER

Lord, I pray for the gift of men to help me in my journey this year, Amen.

INSTANT GRATIFICATION

Genesis 25:32

"And Esau said, Behold, I am at the point to die: and what profit shall this birthright do to me?"

Instant gratification has buried many dreams and destinies. Wanting to satisfy the immediate need, whether it is costlier to do so or not has reduced many to failure. It is a temptation to sacrifice a future benefit for an immediate but less rewarding benefit. Immediate benefit is often pleasurable; Food, entertainment, sex, sleep, etc. These things are not bad in themselves, but when they are embraced at the wrong time and with the wrong persons (as in sex), they destroy more than they build.

Esau was the first son of Isaac and by virtue of that, the birthright was his without any hitch. He, however, sold it to his brother Jacob, because he needed to eat. Jacob asked Esau for what would last a lifetime and he (Esau) gave it up for a plate of food. What a trade off!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, may I never sell my future as Esau did in Jesus name. Amen

DANGER OF INSTANT GRATIFICATION

1Corinthians 10:23

"All things are lawful for me, but all things are not expedient: all things are lawful for me, but all things edify not."

Esau's reckless lifestyle is written to warn us against instant gratification. Success requires sacrifice, it demands that you forego many things for what you are aiming at. Achieving success may require you to reduce the hours of your sleep. It may require eating less, it may also mean sticking to a strict schedule of activities that will sharpen you and make you fit for what you desire. You cannot afford to gratify every desire that comes and anytime it comes.

A measure of self-denial is required for your success to manifest. Make the most of your time, do not squander it on pleasure. Pleasure should only come after work, except if Pleasure is the work.

PRAYER

Lord, may I not be enticed with the pleasures of this world.

WATCH AND PRAY

Matthew 26:41

"Watch and Pray, that ye enter not into temptation, the spirit indeed is willing but the flesh is weak"

We are in a season of highly wired satanic induced programmers and projections. So many has fallen victim as a result of the satanic manufactured forces. The stage is getting more bloody as the days go by. The weak element will definitely be exterminated by the strong. If you are not strong, you may be counted among the preys.

This is not time to play Church or entertainment ministry. It is time to pray. Afflictions and trial times are prayer times. Watch and pray so you don't enter into temptation. **James 5:13** says *"Is any afflicted, let Him Pray..."* If you make light the ministry of prayer in this season, you may become a prey. Therefore, watch and pray that you enter not into temptation.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray for the revival of my Prayer Life in this season in Jesus name. Amen

DESPERATE AND FERVENT PRAYER

Psalm 88:1-18, James 5:13-18

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" **James 5:16b**

The **Psalm 88** in our text is a prayer of someone who has suffered possibly prolonged sickness and has turned to tell God the problem as he felt and endured excruciating pain from it. Notice to whom he directed his prayers in **Verse 1 and 2** and how often he did this in **Verse 1b, 9 and 13.**

We must always turn to God in prayer especially when we face challenges and trust him to hear us. And this is the confidence that we have in him that, if we ask anything according to his will, he heareth and if we know that He hears us, whatsoever we ask, we know that we have the petitions that we desired of him. So, go to God in Prayer over every issue and every challenges of Life.

PRAYER

Lord, I Pray for healing of the sick people, I pray for the Church, I pray that you meet for my family needs.

THE THRONE OF GRACE

Hebrews 4:16

"Let us therefore come boldly into the throne of Grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need"

Praying is simply a two-way conversation between you and God. Thousands of people pray only when they are under great stress or in danger and overcome by uncertainty. The verse of the day instructed us to come boldly unto the throne of Grace in order to obtain mercy and grace. There is in a time in a man's life that needs and circumstances can beat him down, but in the place of prayer, man obtains a measure of mercy and grace that will see him through.

Isaiah 40:30-31. How do we wait on the Lord? It is through prayers by boldly coming to the throne of Grace to obtain the grace to mount up wings as eagles, then mercy to run and not be weary and to walk and not faint when problems and troubles of life come, because for surely, they will come. Therefore, build capacity through prayer as you wait on the Lord.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come to the throne room this morning to obtain your grace and your mercy, Amen.

- FRI. JANUARY 14 -

BE PATIENT
Proverbs 15:18

"A wrathful man stirreth up strife: but he that is slow to anger appeaseth strife."

One of the greatest virtues a person can possess is Patience. Unfortunately, this virtue is lacking in our present society, even in the church that should be a model to the world. Men are losing Patience every day in the quest to have things quickly and abandon their faith in God.

The lack of Patience in the Life of many has led to unavoidable disasters and perpetual regret eventually. Avoid living a life of regrets by exercising a little Patience.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to cultivate this virtue of Patience in my pursuit of Life in Jesus name. Amen

- SAT. JANUARY 15 -

PATIENCE IS GOOD

Isaiah 40:31

"But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings as eagles, they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and faint"

Patience is waiting on Gods timing of manifestation. It is having confidence in God that he will never fail you. There is no iota of darkness in God. There is no variableness in God. You cannot wait on God's timing and waste in Life. Anytime you spent waiting on God is recovered in the future.

If God had promised you anything by His Word, "Wait". If you have your responsibilities and the result is yet to come by "Wait". A Patient dog they say, eats the fattest bone. You cannot wait on God and waste in Life, but those who don't wait will always end in waste. Therefore, learn to be Patient.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I know you will never fail me. I receive the Grace to be Patient in Life in Jesus name. Amen

ORDERLINESS IS KEY TO SUCCESS

Numbers 2:1-20

"And the LORD spake unto Moses and unto Aaron, saying, every man of the children of Israel shall pitch by his own standard, with the ensign of their father's house..." **Numbers 2:1-2**

While the Israelites wandered in the wilderness, God instructed Moses to set up camps for them and that each person should camp under the banner of their family or clan. That was to make it easy for the people to be organized and managed. Different families were able to be accounted for and the numbers of the people within it. A leader was set over each of the families to direct its affairs. The move was to give room for orderliness among the people.

No one who wants to succeed can be disorderly. Orderliness is the key to success. A business owner who wants to succeed must have a detailed record of the income and expenditure. A student who wants to succeed must take proper account of how he or she spends time and be conscious about what is done per time. Orderliness is key to success.

PRAYER

Lord, I receive the grace to be orderly in all that I do in Jesus name. Amen

WHERE IS YOUR HEART?

Matthew 6:21

"For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also"

The heart is the most important part of our being, because it is the mechanism that regulates the direction of our Vision. The heart is designed to focus always on something it treasures. So, what you make of your treasure is what your heart will invest on.

So many today are devilled with ideas and visions that draw us away from eternal substance. Our hearts are placed on things which leave little or no value on our path to destiny. So many have replaced the heavenly vision with earthly drive, so they are trapped earthly, depriving them their heavenly destination.

So, guard your heart desire because your desire determines your destination.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray for your spirit to guide my heart towards success and keeping your principles in Jesus name, Amen.

TAKE RESPONSIBILITY

Proverbs 22:29

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall before kings; he shall not stand before mean Men."

Responsibility is the ability to respond positively and consciously to circumstances that confronts us. A lot of people have been programmed to react to issues, but matured people respond to issues and react to them.

This is not time to be uncertain and careless about our lives, but it is the time to rise and take responsibility. Take responsibility of every challenge that harasses your destiny. Take responsibility of that habit, addiction and attitude that keeps demanding your worth. Change that association and environment that greatly influences your life to the wrong direction.

Rise and say no to the defeats and failures that have plagued your life. Take responsibility now.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for this message. I have decided to take responsibility for my life. Give me the grace in Jesus name. Amen

BE DILIGENT

Proverb 22:29

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall before kings; he shall not stand before mean Men."

We are in the world where cutting corners to get to the top is becoming the order of the day. But only the diligent shall stand out. What will give you a place of significance in whatever field or endeavor you are engaged in will be determined by how steadfast, determined and focused you are.

Champions are not made in the ring. How you prepare behind the scene will always show when you come out to lime light. Be hardworking, don't be in a hurry to be noticed or to be popular. It is one thing to get to the top, it is another thing to stay at the top. Kings are waiting for your light, but you have got to build enough energy to shine brighter and brighter without failing. Be Diligent and be consistent.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I need your Grace in Jesus name. Amen

WHAT YOU SEE IS WHAT YOU GET

Numbers 13:30-33

"And there we saw the giants..." **Numbers 13:33**

Your eyes feed your mind and the thinking pattern prevalent in your mind determines your course of action (attitude), which eventually influences the result you get in your endeavours. A defeated mentality cannot succeed in anything, even if given all the needed resources and the right environment, the failure ruling the mind will ruin everything. What you see and how you see have a lot to do with what you get.

If all you have always seen is failure and defeat and you wish to change the situation, your case is not hopeless. You can start by renewing your mind with the word of God. Keep away from everyone and everything that make you think and see failure. Say what God has said about you in His word. Keep saying it until it registers in your subconscious. Walk with positive minded people and their positivity will rub off on you.

PRAYER

Lord, open my eyes to see opportunities and not negative things. Amen

WHAT DO YOU SEE?

Numbers 14:1-10

"And Caleb stilled the people before Moses and said, let us go up at once and possess it, for we are well able to overcome it" **Numbers 13:30**

What you see and how you see have a lot to do with what you get, since the eyes is the gateway to the mind. The 10 out of the 12 sent to spy the land of Canaan had a strong lens but saw the wrong sight which influenced their attitude and response. Their negative attitude rubbed off on the people and they wanted to stone the few who attempted to change the narrative,

In the story of the twelve spies, the ten who said they could not possess the land because of the giants died in the wilderness along with their generation. Only the two who saw differently - Joshua and Caleb; and the children born in the wilderness entered the land of Canaan. You need to ask yourself if the way you currently see things can make you succeed. If your sincere answer is NO, change your perspective with immediate effect.

PRAYER

Matthew 13:16 - My eyes are blessed to see a better future and my ears are blessed to hear a glorious news in Jesus name, Amen.

BE SENSITIVE ABOUT OTHERS

Philippians 2:1-4 (MSG)

"Let nothing be done through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves." **Philippians 2:3**

If you've gotten anything at all out of following Christ. If his Love has made any difference in your Life, if being in a community of the Spirit means anything to you. If you have a heart, if you care; then do me a favour; agree with each other, love each other, by deep spirited friends. Don't push your way to the front, don't sweet talk your way to the top. Put yourself aside and help others get ahead.

Don't be obsessed about getting your own advantage. Forget yourself long enough to lend a helping hand to other. This is a wise counsel.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, please help me to be sensitive about other people around my life.

- SUN. JANUARY 23 -

BE SENSITIVE ABOUT OTHERS (2)

Genesis 2:18

"And the Lord said, it is not good that the man shall be alone: I will make him a help meet for him"

Humans are relational beings; no man can be an island of his own. Everything we do directly or indirectly affects other people around us. What we say or even think can help or hurt others. God will hold you responsible for how you treat your fellow human because they are Gods creation too.

Being sensitive about other peoples feeling will help you to respect and love others just as Christ loves you. Nobody deserves humiliation, derogation, maligning, betrayal, backstabbing, character assassination, etc.

Take responsibility of your life. Forgive those who hunt you and leave vengeance for God. Owe no man nothing but Love.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, please give me the Grace.

BE SENSITIVE ABOUT OTHERS (3)

Genesis 2:18

"And the Lord said, it is not good that the man shall be alone: I will make him a help meet for him"

The ten commandments are moral codes to man by God, to guide our relationship with God and with our fellow humans. Out of ten of them, four deals with the relationship between us and God, while the remaining six deals with the relationship between man and his fellow. This goes to show us how our relationship with others around us hold a profound significant place in the scheme of God **(Exodus 20:1-17).**

What makes us to be good or bad is not what we did to ourselves but what we did to others. Jesus summarized the ten commandments by saying the we should love God with all our heart and love our neighbor as we love ourselves **(Mark 12:29-31).**

PRAYER

Dear Father, help me to love and care for those around me and be sensitive to the feeling of others in Jesus name.

BE HARDWORKING

Hebrews 11:6

"But without faith it is impossible to please Him; for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him"

God takes profound and assiduous interest in those who are diligent or hardworking with whatsoever they find themselves doing. The above scripture says that God is the rewarder of those who seek Him diligently.

Stop cutting corners or looking for easy way out. Follow through the required process to achieve whatever is your goal in life and you will come out as an authority in that field.

Champions are not made in the ring; Champions are made in the secret place of preparation. Be Hardworking! *"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall before kings; he shall not stand before mean Men."* **Proverbs 22:29**

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I take the decision to be diligent. Please give me the grace in Jesus name. Amen

- WED. JANUARY 26 -

BE COURAGEOUS (1)

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

There is a strong wind of adversity and uncertainty blowing all over the world now. Starvation, insecurity, genocide and all kinds of social media bully. Citizens are being manipulated, oppressed and disillusioned. Only the courageous can overcome these things.

From the opening scripture, God admonishes us to be strong and be of good courage. He will never leave us nor forsake us. We shall go through the storms and come out victoriously. Halleluyah!

PRAYER

Dearly Lord, thank you for your word. We put our confidence in you in Jesus name. Amen

BE COURAGEOUS (2)

Joshua 1:9

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid, do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."

Courage is not the absence of fear but it is the ability to forge on even in the midst of fear. The statement from the opening scripture; *"Be Strong and Courageous. Do not be afraid..."* is an indication that they are going to face bigger battles and challenges. This is similar to the challenges facing humanity all over the world.

But God promised in His word that He will be with us wherever we go. That is a great assurance. Therefore, keep your prayer lamp up and burning, be keen to find God's next instruction to your life and endeavor to pursue it. Look out for others around that you can encourage. Victory is sure in Jesus name. Amen

PRAYER

Dear Father, I put my trust in your word. You are my path to victory, I refuse to be discouraged in Jesus name. Amen

CONTENTMENT

1Timothy 6:7-8

"Better is a little with righteousness than great revenues without right." **Proverbs 16:8**

A person can be poor but contented because he has adequate food, clothing and shelter, which is the three basic needs of a man. On the other hand, someone can be rich and still be discontented and unhappy because he cannot be satisfied with the provisions he has for his basic needs.

Why? Because of greed, ingratitude and Godlessness. Be satisfied with whatever you have, no matter how little or big it is, always be contented with it and place value on those things you have. A lot of young people today have destroyed their lives because of not being contented, while some marriages that have broken today is still because of lack of being contented with what they have.

PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for all I have now in Jesus name. Amen

PREPARE TO BE ENVIED

Genesis 26:26-33

"And Abimelech said unto Isaac, Go from us; for thou art much mightier than we." **Genesis 26:16**

As you set out on your journey to success, as you make plans and map out your strategy to achieve your aim, as you identify the sacrifices to make you become successful, as you make contacts with the right people who will be instrumental to your success, get ready to be envied. As you imagine how you will celebrate your success, also picture how to handle envy when it comes. It will certainly come.

In **Genesis 26**, the famine took many out in search of greener pastures, but Isaac did not migrate as instructed by God. He later became so prosperous that the Philistines envied him, **Genesis 26:13-15**. When the Philistines could no longer stand the intimidation brought by his success, the King Abimelech had to ask him to move away from them, **Genesis 26:16**. He moved, yet they went after him, blocking the wells of his father, Abraham which he reopened. But Isaac was unstoppable because he was too fortified to be defeated. Be prepared.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I ask for the wisdom to overcome every envy as I move on to success ths year, Amen.

HOLD ON

Romans4:20

"He staggered not at the promise of God through unbelief."

God will always stand by those who whole heartedly believe in him. He will always show himself strong on their behalf. Abraham was a great visionary, once God called him, he never wavered or turned back. Many may have laughed at him when God changed his name from Abram to Abraham father of many nations. Yet he did not stagger at this promise of God. Today we know God fulfilled his promise.

Beloved, if God did give Abraham Isaac, if he went into the fiery furnace with the Hebrew children, He will not abandon you. He stands by his word. So, as you are advancing through the storms of Life in this year of the Lord, learn to hold on the word of God.

PRAYER:

Lord, strengthen me that my faith may stand the test of time.

ARE YOU A HEARER OR A DOER?

Luke 6:46-49

"But he that heareth and doeth not, is like a man that without a foundation-built house upon the earth." **Luke 6:49**

God is pleased, when we obey him. It shows that we believe in him and trust in him as our God. We are then seen not as nominal believers who pay him lip service but as active followers, ready to stand by our masters. Even as human beings we are always disappointed when people who should know better disobey and hurt us. Believing that Jesus is the savior of the word has no other identity card than obedience.

If someone confessed the Lordship of Jesus he should have no difficulty in obeying Him. In **verse 46,** Jesus asked, why do you call me Lord, Lord when you won't obey me. There are people in our Churches who claim to be Christians but they have nothing to show for it. They walk in the flesh and wallow in sin as if they never heard of the truth.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, quicken my spirit that I may hear and obey you.

HELP COMES FROM GOD

Psalm 121: 1- 2

"I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help." **Psalm 121:1**

The Psalmist is conscious of the physical and demographic strength of his enemies. Often times we misjudge our enemy's strength, either by underrating or overrating them. The declaration of the enemies in **verse 2b** either means that God is not able or will not deliver his child. The Psalmist knows better.

God hears us, preserves us and gives us courage in the face of challenges. We also get divine support and salvation from him. Most believers are too mindful of what the enemy can do and forget that God is able to defeat the enemy irrespective of their numbers.

PRAYER

Helper of the helpless see me through victoriously in whatever challenges I go through, Amen.

- WED. FEBRUARY 2 -

JESUS IS ALWAYS IN THAT STORM

Matthew 8:26

"And he said unto them, why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then he arose and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm."

Jesus demonstrated his power over his creation-over nature and the spiritual forces of darkness when He calmed the storm. There are times in our lives that are like furious storms that defy all solutions. Our immediate reactions are often to try to sort out things on our own will until we hit a thick wall. If we could only remember that Jesus is always in the boat and that he is able to calm the storm, we would hand it over and just rest in him. We can then enjoy His peace even in the midst of the storm.

The creator who calms the storm and cast out demons is the one whose authority, no situation can defy unless he has allowed it for a purpose. He is also in any storm; challenges and issues you are experience in your life.

PRAYER

Lord, we are to remain in the boat with you even when the storms of life rage.

- THURS. FEBRUARY 3 -

GOD ANSWERS PRAYER

Psalm 65:2

"O thou that hearest prayers, unto thee shall all flesh come." **Psalm 65:2**

Does Jesus really answer prayer or is prayer something we do as a routine or to satisfy our conscience? Notice how Daniel's prayer was answered in **Daniel 9:20-23**. God answers prayer, but the answer may come in a way we never expect. How do we see this in the case of Daniel in **verse 24-27** of the above chapter? Daniel was only concerned with the immediate deliverance of his people and Jerusalem, but God offered him something better; the final deliverance of his people from sin through the messiah.

No matter what you have asked God through prayer he is able to do it more than we may think, he knows the best way and time to answer and send desired result our ways.

PRAYER

Dear father I am confident in your promise to always hear me, thank you for my answered prayers.

- FRI. FEBRUARY 4 -

HIS THOUGHTS TOWARD YOU

Psalm 139:17-18 (NLT)

"How precious are your thoughts about me, O God, they cannot be numbered! I cannot even count them, they outnumber the grass of the sand."

Do you know that God thinks about you? He thinks about you constantly. You are always in His mind. Do you know what He is thinking? He is not thinking about all that you have done wrong in your life. No! He is thinking about the good things He has in store for your future. **Jeremiah 29:11** tells us that His thoughts are for our good. His plans are to prosper us and give us a future and a hope.

Do you know what else He is thinking? He is thinking about how much He loves you. God is so much in love with you! Let that love bring security to your heart and mind. The Bible says that perfect love casts out all fear. Just take a deep breath right now and breathe in His love and peace. When you receive His love, it drives out fear and gives you confidence to embrace the good things He has in store for your future.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for thinking about me always.
Amen

THE LITTLE FOXES

Songs of Solomon 2:15

"Take us the foxes, the little Foxes, that spoil the lines, for our vines have tender grapes."

In life we discover that there are times when little things, be it a word carelessly spoken or a wrong attitude exhibited at the wrong place can cause havoc and destroy relationships. **Ecclesiastes 10:1**

We should pray daily for God to deliver us from these little foxes that can destroy life even our reputation. A little lie, a little gossip or slander, few minutes of sex can destroy a glorious destiny and bring shame to a family. Eve looked at the apple and we are still harvesting what was sown in a twinkle of an eye.

PRAYER

Lord help me to be vigilant always, deliver me from little foxes that can destroy my destiny.

BE HOSPITABLE

Corinthians 13:1-13

"Be not forgetful to entertain strangers for thereby some have entertained angels." **Hebrews 13:2**

Love and care for others is one of the very outstanding ways through which we demonstrate our appreciation for all that God has done for us. In **1Corinthians 13**, Paul pointed out that love is more important than all the spiritual gifts exercised in the church. Love makes our action and gifts useful.

Jesus applauded the kindness of the Good Samaritan. That act of love should be reminding us to be there for the needy always.

PRAYER:

Lord, open my eyes to see and know those who need my love and help.

FEAR

1Timothy 1:7

"For God hath not given us the spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind"

Fear is very destructive. It is therefore not a mistake that the Bible mentioned "Fear not" 366 times. For Peter, the out spoken disciple to deny Jesus, even after he had been warned by Jesus, shows that fear can make us do the unbelievable. How many people tell lies out of fear of what will befall them if the truth was spoken. The devil uses fear to put us in bondage. It is better to fear God than to do wrong out of fear. If you are a child of God, you have no cause to succumb to fear at all.

Isaiah 41:10&14 says *"Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness. Fear not, thou worm Jacob, and ye men of Israel; I will help thee, saith the LORD, and thy redeemer, the Holy One of Israel."* Therefore, fear not.

PRAYER:

Read Isaiah 41:10 – 14.

THERE IS A CURE

"Was wounded for our transgressions and by his stripes we are healed." **Isaiah 53:5**

Sin is a terrible disease that has defied men's strength. it is too difficult to bring under control because many people do not recognize its deadliness. Some think they can play with sin because God is merciful and long suffering! How else would an ordained minister decide to get charms to hoodwink people and perform fake miracles, all in the bid to appear anointed and deceive people to enrich his pocket.

Sin is a heart disease that can be cured only by the great physician, Jesus. Therefore, Run to him now.

PRAYER

Father, keep me away from every form of sin. Colossians 3:5.

HE IS IN CONTROL

Romans 8:28

"And we know that in all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose."

As human beings at times it's very difficult to know what God is doing in our lives. If we were to understand the goodness of the lord, we will find it easy to praise and thank God even as **1Thessalonians 5 :18** advised. Joseph loved God yet he had more problems than his brothers. His brothers were jealous of him and sold him into slavery. of all the people, Potiphar's wife fell in love with him. His refusal to sleep with her gave him chair in the prison. It appeared the more he tried to be faithful to people and to God, the more he suffered.

But at the fullness of the time we discover that Joseph's Problems were vehicles that transported him to the position of a prime minister. He forgave his brothers of all their misdeeds, explaining that what they had done to hurt him only worked out good for him.

PRAYER

Thank you, lord, for I know that all things shall work together for my good. In Jesus name, Amen.

WAIT ON HIM

Psalm 25:39

"Yes, let none that wait on him be ashamed."

One of the most difficult things in life is to wait when you feel you should be doing something. Even waiting on God is not easy also. The jet age has compounded issues all the more, for technology has made communication fast and easy. We do business within few minutes from our homes and at our own convenience. But it's still same God who has been even before the creation and His principles has not changed. He will always want us to wait and seek His will.

We should emulate men like Elijah. For he prayed for rain he never gave up but waited until his servant saw the tiny fist of cloud indicating that it was going to rain. In waiting on the Lord, God sets our feet on a firm ground.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me how to wait on you.

NO LONGER STRANGERS

Ephesians 2: 1- 22

"Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God."

Ephesians 2:19

In **John 15:15**, Jesus called his disciples friends. Have you wondered how they felt when Jesus called them friends? Because Jesus is lord and master He can call us slaves and it's still not out of place. Yet He laid down his life for our freedom. He allowed those He created to insult him and mangle his flesh that He may confirm his love for us.

If we truly accepted this friendship, we should not be dismayed if we have discomfort and trials here on earth. We are strangers and foreigners here. The question still remains; are you his friend or a stranger? if truly you are His friend, then you are blessed.

PRAYER

Thank you, lord, for calling me out of darkness to be your friend.

JESUS THE LIVING BREAD

John 6: 47-59

"I am that bread of life." **John 6:48**

Is it a Coincidence that bread regardless of the shape and content is one of the common foods you can eat in any part of this world? Jesus called himself the bread of life. The crowd of Five thousand he fed were so captivated by this miracle that they forcibly attempted to make him king; so that he would satisfy all their earthly desires. But unfortunately, Jesus had a higher and better mission than providing bread for the body!

Why do you seek him? To provide for your physical need only? What about your other needs? The scripture reiterated that man should not live by bread alone but by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of the Lord. There is more to him.

PRAYER

Lord, satisfy my hungry soul with the true bread of life.

- SUN. FEBRUARY 13 -

BE STRONG IN CHRIST

2Timothy 2:1-13

"Thou therefore, my son be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus" **2Timothy 2:1**

Paul told Timothy to be strong; not just physically. He was exhorting him to find strength in Christ because He provides the grace necessary to be faithful. Paul was speaking from experience, for he suffered persecution of all forms – he was stoned, betrayed, beaten up and flogged but he refused to give up. He was never afraid or ashamed to stand for the truth when it is in Christ.

He said in **2Timothy 1:3**, *"thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ?*" Paul was so focused and zealous that at the end, he could boldly say *"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course and I have kept the faith".* We too must fight a good fight of faith. Be strong in Christ.

PRAYER

Keep me strong Lord, no matter what hurdles I have to overcome.

LOVING ONE ANOTHER

1Thessalonians 3:12

"And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men, even as we do toward you"

One of the growing psychological problems facing the people today is loneliness. Many people are longing not only to be loved but to have someone who will listen to them. The greatest need in the world today is not more of science or social engineering, not more knowledge, not more power or preaching. The greatest need we have today is for Love. And the only way that love can be supplied is by a supernatural act of the Holy Spirit that transforms lives.

The love that God gives is not the ordinary love that we find in the world today. When we love our neighbours, it is not for selfish gain especially to satisfy our natural intimate needs. It is God loving through us. If you are willing to do this, God will give you His love.

PRAYER

Lord, teach me to Love my brethren in Jesus name. Amen!

ONLY BELIEVE

John 6:25-28

"What shall we do, that we may work the works of God?" **John 6:28**

Many who seek God would want to do something, believing that it's their action that should earn them salvation. I believe if God had stipulated a certain amount of money we must pay to be saved, many would have easily rushed to get the amount against all odds. These could be the reason why many go to Churches where they are asked to bring this or that to get their healing or even have God talk to them.

What is your question today that you cannot believe the finished work of Christ on the cross, that you must depend on what you have to do to earn your answer? Whether it is "what must I do to be saved? or what must I do to be healed? The answer is the same "Believe in Jesus".

PRAYER

Lord I believe, uphold me to walk faithfully with you.

IDOLATRY

Matthew 10:33

"Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my father"

What is Idolatry? Idolatry is anything that comes between us and God. Joshua told his people that their nation would be destroyed if they persisted in Idolatry and their souls would suffer eternal death. He said to them, *"you must make your decision today. You must decide whether you want to serve the Idols of this life or the living God." "Choose you this day"* said Joshua, *"as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

What about you? Are you taking your stand with God like Joshua? No matter what the cost? I am asking you to choose this day who you will serve. Our families cannot choose Christ for us. Our friends cannot do it. It's up to you to choose who you will serve. Your decision to this matter determines your outcome this year.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come to the throne room this morning to obtain your grace and your mercy to help me serve you alone in Jesus name. Amen

- THURS. FEBRUARY 17 -

FORGETTING THE PAST

Genesis 41:37-57

"And Joseph called the name of the first-born Manasseh, for God said he, hath made me forget all my toil and all my father's house."

Genesis 41:51

What would have become of you and I if God decided not to forgive men of their sins? Whosoever forgives and forgets the wrongs of others done toward Him wins the battle. Forgetting is the great force like a glue that keeps people together. How many marriages will last if the couple kept records of every offence and refused to forgive and forget?

Most families would break into pieces if the members refused to forgive each other, parents and their children, friend to friend, colleagues to colleagues. Are you holding to the past or have you learnt to forgive and forget?

PRAYER

Father, give me the grace to forgive and forget in Jesus name, Amen.

DON'T HOLD ON TO THE PAST

Philippians 3:12-21

"Brethren…this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind……" **Philippians 3:13**

To forget the past will help you give birth to the future. Paul had reasons to feel sorrow about his past. He held accountable the costs of those who stoned Stephen, the first Christian martyr. When Paul met Jesus and was called into the ministry, he realized that to be useful to the master he had to forget those things which are behind and reaching forth unto those things which are before.

Imagine what Christianity would have lost if Paul refused to forgive himself? What if he had hanged himself as Judas? Unforgiveness is exhausting, useless and unproductive. We must not dwell on the past instead we must grow in the knowledge of God by concentrating on our relationship with him.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for teaching me to forgive and forget in Jesus name, AMEN.

AN APPROVED WORKER

2Timothy 2:15

"Study to show thyself approved unto God, a workman that needed not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Any Man who work efficiently for God must have a good grip of the word of God and also have a character that backs up what he preaches. The book Acts of apostles tells us of the escapade of the sons of Sceva. They saw Jesus and his disciples perform miracles and they assumed they could do the same. But we are told as they prayed for the demon possessed man, he attacked them declaring, Jesus I know, Paul I know, you who are you?

There are no secrets in the spiritual realm, even demons know those that God has approved. The sons of Sceva were not of God and the demons knew this. Who are you? How often do you study the word for you to be able to rightly divide the word of truth?

PRAYER

Holy spirit, teach me the truth that I may not lead others astray, Amen.

JEALOUSY

Genesis 4:1-6

"And the Lord said unto Cain, why at thou wroth? And why is thy countenance fallen?" **Genesis 4:6**

It is in connection with jealousy that the word sin was first used in the bible. Cain brought the lord an offering from the fruit of the ground while Abel his brother brought the flesh of a sacrificial animal. We are informed that the lord looked with favour on Abel's offering but rejected the offering of Cain. Without finding out why his offering was rejected, Jealousy rose up in Cain and he decided to kill Abel.

Jealousy is a deadly sin for with it comes other deadly emotions, anger, hostility. I believe with these Cain no longer saw Abel as a beloved brother but a rival who had turned God's anger against him. All he could think of at that point was to eliminate and destroy that hindrance to his honour and promotion.

PRAYER

Father, help me never to become jealous or see others as rivals in Jesus name.

THE MONSTER CALLED JEALOUSY

1Samuel 18:9

"And Saul eyed David from that day and forward."

Jealousy is a cankerworm that can eat life out of its carrier. It creeps in unnoticed, but its effect can be far reaching, as it eats up his carrier and brings the worst out of the person. Jealous People leave themselves unguarded and allow what started as a mere feeling to take them over, leaving them helpless and hurtful.

King Saul was the first human king of Israel. They have had God as their king until they told prophet Samuel that they wanted to have a king who would go out before them like other nations. Saul though anointed by Samuel did not know the ability available to him in God. He failed woefully in his battle with Goliath but David who knows the ability he has in God brought Goliath down with a Sling of Stone. Instead of appreciating David for obtaining victory, he was filled with Jealousy when he heard the crowd sing for David and that was the beginning of the end of Saul's reign. Jealousy is destructive.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, uphold me that I may never succumb to the sin of jealousy, in Jesus name,Amen.

- TUES. FEBRUARY 22 -

THAT FEELING IS CANCEROUS

Mark 15:1-20

"For he knew that the chief priests, had delivered him for envy." **Mark 15:10**

The Chief Priest may have accused Jesus of many crimes so as to get him crucified but Pilate was not deceived. He saw through the smoke according to **"Verse 9-10"**. The chief priest and the Jewish leaders were consumed by their envious rage that they forget all the good deeds of our master in their midst-the miracles he did.

Most people rarely survive from this deadly cancer. It kills before you know what's happening. The Chief priest got their way. They tortured Jesus and finally crucified him.

Do you know that envy and jealousy can destroy the best friendship? It can make you to commit a crime you did not think you were capable of. When a child of God allows envy and jealousy to lodge in his or her heart, he opens door for satanic operation and destruction.

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, remove all manner of jealousy in my life.

THE SECRET OF CONTENTMENT

Ephesians 1:19-20

"I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great his power is to help those who believe him...."

Jesus told his disciples that the world hates them. They would be as *"sheep in the midst of wolves".* They would be arrested, scourged and brought before governors and kings. Even their loved ones would persecute them and it could stand as test for them. Thousands of Christians have learned the secret of contentment and joy in trial. Some of the happiest Christians have been life-long sufferers. They have had every reason to sigh and complain being denied so many privileges and pleasures that they see others enjoy, yet they have found greater course for gratitude and joy than many who are prosperous, strong and full of life.

In all ages, through the help of the Holy Spirit, Christians have found it possible to maintain the spirit of joy in circumstances that would have failed most men, they have so completely risen above them that they actually have used the circumstances to serve and glorify Christ.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, keep me ever mindful of the need to rejoice in you constantly, in Jesus name, Amen.

- THURS. FEBRUARY 24 -

IN THE DAY OF TROUBLE

Psalm 46:1

"God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble."

God is always present with you. That means at all times, continually, perpetually, throughout all times. God is with you. In your day of trouble, He is there to help you. How is he your help? By providing whatever you need, by opening doors for you, by orchestrating things in your favor. Help is specific to your need and we serve a God who is very specific. Because he is always with you, He always know exactly what you need.

Today, are you facing trouble or adversity? Know that God is with you. Read **Isaiah 41:10**. Look to him for help. Trust that God has the answer and that he is working things out in your favor. As you continue to believe him and follow his direction, he will lead you in the way that you should go. He will come for you, revive you, restore you and bless you. He will be your ever-present help because He is forever faithful to His word.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for being my ever- present help. I trust you today with my steps, in Jesus name, Amen.

- FRI. FEBRUARY 25 -

TRUE SUCCESS

Matthew 10:8b

"Freely you have received, freely give."

There are a lot of people who are successful in this world. They've accomplished their goals in the eyes of others. But being successful isn't just about what you make happen for yourself, it's about what you make happen for others. It's when you realize; God has blessed you not to just sit and let everybody see your accomplishments. God has blessed you to be a blessing to others. God has helped you to win, so you can help somebody else win.

Today, look for ways to help others succeed. Reach back and give freely of the talents and abilities you've been given. As you do so you'll rise up higher and in the fullness of blessing God has prepared for you.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for giving me so much, show me the ways to reach out and be a blessing to someone today in Jesus name. Amen.

GROW YOUR FAITH

Romans 10:17

"So, then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God."

Scripture tells us that every person has been given a measure of faith. Faith can grow and increase, or it can be diminished. Notice, today's scripture doesn't say, *"Faith comes by having heard the word of God one time"*. It's *"by hearing"* which is a present continuous tense.

Sure, God's word can transform us in an instant. But most of the time, we need to hear God's truth over and over again in order for it to become active in our lives. The more we hear the word, the more his truth chisels away doubt and unbelief that's been built up over the years. His truth sets us free and causes our faith to grow.

Just as a seed needs water daily to grow; your spirit needs the word of God daily. Your faith needs to be watered by his word daily.

PRAYER

Father, thank you for your word that is living and active and growing in my life. Give me more insight that I may know you in Jesus name, Amen.

REMAIN IN HIM

John 15:1-8

"I am the vine, you are the branches. If you remain in me and in you, you will bear much fruit, apart from me you can do nothing." **John 15:5**

Have you ever thought about the relationship between a branch and the vine? But think about it, if the branch is not attached to the vine, it withers and dies. The very life of the branch depends on it being attached to the vine.

The same thing happens if we try to operate in this life without Jesus. Without him we can do nothing. We are cut off from our life source. But when you remain in him by daily connecting with him through prayer, worship and study of the word, then your life will be fruitful. You will walk in joy and blessing.

Remember, God doesn't want you to just barely live by. He wants to overwhelm you with his goodness. Choose to make him your priority and you'll see his hand of blessing as you remain in him.

PRAYER

Lord, help me to remain strong and connected in you in Jesus name, Amen.

ASK WHAT YOU DESIRE

John 15:7

"If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you."

It please God to give you the desires of your heart. He wants to see you happy, whole, strong and enjoying his blessing. When you make the word of God your number one priority, when you stay connected to him through prayer and worship God promises that he will give you the desires of your heart.

Psalm 37:4 tells us again that if we delight ourselves in him, he will give us the desires of our hearts. One of the root definitions of the word "delight" means "soft". This gives the pictures of us being soft and mold-able, like clay in the potter's hands. As we allow him to shape and mold our character, as we yield ourselves to him, our thoughts become his thoughts, our words become his word, and our desires becomes his desires.

PRAYER

Father, today I submit every areas of my life to you. I invite you to have your way in Jesus name, Amen.

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Hebrews 5:11-14

"My little children, of whom I travail in birth again until Christ be formed in you."

Galatians 4:19

The joy of every parents is to see their baby grow steadily from infancy to Adulthood. Where growth is not visible after a few months, it can lead to serious anxiety. Jewish Christians got stuck in old traditions and basic Christian doctrines such that they were unable to cope with advanced teachings. Many of our churches currently are full of spiritual babies-people who are still taking milk, when they are expected to be cracking bones.

Spiritual immaturity is dangerous. It can lead to being easily enslaved by materialism; falling prey to temptation and sin or even drawing back into the world and apostasy. You must critically examine your spiritual growth.

PRAYER

Lord, help me every day, to do everything that I ought to do in order to grow steadily in my Christian life.

- WED. MARCH 2 -

DIVINE ENCOUNTER

Isaiah 6:1-13

"And he laid it upon my mouth and said, Lo, this hath touched thy lips; and thine iniquity is taken away, and thine sin purged." **Isaiah 6:7**

What did Isaiah really see in **verse 1-4** of the above chapter? - *"The year king Uzziah died"* is it an event to mark when Isaiah saw the Lord or does it indicate that Uzziah was an impediment to Isaiah's ability to see the Lord? Remember Isaiah had been prophesying all this while but does not seem to have a proper knowledge of the person he was talking about. This encounter probably marked the commissioning of Isaiah as God's servant to his people.

A personal encounter with the lord is an important shift to our call by God and our service to his people. Notice Isaiah' s response when he saw God in His greatness and majesty in verse 5. Isaiah saw his uncleanness with reference to the holiness of God and realized that though a man of God that he needs cleansing. Whenever we encounter God, we must come to a better appreciation of our true condition and the need for God's mercy and forgiveness.

PRAYER

Oh Lord thank you for giving me your divine encounter that strengthens my confidence, Amen.

- THURS. MARCH 3 -

RUN AND NOT GROW WEARY

Isaiah 40:25-31

"I can do all things, through Christ which strengtheneth me." **Philippians 4:13**

Naturally there are certain age one will get to, he or she will stop doing something they used to do during youthful season. Have you also noticed that there are people even in their old age they are still doing certain things they did in their youth? **Isaiah 40:30***"Even the youths shall faint and be weary and the young men shall utterly fall; Why should a youth faint? And a young man become weary?*" But in **verse 31** we see the wisdom that can make the youth not to weary and the young man not to faint. Simply to wait; *"But they that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength"*.

That is to say waiting upon the lord has the potency to make an old man to be young and full of strength. This is a mystery.

PRAYER

Lord, grant me the grace to wait upon you in Jesus name, Amen.

THE LORDS SECRET PLACE

Psalm 9:1-16

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty."

Psalm 91:1

I have notice something about men of God, they always look young and full of strength even in their 70's and 80's -the anointing on them renews their skin and their strength. In those old days one of the things they use in preserving dead bodies was oil. As those oils were being rubbed on the dead bodies they keep looking fresh, the same is applicable now the more a man waits upon the lord, the oil from the lords rubs upon that fellow and the person keeps looking young and full of strength.

In **Joshua 14:11***".... as my strength was then, even so is my strength now, for I was, both to go out and to come in*". Reason in **verse 8b***"But I wholly followed the lord my God*". In other words, I waited for the lord both to will and to do his good pleasure. **Philippians 2:13**.

PRAYER

Lord, let the staying grace be released upon me to wholly follow you at all times.

HE HAS GIVEN US HIS POWER

John 20:22

"And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and said unto them, receive ye the Holy spirit"

In **Acts 1:8** reveals to us that the Lord said to his disciple that they will receive power after that the Holy spirit will come upon them…then the reason for this power is for them to be a "Witness" unto him". Who is a witness? A witness is someone who validates a claim of a thing with strong evidence.

Jesus praying to the father in **John 17:22a** said *"And the glory which thou gavest me I have given them"*. Notice, Jesus did not say some part of the glory but rather he said "the same glory" which means he did give us the exact power and glory he functioned on earth with, for us to do some and even greater than what he did. This power is given to us to validate the reality of God's ability to do the works of the ministry as a believer.

PRAYER

Father in partnership with your Holy spirit may your power in me be released in Jesus name, Amen.

DO YOU KNOW GOD?

Jeremiah 9:23-24, Matthew 16:13-20

"He saith unto them, But whom say he that I am?"

Matthew 16: 15

Our generation is the generation that love and value what God can do and give, but they never value God, they love shows in the church and love to be entertained but never went to spend time with God to know him.

It is God's desire that his children get to know him, for knowing Him is the glory of the saints. That's why Jesus asked his disciples who do people said he was, after hearing their response, he turned back to them and asked them, whom say ye that I am? He expected that having stayed with them for some years that they should have a revelational knowledge of whom he is, that is why when Peter said in **verse 16** *"Thou are Christ the son of the living God. He turned to Peter and said "Flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee"*, **Verse 17**. In **verse 19** he gave Peter the keys of the kingdom to serving his purpose here on earth.

PRAYER

Revelation 1:1; Lord reveal yourself to me as never before.

MORE THAN GOLD

Acts 3:1-10, 1Corinthians 1:29-31

"Then Peter said, silver and gold I have none, but such as I have gave I thee; In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk" **Acts 3:6**

Apostles cherish the spiritual things more unlike this present generation who glory and pride over other things that are temporal and what they've acquired like estates, money, cars etc. making some other people fill inferior in the society. Thereby presenting a picture to some believers who do not have much wealth, or who are poor, to feel as though they are wasting their time in serving God.

A time came when Peter asked Jesus, what is our reward, seeing that we've left all to follow you. Jesus said no one has ever left anything to follow him, who will not gain back those things and even eternal reward. You might be asking some question in a different language today. Listen, having Jesus alone, is having everything. "For the earth is the Lord's and the fullness there off, **Psalm24:1**. Having Jesus does not make you a failure to the society, you have what men could not have.

PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for I have you and that makes me to have everything.

BE A BUILDER

2Chronicles 4:6

"He made also ten lavers, and put five on the right hand, and five on the left, to wash in them..."

Not many people have the privilege to build for God for some reasons. Some yearn for it, but wouldn't because they are out of His favour. Yet, some who have the special privilege to build do so not according to pattern. David was willing to build God a temple as stipulated by God but he was not allowed to build. God gave the privilege to Solomon the son of David to build for God a temple. However, Solomon built the temple to contain all the items as it were instructed; evidently in God's commandments and added other things like the bulls, calves and oxen which were the usual images, which the Canaanite used to worship their fertility god, Baal.

In **Exodus 20:4**, apparently, Solomon allowed some exuberance, in building of the temple. This is a pointer to many of us, who try to have true fellowship with God. We should be careful of what we bring into the service of the Lord to avoid offering strange fire on his altar.

PRAYER

Lord, help me and guide me to build according to your divine pattern.

FILL AND DRAW

John 2:1-11, John 7:37-39

"And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bore it. And do not be drunk with wine in which is excess, but be filled with the spirit." **Ephesians 5:18**

What a man is filled with is what he can draw from. Peter said to the lame man at the beautiful gate, "silver and gold I have not but what I have I give". That is out of that which I am filled with is where am drawing out to give you. Believers in Christ should constantly be filled with the spirit because a lot of people are to receive out of that which we carry.

Jesus meet a woman at Jacob's well in **John 4**, Jesus said to her, *"If you know the gift of God and who it is who says to you give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water. The woman asked him; where then will you draw the living water?"* In **verse 14 of John 4***"...but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* What are you always filled with as a believer?

PRAYER

Lord please fill me up till I run over.

UNPARALLELED COMMITMENT

John 6:60-71

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast of eternal life." **John 6:68**

Dedication is an important ingredient for success. It is the force that keeps you going when things are not working as projected. It is dedication that keeps you focused on the course despite all the distractions that may come your way. Dedication is central to achieving success in any endeavor.

Peter is an embodiment of dedication. He showed total commitment to Jesus Christ and the cause of the gospel. Since Jesus called him to fish men, he stayed put with his master, though he stumbled on several occasion. He failed many times while following Jesus, but he never failed to follow **(John 18:15)**. He was committed till the end. He was so dedicated to Jesus that he vehemently rejected it when Jesus predicted that he would be crucified. As a believer how committed and dedicated are you to God through your service?

PRAYER

Lord, help me to be more dedicated and committed to you.

SOLD OUT TO GOD

"Unto me, who am less than the least of all saints, is this grace given, that I should preach among the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ."

Ephesians 3:8

Paul expressed dedication to his mission this way, *"for I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth, to the Jew first, and also to the Greek"* **Romans 1:16**.

He was sold out to the gospel of Christ since he encountered him on his way to Damascus. He shared some of his experiences in **2 Corinthians 11:23-27**. Experiencing one or two of Paul's encounter with Jesus is enough to scare anyone off the cause, but none of them made Paul to consider turning back from Christ or forsaking his ministerial assignment. Little wonder he was able to reach more people with the gospel than as the other apostles in his generation did.

PRAYER

Lord I am sold out to spreading your gospel in Jesus name

FIGHT

2Corinthians 10:3-4, Colossians 1:4-18

"This charge I commit to you, son Timothy according to the prophecies previously made concerning you, that by them you may wage the good warfare." **1Timothy 1:18**

We are meant to understand that anything that is happening in this life is a thing that have already taken place and determined in the spiritual realm. physical happenings on earth is just a replay or play out of the already spiritual event. And things don't just happen without a root cause. There is origin to any event that took place which is traceable to the spiritual world.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood..." **Ephesians 6:12**, *"For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh"* **2 Corinthians 10:3**. The battles we fight are not just physical, it is more of spiritual. Paul charged Timothy his son to fight according to the prophecy that has been prophesied about him, that means even prophesies require a flight to bring it into being.

PRAYER

Every prophesy that have been spoken against me in the past, break in Jesus name, Amen.

SPIRITUAL WARFARE

Ephesians 6:10-13

"So, I sought for a man among them who would make a wall and stand in the gap before me on behalf of the lands." **Ezekiel 22:30**

Life are both Physical and spiritual; full of battles on who will take control of power and dominion. Life is not liberal to any man, you are either contending or you are being contended with, you can't walk freely on this earth without having an enemy if not enemies.

Verse 12 of Ephesians chapter six in our text reveals to us that we are always on a battle and we are not wrestling against flesh and blood but we are wrestling with unseen forces but that the results of the battle are made manifest in this physical world. And by revelation these forces are in four categories which are listed in **verse 12**

The Four Categories:

1. Principalities
2. Powers
3. Rulers of darkness
4. Spiritual Wickedness

The good news is that there is victory for us in Christ Jesus

PRAYERS

Read Ephesians 6:13-18 and pray with it.

- MON. MARCH 14 -

THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD

Isaiah 61:1-4

"Not by power, nor by might, but by my spirit, saith the Lord of Host." **Zechariah 4:6b**

The spirit of the Lord is the anointing of the Lord upon an individual to do an extra-ordinary thing that is beyond the human natural capacity. The Spirit of God make a man command results that are not gotten in this natural realm, thereby supper imposing the natural with the supernatural result can only be by the hand of God.

Peter speaking in the house of Cornelius began to explain to the degree how the Lord anointed Jesus with the Holy Ghost and with Power and then Jesus went about doing good and doing all manner of miracles. The spirit of the Lord does not just come upon a person but the coming of the spirit is for assignment and purpose as seen in **Isaiah 61:1-4.**

PRAYER

Father by the anointing of your spirit I enforce your kingdom upon my life, family and my city in the name of Jesus. Amen.

THE 7 SPIRIT OF GOD (1)

Isaiah 11:1-5

"And the spirit of the Lord shall rest upon him..."

Isaiah 11:2

According to **Isaiah 11:2** there are 7 spirit of God and each of these spirits have what it does in the life of any individual it comes upon, though same spirit and one lord but dimensional in operation.

- **THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD:**
  This is the spirit that gives anointing for power and service. Luke 4:18-19, Isaiah 61:1-3, Acts 1 – 8, Deuteronomy 11:32. Acts 10:38
- **THE SPIRIT OF WISDOM:**
  This is the divine ability of getting things done in a manner agreeable with God and man. Exodus 36:2, James 3:17, James 1:5.
- **THE SPIRIT OF UNDERSTANDING:**
  This is the spirit that gives man the power to know things in their right perspective . Ephesians 1:17-18.
- **THE SPIRIT OF COUNSEL:**
  The Spirit enables man to give workable and practical advice to others in line with the will of God. Jethro possessed this spirit - Exodus 18:19-23.

PRAYER:

Lord, impact your spirit in me by the ministry of your spirit.

THE 7 SPIRIT OF GOD (2)

Isaiah 42:1

"And the spirit shall rest upon him..." **Isaiah 11:2**

We ended yesterday explaining 4 out of the 7 spirit of God.; The spirit of the Lord, The spirit of Wisdom, The spirit of understanding and The Spirit of Counsel. Today we will be looking at the remaining 3 of this spirit of the Lord.

- **THE SPIRIT OF MIGHT:**
  This is the spirit that works with the word of God in a man to do extra -ordinary things for the glory of God, and remain strong. Gideon possessed this spirit. **Judges 6:12 – 14**. People with the spirit of might are liberators and deliverers of others from the power of the enemies.
- **THE SPIRIT OF KNOWLEDGE:**
  This is the ability to know things supernaturally
- **THE SPIRIT OF THE FEAR OF THE LORD:**
  The fear of God sanctifies and makes one to hate evil. Proverbs 8:13, Psalm 19:9.

The Holy Spirit which you have received as a believer is the custodian of these grace. And we can receive these grace if we desire them.

PRAYER

Lord, may this spirit of yours rest upon me in a full measure, in Jesus name, Amen.

LISTEN TO THE RIGHT PEOPLE

Exodus 18:13-27

"Hearken now unto my voice, I will give you counsel, and God shall be with thee..."

Exodus 18:19

Moses led the Israelites out of the land of Egypt by God's mighty hand. He became the leader and the burden of deciding cases among the people rested on his shoulders. People also came to him to inquire of God and this lasted the whole day as he has little or no time to rest. Had Moses continued judging the people from dawn to dusk, he would have worn himself out and left the people frustrated, not having their case(s) attended to.

The truth, however, remains that nature abhors vacuum. As soon as he dropped dead, another person would have taken his place and the Israelites would have moved on. But to God be the glory that Moses listened to Jethro, his father in-law, he was delighted as he was advised to do.

You cannot afford to keep toiling and struggling on your own. Be humble to listen, not to everybody, but to the right people.

PRAYER

Lord cause my path to cross with men that have wise counsel in Jesus name, Amen.

HAPPINESS

Matthew 6:34 (TLB)

"So, do not be anxious about tomorrow. God will take care of your tomorrow too. Live one day at a time."

King George wrote on the flyleaf of the bible of a friend, *"The secret of happiness is not to do what you like to do, but to learn to like what you have to do".* Too many people think of Happiness as some sort of will – or the wisp thing that is discovered by constant and relentless searching. It is not found by seeking. It is not an end in itself.

Jesus once told his disciples, *"seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness and all these things shall be added unto you"*. The "things" he spoke of were the things that make us feel happy and secure – food, drink, clothes, shelter. He told us not to make these the chief goal of our lives but to "seek the kingdom" and these needs would be automatically supplied.

PRAYERS

Dear Lord, I thank you for your promise to me, I receive the grace never to be anxious again over what you can do for me.

- SAT. MARCH 19 -

TAKE THE LIMITS OFF

Psalm 78:41

"They turned back and tempted God and limited the holy one of Israel……"

We serve a God of increase. He wants to do new things in our lives. We should always strive to rise to new levels. it's so easy to get stuck in a rut and just settle for the status quo. some time we think we've reached our limit, and we have gone as far as we can go. This is as happy as I'll ever be, but if we're going to continue to increase and really experience God's best. we have to take the limits off.

It's interesting to know that in the scripture, some people limited and neglected the Holy one of Israel in their mind; how can the all-powerful God, the creator of the universe, be limited by human thinking. He can be limited in our lives by what we believe, a lot of people don't realize today that their own wrong thinking that's keeping them in mediocrity. Today, take the limits off by choosing to believe God, feed your faith by studying the word.

PRAYER

Father, today I choose to believe you, I take off the limits by trusting you firmly in Jesus name Amen.

KEEP PRESSING THROUGH

2Corinthians 12:9

"And He said to me, my grace is sufficient for you, for my strength is made perfect in weakness."

We all go through seasons of difficulty that can sometimes feel overwhelming. But during these times we have to remember that almighty God is greater than the struggle we face. He will take those challenges and use them to strengthen us, but we have to do our part and get into agreement with Him. In any challenges or situations, we find ourselves, we have to do something to get out of the confusing places we are in, we have to pray, we have to believe and keep pressing through to victory.

No matter what you are facing today, remember his grace is sufficient for you. His strength is made perfect in you. keep believing, keep praying. keep hoping and keep pressing through. Before long, you will break free and rise to the new level of victory God has prepared for you.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for the strength to make it through any challenge I may face in Jesus name, Amen

- MON. MARCH 21 -

RECEIVE THE OVERFLOW

Psalm 66:12

"We went through fire and water, but you brought us to a place of abundance"

Friend, no matter what your circumstance may look like today. Gods plan is to bring you through to a place of abundance he wants you to have, an abundance of peace, an abundance of joy, an abundance of resources. He wants you to overflow with his blessing so that you can be a blessing to the people around. If you want to live in the overflow of God's blessing, you have to have an attitude to receive the overflow.

Remember as a believer in Jesus, you are a child of the most high God. Royal blood is flowing through your veins. You were not created to be average. You were not created to barely get by and drag through life. you have seeds of greatness on the inside. You are well able to do whatever God has called you to do.

PRAYER

By faith in Christ Jesus, I receive the blessings you have for me so that I can be a blessing to others in Jesus name amen

EXCEEDING ABUNDANTLY

Ephesians 3:20

"Now to him who is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us"

God wants to do exceedingly abundantly above all you can ask, think or imagine. In another place in the scripture, it says that no person has ever seen, heard or even imagined the wonderful things that God has in store for those who love the Lord. But notice that its according to the power working in us. Gods power works in us by our faith. Do you believe that God wants to work in your life exceedingly abundantly above all you could ask or think? Do you believe he wants to overwhelm you with his goodness and blessings?

The bible says that if we have faith as the size of a truly mustard seed, we can move mountains. And no matter how much faith we have faith can grow in us as we study and receive the word of God.

PRAYER

Thank you, lord, for blessing me and doing exceedingly abundantly above all I can ask or think in Jesus name, Amen

PRAISE GOD

Psalm 150:1-6

"Then believed they his words; they sang His praise" **Psalm 106:12**

Praise is used to express happiness or relief that something did or did not happen You made it here safely. Praise is one of our tools and weapons of warfare. Praise has a basic ingredient called faith. A non-believer cannot praise God because He doesn't know God. **Hebrews 11:6** *"He that cometh unto God must believe that He is..." What is God to you?* Praises facilitates access to God, Praises is where God lives, it promotes productivity. Praise chases away despair and it is an effective weapon against the devil.

Praising God in advance can cause difficult expectations to manifest. As you praise God in advance this day concerning that mountain standing before you, it shall melt and become plain in Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYER

Lord I receive the grace to praise you now in Jesus name, Amen

- THURS. MARCH 24 -

MAKE PREPARATIONS

Isaiah 40:1-5

"….Prepare the way of the Lord" **Isaiah40:3**

Everyone goes through season of waiting. A lot of times, people just sit back and wait for God to do everything. but you have to remember to do your part and make preparation. you have to talk like it's going to happen and act like is going to happen. Some people might say well what if I did and it doesn't happen? Really, we should think the positive and not the negative. Even if things doesn't turn out the way you had hoped, you are better off living your life feeling positive and hopeful than going around down and discouraged.

David said in the bible, God my times are in your hands. He was saying God I don't know when it's going to happen, but I know you know what's best for me .So am going to go out today EXPECTING GOOD things even if it doesn't happen, I'm not going to go to bed disappointed, am going to go to bed knowing that I'm one day closer to seeing my dreams and desires come to pass.

PRAYER

Father, I dedicate this day to you, show me how to prepare for your blessings. Amen

- FRI. MARCH 25 -

HE IS STRONG IN YOU

Romans 8:26

"And the holy spirit helps us in our weakness"

Sometimes, people get distracted by what they consider to be a disadvantage or weakness in their lives. It may be something about their personality or looks that they don't like, or maybe they have been through an unfair situation; a divorce, bad business deal or bad breakup. We all have things that can feel like disadvantages that make it harder on us. It may even be a physical handicap.

But just because you have a disadvantage, just because you've been through a tough time doesn't mean you are supposed to sit back and settle where you are. God still has something great for you to do. He wants to show Himself strong in and through you. The Holy Spirit wants to help you when you feel weak. Stay in faith and let God take what you see as a disadvantage and turn it around to an advantage so you can move forward into the abundant life He has for you.

PRAYER

Holy spirit, I give you all that I am, I invite you into the weak places of my life in Jesus name Amen.

FINISHED WITH FEAR

2Timothy 1:7

"For God has not given us the spirit of fear and timidity but of power love and of a sound mind"

So many people today are missing out on Gods abundant life of joy, peace and victory because they are living in a spirit of fear. they are afraid to make decision, afraid to confront issues, afraid to step out, afraid of the past and afraid of the future. But as believers, we don't have to live that way. Fear is not from God. God has given you the spirit of power, love and a sound mind.

Are you afraid of something today? Make the decision that you are no longer going to work in fear. Scripture says that perfect love casts out fear. Ask God for a deep revelation of his love.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for giving me power to overcome all my fears in Jesus name, Amen.

WHAT DO YOU HAVE?

2Kings 4:2

"….What hast thou in the house? and she said thine handmaid hath not anything in the house same pot of oil"

A big mistake people make is to consider themselves as having nothing. God has given us all talents with which to serve our generation, you are not an exemption. Failure to discover the gift, develop and deploy it has kept many on the same spot.

When Elisha asked the women what she had, she answered; she had nothing, with the same breath she added that she had only a pot of oil. That single pot later became enough for her to pay her debt and thereafter take care of her family. if she had underrated her pot of oil and had failed to reveal it, what would the prophet have released the blessing on?

What do you have, never underrate it. God's dealing with you will always be from what you have.

PRAYER

Lord, help me to see what I have inside of me for my uplifting and blessing in Jesus name, Amen.

- MON. MARCH 28 -

NEVER GIVE UP IN DESPAIR

1Samuel 31:1-13

"…But his armourbearer would not, for he was sore afraid. Therefore, Saul took a sword and fell upon it…" **1Samuel 31:4**

The battle of mount Gilas went against the Israelites and Saul died together with his two sons and many other valiant soldiers. It is sad that in the end, Saul gave up in despair and decided to take his own life. The truth is that desperation is not very far away from anyone who persist in resisting to stay in the will of God. Hope in His presence and help from Him can keep you going when the going gets rough and tough.

The Nation of Israel was thrown into confusion as the soldiers fled from the philistines. The scene was being created for a new leader to emerge and replace Saul. The failure that results from our disobedience to God glorifies Satan. Consistent obedience to God involves sacrifices but each act of obedience will strengthen our faith in God, help us stand out as a witness for our Lord against temptation.

PRAYER

Lord help me to obediently walk in faith to your glory and my own joy in Jesus name, Amen

YOU ARE SPECIAL

Isaiah 60:1

"Arise, shine for thy light is come and the glory of the lord is risen upon thee"

The best that can happen to anyone is to give his life and become a Bonafide candidate for heaven, the bible says if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature old thing are passed away behold all things have become new. Amplified version says "arise (from the depression and procrastination in which circumstances have kept you -rise to a new life), shine (be radiant with the glory of the lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the lord has risen upon you. When Gods glory rises upon you, you will surely stand out in the community, your work place or among your peer.

You will stand out from the rest as though a spotlight were on you. It happened to Daniel and His friends in the book of Daniel. What of Joseph? as soon as he stepped into Potiphar's house, his business changed. Pharaoh also benefitted from Joseph relationship with God. As a believer, know that the glory of God is upon you, you are special in his hands.

PRAYER

Dear lord as I step out, may I radiant your glory in Jesus name, Amen.

BE PATIENT

Exodus 32:1-20

"When the people saw that mosses delayed to come down, the people said to Aaron make us gods"

Exodus32:1

Impatience is often the devils trap to get us moving too quickly and catch us in a prayerless, unguarded moment, **Proverbs 19:2b** tells us that *"he that hesteth with his feet sinneth".* The children of Israel had seen enough of Gods power but couldn't hold back great impatient when Moses went up to God on the mountain.

They had seen the invisible God in action. What business had they with these gods made by hands. This foolishness made them to use the very gold God helped them to get from their task master to make the golden calf. This was ingratitude in the highest order. Impatience can bring back lack of faith and cause us to be rash in our actions. Do not allow impatience to rob you of Gods blessings.

PRAYER

Guide me father that I may patiently walk with you.

CHOOSE FAITH TODAY

Joshua 1:9

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."

In the same way that faith opens the door for God to work in our lives, fear also opens the door for the enemy to work in our lives. The Bible says that fear brings torment. Fear has no mercy. If you act in fear instead of acting in Faith, it will keep you depressed, miserable and lonely. So many people today are missing out on God's joy, peace and victory because they keep giving in to fear. They feed fear by what they watch on TV or read on the News or on the internet. Don't let that be You!

The book of Romans in the Bible tells us that Faith comes from hearing the word of God. The more you feed and fill your heart and mind with God's Word, the stronger your Faith will be. So, you can stand against the powers of darkness. Choose Faith instead of fear by choosing God's word.

PRAYER

Father, I receive your word today. I close the doors of fear in Jesus name. Amen

SEEK GODS FACE

2Chronicles 7:14

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face ..."

Seeking God's face shows our total dependency on God, with absolute understanding that without Him, we can do nothing. He's the one that knows the way to lead us. Again, whatever thing you want to start in life, you must first engage or consult God to order your steps. Some people start business, ministry, projects etc. without seeking after God's face first to know the mind of God concerning their plans. And mid-way when they start facing challenges, they now remember God.

Seek Gods face, he will hear you, make crooked ways straight, make hills plain and valleys levelled for you and save you a lot of misfortune. It delivers us from taking the wrong decision. **Proverb 19:21**. In whatever plan you have, make sure that God is in it.

PRAYER

Lord I totally seek your face today for I know I cannot do it on my own. Amen.

YOUR AUTHORITATIVE IDENTITY IN CHRIST

"But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a peculiar people... **1 PETER 2:9**

Understanding your identity in Christ both spiritually and physically gives you an edge over your equals and even those above you. The revelation of who you are keeps you from every intimidation, embarrassment and all forms of devilish and satanic harassments. You cannot live a life of self-pity, if you know who you are in Christ.

In Christ you are God's choice. You are a priest and a king unto our God (**Revelation 5:10**). In Christ you are acceptable to God. You are a unique and peculiar treasure to God. You are the apple of God's eyes. In Christ you can do all things (**Phil 4:13**). You are seated together with Christ in the Heavenly places. **(Ephesians 2:6)** You are the express image of God. Above all, you are the seed of Abraham who is the possessor of Heaven and earth **(Genesis 14:19)**.

For in you lies the power of the almighty and you are the undisputable image of the MostHigh God, who shall thou be afraid of?

PRAYER

Father, for I know who I am in you, make my life outstanding. Amen

- SUN. APRIL 3 -

BE THOU HOLY

1 Peter 1:16

" …… Because it is written, be ye holy, for I am holy"

The appeal for a holy life is enforced by considering the great cost of our redemption and the great hope which is opened before us. We must be holy, as God is: and this can be realized only when we allow God, by His Holy Spirit, to pour Himself into our natures. Someone may ask 'can I live a holy life?' yes you can. Every child of God can live holy because He has given you the grace and ability to live holy.

He sanctified us with the precious blood of His Son Jesus and also gave us the Holy Spirit and His word to enable us live holy. When we believed in Jesus at the point of salvation, our sinful nature (the old man) was taken away and we received God's nature of righteousness. Holiness is giving expression to the righteousness of God in your spirit by the help of the Holy Ghost, it is the display of the new nature. Holiness therefore is living a life separate from sin and ways of the world. It's living for God. An unbeliever cannot live holy because he still has the devil's sinful nature.

PRAYER

Oh Lord I thank You, keep me in thy statues that I may live holy always. Amen

WALKING IN THE WAYS OF THE SAINTS

Jeremiah 6:16

"Stand in the ways and see, and ask for the old paths, where the good way is, and walk in it; then you will find rest for your souls..."

Today, the word of God seems to have been diluted and compromised. Some believers have patterned their lives after the world. The world is not our standard, the word of God is our standard. We cannot be worldly and godly at same time. We suppose to influence the world not to compromise and conform to the world **(2 Corinthians 6:17)**

Christianity has an unchanging pattern. It cannot be modernized with time. David wanted to change the pattern of carrying the ark and God was angry. He didn't succeed in taking the ark to the destination (the temple). Many have ended their Christian journey on the way because of adopting worldly pattern. Christianity is a pattern of holiness and righteousness. The bible says in **Jeremiah 6:16** when you follow the ordained pattern, you will find rest for your soul.

PRAYER

Father help me to remain steadfast on the path of righteousness and holiness.

DISCOVER GODS PLAN

Habakkuk 2:1-3, Proverbs 29:18

"Where there is no vision, the people perish; but he that keepeth the law, happy is he."

Proverbs 29:18

The Lord has a definite plan and purpose for the life of every one of his children. The book of **Habakkuk 2:1-2** says, *"...And the Lord answered me and said, write the vision and make it plain upon tables, that he may run that readeth it."* Gods Plan is always a Personal Plan, a Perfect Plan and it is a Practical Plan. It is workable and it is thoroughly related to everyday living and service. It is not a plan which only sounds "good, pleasing and perfect" in a theoretical sense, but it proves to be so in experience!

What you see is what you can seize. Engulf yourself always in the Spirit of the Lord to discover Gods plan in all you do.

PRAYER

Thank you, my father, for you have opened my eyes to the truth again. I pray you direct me towards your plan for my life.

- WED. APRIL 6 -

PUT YOUR TRUST IN GOD

Psalm 9:10

"And they that know thy name will put their trust in thee: for thou, LORD, hast not forsaken them that seek thee."

To trust is to believe in the reliability, truth, ability or strength of something. So, when it comes to trusting God, that means believing in His reliability, His Word, His ability, and His strength. The Bible says that God cannot lie. That He always keeps His promises. That He loves you and has good in store for you. Trusting in Him means believing that what He says about Himself, about the world and about you are true.

Trusting God is more than a feeling; it's a choice to have faith in what He says even when your feelings or circumstances would have you believe something different. Many of us want to trust God. When times are good, it can feel easier. But when times feel difficult, it is even more important to trust God. God's unchanging character can give us a firm foundation when things feel unsteady and uncertain. God prides in Christians that puts their trust in him in at all times. Let your Hope be built on the Solid Rock that never fails!

PRAYER

Oh! Lord help me put my trust in you no matter the situation.

- THURS. APRIL 7 -

DO NOT DOUBT!

James 1:6

When he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind.

Issues of doubt have a massive negative impact on Christians of every maturity level. The requirement for receiving answers to prayers or fulfilment of promises from God is in your believing, **Matthew 17.20.**

God desires for your complete reliance to be upon Him, not yourself. It's so important to know your true identity in Christ and what that means for you. God wants us to have same possibility mindset as Himself because faith is the only currency with which one can purchase from the store of divinity. Without believing, it is impossible to receive from God.

A song says, "that why He is called Jehovah, that what He says He will do, that is what He will do." He who has promised is so faithful that He cannot fail. Doubt is a Sin!

PRAYER

My Father, help me believe strongly in you without doubt. Amen.

THE SPIRIT OF REVIVAL

Psalm 85:6

"Will you not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in you?"

Revival is an improvement in the condition, strength, or fortunes of someone or something. Biblically, Revival is the awakening or quickening of God's people to their true nature and purpose. There is great importance of the fire of revival among Christians. When revival comes, there will be unity and unity bring about unending growth. Revival brings God-consciousness. The Prophet Habakkuk cried "*O Lord revive your work in the midst of the year..."*

Many have lost their hunger and passion for the word and prayer. They give more of their time to things of lesser value, which are things of this lif**e, Colossians 3:2**. There is no revival without prayer, therefore this prayer is very important. Prayer ignites revival. The early church was a church of prayer and fire which actively ignited them. So, ignite the fire of revival in your life and ministry through prayer.

PRAYER:

Oh Lord I pray your spirit of revival come upon me today Amen.

- SAT. APRIL 9 -

BE UNITED IN LOVE

Philippians 2:2

"Fulfill my joy by being like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind."

Unity is the state of being united or joined as a whole. There is power in unity. We can only accomplish so much on our own, but together we can create a movement that **brings tangible change** and creates a future of hope. Unity ushers in the blessings of God. It is notable that the Holy Spirit came when the disciples were united in one place. It is also to be noted that when they were in one accord in the temple eating their meat, the Lord added to the Church on a daily basis.

Every heaven-bound believer should strive to be an instrument of unity in his family, church or wherever he finds himself. When we disobey authorities, and good decisions around us, we are causing disunity hence hindering God's glory from being manifested in our midst. **Proverbs 6:16-19**; Anyone causing disunity is committing abomination.

PRAYER

Lord, I ask for your peace within, make me an instrument of Unity.

- SUN. APRIL 10 -

IN ALL YOUR GETTING...

James1:5

Wisdom is the principal thing: therefore, get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding. **Proverbs 4:7**

Wisdom is of great importance in our lives, as it helps us to deal with things in the best possible way to achieve the best results that a person seeks, considering all the possibilities that may arise to change the order of priorities and thus change the goal-seeking behavior. Wisdom is the combination of experience, knowledge, and careful decision. It can help improve your life in all aspects: emotional, mental, physical, and financial.

Wisdom helps a person to overcome multiple difficult situations that he may encounter and get out of them with the least possible losses. Wisdom is divine, it comes from above where God is seated. Only God can give wisdom, for He alone knows where it is. Wisdom helps you to distinguish right from wrong. Wisdom helps you to build and organize your home. Wisdom will crown a man with glory and not shame. So, get wisdom, in all thy getting, get understanding.

PRAYER

Father, I pray this day that I access your supernatural wisdom to live right. Amen.

STOP THE ENEMY NOW!

Deuteronomy 28:7

"The Lord shall cause thine enemies that rise up against thee to be smitten before thy face: they shall come out against thee one way, and flee before thee seven ways."

As Christians, we have been called to be perfect and admirable role models in our various society but within us. But behind our closed doors, we should learn to engage for warfare when faced with satanic obstacles and unusual circumstance of life.

Principalities and powers in high places are ready and very keen to ensure your downfall and suffering in life, therefore you need to put up the powerful armour of the Lord and place a stop to their motives and works before they stop you. Let's not be like Abel whose blood lamented when it should have been a verified weapon for war neither should we be like John the Baptist who queried Jesus when his voice should have stopped his head from been placed on a charger. Rise up and stop them now!

PRAYER

Oh God my Father, give me the power of victory as I put on the armour of the Lord.

GOD STILL HEALS TODAY

Matthew 15:21-28

"But Jesus said unto her, Let the children first be filled: for it is not meet to take the children's bread, and to cast it unto the dogs." **Mark 7:27**

Many of you may wonder, *If God still heals today; then where is it? How do I get it manifested?* You believe it works, but you don't know how. Maybe you've seen someone stand and not get healed. Or maybe you have stood for your own healing and have not seen it manifest. Whichever it is, your faith has been shaken as a result. Well, I want you to know that God wants you well. A crumb from the table of our Lord can make you whole, satisfied and glad. But the suppliant must take the right place and give God His right place. One of the things you have to be convinced of before you even approach this is that healing is in Christ's atonement.

Healing is the children's bread. It's your portion as a Child of God! It's what God has given to you. If you're a Christian, healing belongs to you! Just realize that *"I don't* have *to be sick!".* That's exactly right.

PRAYER

Father, I come before you as your Child, I take a bite off the healing bread. I am made whole!

THE SPIRIT OF PROSPERITY

3John 1:2

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Prosperity is the flourishing, thriving, good fortune and successful social status. Prosperity often produces profuse wealth including other factors. Prosperity is a spirit from the living God and to activate this spirit, you need to be diligent, Seek God in Everything, Seek Righteousness, Keep His Commandments (Walk in His Ways), Honor God with Your Wealth, Develop Your Faith (Trust) in God. Believe you are worthy of happiness, focus on what you have right now, End the cycle of learned helplessness, Purge jealousy, study wealth and build a heart of giving.

God already has a lot in store for us, even more than written in his Word, therefore you have no reason to be wretched in life! Activate your prosperity today.

PRAYER

Father, I lay my life before thee. I activate the spirit of my prosperity now!

- THURS. APRIL 14 -

WILL YOU DENY CHRIST?

Luke 22:33-34

"And (Simon Peter) said to him, Lord, I am ready to go with you, both to prison and to death. But Jesus said, I tell you, Peter, before a (single) cock shall crow this day, you will three times utterly deny that you know me."

Jesus knew what was to befall Him and the trials that lay ahead of them. He predicted that some of them would deny Him. And Peter hastily declared that he will not deny Him, but when the trial moment came, he denied his master with an oath.

The question coming to you today, in this season of Easter is, "Will you deny Christ? Don't be in a haste to answer like Peter; instead, pray earnestly for the grace of God to help you. So many great men of God denied their God in the face of trials of life, especially in the area of money, immoral desire and quest for fame. When it comes to you, will you deny Christ? Will you still be faithful to your profession of faith? Reflect now and pray for the grace of God to help you.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, please give me the grace to stand firm in my profession of faith, even in times of trials in Jesus name, Amen.

- FRI. APRIL 15 -

THE DEATH OF CHRIST

Mark 15:1-41

"… and they crucified Him." **Mark 15:2**

Today is Good Friday, the day that man crucified his maker. It was the darkest day in the history of the earth. Jesus Christ was rejected by the people He cared for. They accused Him falsely and denied Him justice. None could speak for him or even identify with him. His closest friend, Peter denied him, Judas betrayed him and the rest of His disciples fled for their lives. They stripped Him naked, brutally lacerated his flesh with horsewhip, made him carry his own cross and led him to Golgotha, where he was crucified. What a wicked world! This horrified day was called "Good Friday" because of the significance of the death of Christ.

Jesus died to save man from sin and its consequences. He took our place of eternal death and ushered man into eternal life. He did not die for the sin he committed, but he was bruised for our iniquities and the chastisement of our peace was upon him; **(Isaiah 53:5)**. Please don't take this for granted. Surrender your life to his love and believe in him and you shall be saved.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I believe in you. I will live for you all the days of my life, so help me Lord in Jesus name, Amen.

THE MYSTERY OF EASTER

Philippians 3:10

"That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings, being made conformable unto his death"

Easter is more than the merriment we see in the world today. It is more than eating rice and stew, buying new dresses and going to visit friends and loved ones. Easter is the revelation of the mystery of the salvation of man by the power of God. Jesus took our miseries and nailed them to the cross. They stripped Him naked so that anything that exposes our nakedness is dealt with, they whipped him so that no sickness can triumph over our flesh. They pierced his side, so that our body will not be pierced. They put a crown of thorns on his head and mocked him, so that we will not go through the pains of mockery.

And finally, he died, so that through his death, we may have access to all his inheritance **(Matthew 27:21)**. If the high court of devil sentenced you, the supreme court of heaven shall set you free. It is the understanding of the mystery that gives us access to the blessings.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, give me the revelation of the mystery of Easter that I may access the blessings in Jesus name, Amen.

THE POWER OF RESURRECTION

MattHEW 28:1-10, Philippians 3:10

"He is not here; for He is risen" **Matthew 28:6**

Praise God, Jesus is risen from death. The powers of the earth, the grave, the soldiers, Satan and death could not hold him. The mystery of Easter is the demonstration of the resurrection power of God. Resurrection is not an event but the person of Christ. Demonstration is the resurrection of the power being made manifest in the person of Christ. It is the power that subdues every power that works against your life. If the power of death pulls you down, the resurrection power pulls you up. It is a quickening power **(Romans 8:11)**. It is the power of liberty; deliverance from captivity and problems of life **(Acts 2:24)**.

Resurrection brought about the restoration of our health, strength and vitality. The spirit entered Jesus and his mortal body was quickened (Rom 8:11). Let Jesus come into your life and let His spirit saturate you. He will turn your mortality to immortality; then you can go ahead and celebrate Easter.

PRAYER

Oh Lord, let the spirit and the power of resurrection saturate me today as I celebrate Easter in Jesus name

DO YOU BELIEVE (EASTER MONDAY)

Mark 16:1-14

"And when they heard that He was alive and had been seen by her, they did not believe." **Mark 16:11**

Do you really believe that Jesus is alive and is risen? This has been the bone of contention for many centuries now. Even many Christians do not really know for sure if Jesus is risen and is alive. Many like Thomas the Apostle, want an evidence they can see and feel before they believe that Jesus is risen. The same was the case of the disciples of Jesus after His resurrection. Jesus had appeared to Mary Magdalene and she reported the same to the disciples but they refused to believe. Again, He appeared to two of the disciples on the road to Emmaus, and they returned and reported the same to the disciples, still they refused to believe. When Jesus appeared to all of them, He had to rebuke them for their unbelief and hardness of heart.

Are you in the same state of doubt and unbelief like the disciples of Jesus? Do you want to have an evidence by touching the hand of Jesus or seeing Him physically before you believe?

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for raising Jesus Christ from the dead. Help me to believe this and share the testimony

FORGIVENESS

Mark 11:25-26; Matthew 6:12-15

"And forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors" **Matthew 6:12**

One cardinal point we raised yesterday is that forgiveness is a debt we owe ourselves. Today's reading shows this fact to be true. Here is a summary of what Jesus meant by our verse of the day; *"Your release from debt owed God is dependent on your releasing others from the debt they owe you"* When we fail to forgive others, hold grudges, bear malice, harbour resentment, bitterness or judgmental disposition against others, we lose the key to unlock our own forgiveness from God. It is as simple as that.

If you understand this, then you can see the urgent need to pursue forgiveness at all cost no matter how hurt you are or how deep the pain is or how permanent the loss might be. You may need to seek God's help as you pursue forgiveness, but never give up until you know you have totally forgiven the offender and the wound in your heart has been completely healed. This is for your own sake!

PRAYER

Lord, I am deeply hurt and pained, I ask for the grace to forgive and release my offender in Jesus name.

DO NOT FEAR THE DEVIL

Romans 8:37

"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors..."

Always remember that He that is in you is greater than he that is in the world. This is why in **1 John 5:4**, it is written, *"For whatever is born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world:* our father When Paul stated in Romans 8:37, *"Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us"* he was not referring to very pleasant situations, he was referring to tribulation, distress, persecution, famine, nakedness, peril and the sword **(Romans 8:35)**. He was referring to situations that were distressing and he declared that in all such situations we still remain more than conquerors.

This means that we subdue and overcome such situations through Christ. Do not in any way be terrified by your adversary the devil

PRAYER

I Praise you God always for I am more than conqueror in Jesus name, Amen

- THURS. APRIL 21 -

YOU ARE IN TROUBLE!

1Thessalonians 5:16-18

"Rejoice evermore. Pray without ceasing. In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."

You are in trouble! Yes You…. As a Child of God, you only praise God when good things come your way, you only pray to God when you feel it is comfortable for you. You pray to God only when you are in trouble? Then you are definitely in trouble! As a Christian, you need to keep laying your path right keeping your communion with your heavenly father and knowing his will and demands for you at all times and that can only be achieved through constant worship, praise and prayer unto God.

Most Christians today complain that they have prayed and even fasted but God didn't answer them. Take a good look at their track record with God and know how often they invoke the power of God in their altar of Praise and Prayer. Be not deceived for God can not be mocked. Retrace your steps today, go back to your first love, always drink from the well of unending Grace and watch things turn around for your good.

PRAYER

Oh God, I come before you this day. Give me the power to commune with you without ceasing Lord. Amen

THE CONSEQUENCES OF LAZINESS

Proverbs 24:33-34

"Yet a little sleep, a little slumber, a little folding of the hands to sleep: So, shall thy poverty come as one that travelleth; and thy want as an armed man."

Laziness is disinclination to activity or exertion despite having the ability to act or to exert oneself. Laziness is relative to procrastination and its dangerous to every Child of God. Lazy people bring others down with them, and most times they feel avoided by most people. Laziness leads to Poverty. Laziness allows Selfishness to determine your actions, makes you Neglect the actual and most important things and keep your focus on what doesn't actually matter.

Laziness makes you Gossip, laziness takes you away from your purpose in life. Lazy people have dreams but fail to back it up with action, they are greedy and can never be satisfied. They frustrate and discourage their subordinates. Lazy leaders fail to warn their followers of the dangers ahead which makes not just them to fall into destruction. Pray against it!

PRAYER

Father, I stand against every spirit of Laziness over my life and ministry. Amen.

DON'T WORSHIP IDOL

Isaiah 37:19

"Shall a man make gods unto himself, and they are no gods." **Jeremiah 16:20**

One great besetting sin of ancient Israel was idolatry, but what of we the spiritual Israel today? Remphan's star is no longer shining, but today we go after Mammon. Self in various forms struggles to subdue the chosen ones under its dominion .Idols cannot help us when troubles come. Why, then do we still keep them? We pity the pagan worshiping a god of stone, and yet worship a god of gold.

Do you now see that we are the same with them, only that our crime is much more because we have more light. The heathen bows to a false deity, because he does not know the true God; but we commit two evils, because we know the truth yet we forsake the living God and go after idols. Tell yourself the truth this morning and Ask the Lord to deliver you from these idol!

PRAYER:

Lord, deliver me from any form of idol worship

ACQUIRE A SKILL AND BE SKILLFUL

Exodus 35:35, Daniel 1:17

"Seest thou a man diligent in his business? He shall stand before kings: he shall not stand before mean men." **Proverb 22:29.**

Skill means ability or technical know-how or expertise in a field. What are you good at doing or what can you do best? Put your mind to work and walk your way to the top. In every profession, if you are not skillful you cannot go far in life. What am saying in essence is if you are not skillful in life you cannot stand before kings.

There is nothing you can get done in life without knowing how well to do it. It is the quality of your skill that determines the quality of your output in life. Your fasting, prayer and anointing cannot be substituted for your skill. There is a language I hate to hear from believers: *"If not for the devil, I know where I would have been by now."* Stop blaming the devil any-where, you are the devil. If you lack skill, it is the cheapest way that your destiny can be destroyed or ruined. Being skillful does not mean you are gifted, skill can only be developed. A skillful man lacks nothing. Indeed, it pays to be skillful.

PRAYER

Father, I quit from distractions and concentrate more of my time to learning something useful. Amen

- MON. APRIL 25 -

IT WILL COME, IT WILL PASS

Psalm 30:5b

"…weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning."

In Life, there is always a night to endure before the morning will dawn. Don't quit now. Don't sell out because surely, no matter how long the night may tarry, the morning will surely come. No matter how long you have been in that ugly situation, hold on to God, for just like God restored the riches of Job, He is awaiting his perfect time to restore your joy a thousand folds. You are a project of God and God will never forsake you, if you have a strong faith and trust in him and the ability to keep keeping on when confronted by challenges on every side.

There is no substitute for deep abiding faith. If you hold on and keep up the faith, you will surely win. People will chastise you and tell you things to make you loose faith in God, even Job's wife told him to curse God and die. The discouragement and evil advices will come from people very close to you but always remember that with God all things are possible. Everybody has a problem. No life is problem-free. Don't stop believing in God. Don't give up!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I see my morning dawning already. I hold on to you Lord in expectation of abundance, Amen.

BE FOCUSED – AVOID DISTRACTION

Proverb 1:10-19

"My son, if sinners entice thee, consent thou not."

Distraction is a thing that prevents someone from concentrating on something else. Distraction is one of the greatest enemies of your life and destiny. Distraction is a destiny killer, it can quench your star, it can keep your dreams unfulfilled, it kills courage, boldness and even vision of life.

Distraction from God is also extremely dangerous. As believers we believe that God is the captain of our ship. When you start losing sight of your captain, you start trying to steer your own ship. Not only does this lead to going the wrong way, but it can lead you in the direction of trials, sin, missed opportunities, and missed blessings. Major agents of distraction are: Bad friends, quick money mindset and lust. Satan always tries his best to distract us and when we get serious about having fellowship with the Lord and keep focus on our lives path. He will try to distract you even more. Fix your eyes back on the captain. You know where to find Him and he will guide you towards peace even in the raging storm.

PRAYER

Father, I abstain from every form of distraction, I fix my eyes on you Lord. Amen

WAIT UPON THE LORD

Isaiah 40:25-31

"My soul, wait silently far God alone, for my expectation if from Him." **Psalm 62:5**

Wait means to hope, to anticipate, and to trust. To hope and trust in the Lord requires faith, patience, humility, meekness, long-suffering, keeping the commandments, and enduring to the end. To wait upon the Lord means planting the seed of faith and nourishing it.

To wait upon the Lord, we need to acknowledge God's Sovereign control over all things, come to terms with your dependency on God, seek spiritual strength from the Lord, abstain from needless fear and worry, continue to learn and obey Gods command, expect the Lord to save, and seek the Lord through constant prayer, because the prayer of Daniel was answered the very first day he prayed but the answer to his prayer was held. His continual and constant prayer pushed God to take another step into releasing the held blessing. Pray until something happens! When you wait, you will reap unusual rewards, too numerous to enumerate here. Learn to wait upon the Lord!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to learn to wait upon you always. Take away the spirit of haste and rush in me. Amen.

- THURS. APRIL 28 -

BE NOT DEFILED

Romans 6:23a

"For the wages of Sin is death…"

We live now in a time where sin is taken as a "Normal thing", a society where the voice of the righteous is beaten down. The Society even most times denotes how Christians communicate with God their maker. The abnormal is now normal and the normal is termed abnormal. God Forbid! Christians saved by Grace are disgraced, most even murdered, the attacks, strategies and ways of Sin has been intensified greatly. Even in our Churches, the word of God has been diluted to suit the sinful lifestyle that even the SAVED are been deceived.

As a Christian, you need to pray for sustenance, for purity, for holiness all the time. Remember, without holiness no eyes shall see the Lord. Ask the Lord to teach you daily so you won't fall for misleading and diluted messages from the word of God.

PRAYER

My Father, hold me up in your steadfast love that I may not sin against you.

YOU HAVE THE POWER TO CONTROL MONEY

Genesis 43:23b

"…your God, and the God of your father, hath given you treasure in your sacks"

Most Christians have tarried in the bondage of ignorance to this power they have over wealth and riches. This was the same mentality that almost drove the Israelites back to Egypt. To command money is a complete understanding of who you are, demand what is yours from God for He has created us to live a fulfilled life and not a life of mediocrity. God intends for the church to be powerful, big and wealthy so that it can influence more people into the Kingdom that is why he gave us the Power over riches.

To attain full usage of this power to command money, you have to have the heart of Giving just as God giveth to you; fund the work of the kingdom, help the poor, pay your tithe, give your offering and give back to nature with a heart of gratitude. You don't command respect and influence when you are broke. Therefore, trigger your power to command money now!

PRAYER

Oh God! Now I have known, I command money to answer me now. Amen.

- SAT. APRIL 30 -

THE SECRET PLACE

Psalm 91:1a

"He that dwells in the Secret Place of the Most High"

The Secret Place can refer to a physical location, it most often connotes a state of a soul in its relationship with God. Secret Place reveals the core principle of Prayer and calls you into the pages where you are guided to an understanding of what transpires when you access God in the private, intimate, revealing place of prayer and communion.

The Secret Place is a Place of Power, a place of Authority, a place where we dwell under the shadow of the Almighty! Hard situations are made ease in the secret place, problems are solved in the secret place. Chains are broken in the secret Place. A place where the spirit takes root and grows, a place of divine authority and attention. To access the Secret Place, we need to consecrate fully unto God in a quite and lonely place, living a life sanctified by the spirit of the Lord. Access and saturate yourself always in the Secret Place and watch God in action.

PRAYER

My Father, I now access the Secret Place and I saturate myself, let the impossible be made possible.

- SUN MAY 1 -

IT SHALL BE GIVEN WHEN YOU ASK

Matthew 8:1-13

"Ask and it shall be given to you" **Matthew 7:7a**

Two persons met Jesus with different problems. one pleaded for himself, while the other pleaded for his servant, the centurion knew what authority is all about being a man that gives order to people and expects implicit obedience. He projected from his military domain to the spiritual and consequently saw Jesus as having authority over satan and situation. He based his faith on the authority of Jesus and expressed his confidence in him.

In contrast, the leper doubted the willingness of Jesus to heal him though he was certain of Jesus power to do so, we are expected to always come to Jesus in total trust and confidence. seek his will when you are not certain but don't doubt his willingness.

PRAYER

Lord, please help me to always remember that all power belongs to you.

- MON. MAY 2 -

DELAYED BUT NOT WITHHELD

Daniel 10 1-11

"For the vision is yet for an appointed time, but at the end it shall spoke and not lie, though it tarry, wait for it, because it will surely come, it will not tarry." **Habakkuk 2:3**

Daniel prayed and fasted for three weeks until he received answer to his prayers. He was obviously praying for the sins of his people. Daniel had always closely identified with his people. When the answer finally came, it was an awesome mission of the Lord. The explanation of the delay of God 's answer to Daniel's prayer is an eye opener. God answered his prayers immediately but satan caused a delay.

Do you think this could happen to some of your prayer? God answer will always get through in the end. We must not give up, imagine what would have happened had Daniel given up after a week or two. We have sometimes missed GOD'S blessings because we have not persisted in prayers. Read **Luke 18:1-14, 1Thessalonians 5:17**. Pray until something happens.

PRAYER

Lord help me to persist in prayers, knowing that you always hear and answer them.

ALWAYS GIVE YOUR BEST

Luke 6:38

"Give, and it shall be given back to you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together; and running over shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."

Giving is sowing, and every seed sown must produce a harvest. Harvest is the multiples of seed sown. From the opening scripture, Jesus taught the disciples that the secret of receiving a bountiful harvest is giving.

In your giving, it's important that you always out do your past; give your best always. Jesus said that the measure you give is the measure which you will receive. If you give sparingly, you receive sparingly. If you give joyfully and bountifully, you will also reap abundant in joy **(2 Corinthians9:6).** So, if you want to always receive the best all the time, make sure you give the best all the time. Whenever opportunity shows up for you to give in the house of God, or do something for the Lord, do it the best way and you will always receive the best in return.

PRAYER

The power of God is at work in me in the name of Jesus, I am a giver and a blessing to those around me, Amen.

- WED. MAY 4 -

YOUR DECLARATION

Psalm 118:17

"I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord"

Every day we make declaration that may affect us positively or negatively, when Caleb and Joshua and others went to spy the land ,the promise land ,the ten saw only the giants but didn't see God who had called them out of Egypt, so they declared that they were like grasshoppers while their enemies were giants. Indeed, the words of their mouth were honored, they never made it into the promised land, but Caleb and Joshua were positive in their outlook. These two knew their God, His ability and availability so the enemies were the grasshoppers and children of God, the giants.

What have you been saying about yourself? Do you speak positive or negative words to yourself and your future?

PRAYER

Holy Spirit, discipline my mouth and thoughts in Jesus name, Amen.

- THURS. MAY 5 -

THE POWER IN YOU

Ephesians 3:20

"Now unto him that is able to do exceedingly, abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us"

The word of God says there is power that works in us, and the question is, how much power is at work in you. Unfortunately, not many Christians believed that they have this power, sometimes we focus on our person instead of focusing on the promises of God, we are told greater is He, the holy spirit, who lives in us, than whatever dust the enemy can throw on us.

God has sent us **Matthew 28:18-19** and if we are not releasing the power given to us, some work might not be done, there are many things that needs to be done in this end time with that power we have received from Christ.

PRAYER

Father, give me the boldness to use your power in me, in Jesus name, Amen.

- FRI. MAY 6 -

THE POWER IN YOU (2)

Acts 1:8

"But you shall receive power after that the holy spirit is come upon you"

Jesus promised the disciples that they would receive power to witness after they have received the holy spirit. Today we know that power is not limited to strength beyond the ordinary, but it also involves courage, boldness, confidence, insight, ability, authority to confront the enemy and his agents.

Peter who had trembled and denied Jesus three times became a different person after he received the holy spirit. He and others preached the good news fearlessly. He was bold enough to confront the Sanhedrin questioning them who should be obeyed, they or the God who called them. We also read that his shadow and hankies from him healed all manner of diseases. God has not withdrawn this power. As many of us as have been baptized by the holy spirit have it as a duty to impact our world as the disciple of old. God is still waiting to have us release this power that his name be glorified.

PRAYER

Lord use me, that your name may be glorified

ANGER

Ecclesiastes 7:9

"Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry; for anger rested in the bosom of fools"

Our anger can make us foolish and judgmental. If Jesus were angry with the woman caught in the act and encouraged the crowd to stone her, she wouldn't have the opportunity to repent. For history has it that, she turned to be one of the followers, instead of being harsh in getting angry and meeting out a grievous punishment, we can use the occasions in ministering to the offender, we don't need grace to get angry, it takes maturity and the spirit of God to restrain oneself from exploding when someone steps on our toes.

Bible warns us to be angry but not sin . Simeone and Levi sons of Jacob were justly angry with amour for sleeping with Dinah, but they had no right to slaughter all the men of Hivite including Shechem. It was sheer heartlessness and wickedness to murder all the male in a community and ravage the whole city, capturing the children and women. Jacob was grieved by this act and cursed the two men in his death bed, don't allow your anger to destroy your life.

PRAYER

Holy spirit, remove the spirit of hateful anger from my life

- SUN. MAY 8 -

YOUR FAITH MATTERS

Matthew 8:5-13

"And Jesus said unto the centurium, go thy way, and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee and his servant was healed in the selfsame hour"

Matthew 8:13

It is interesting to note that when Jesus came on the scene as the healer, He still demanded faith, when the woman with the issue of blood was healed, Jesus declared, thy faith has made thee whole, this we cannot contradict because we are told there was a crowd pushing around Jesus, but it was the woman with the issue of blood who touched Jesus and got her miracle, she had left her house believing a mere touch of the helm of Jesus garment would heal her. Her touch was purposeful and in faith and Jesus knew and confirmed this.

The Centurion believed the word that Jesus spoke unto him and left for home, by the time he got home he was told that his servant got healed the very hour Jesus spoke to him.

PRAYER

Holy spirit, give me grace to believe the word of God in Jesus name.

JUST OBEY

Joshua 6:1-27

"And Joshua had commanded the people saying shall not shout, nor make any noise with your voice, neither shall any word proceed out of your mouth, until the day I bid you shout, then shall you shout"

Joshua 6:10

Many times, the enemy makes us feel our problem is insurmountable. I don't know how the Israelites felt when they saw the wall of Jericho but surely as human beings, it must have put a type of fear in their heart. However, they knew they had a living GOD, who had fought many battles for them.

Joshua believed GOD when he told him, I have delivered Jericho into your hands. In other words, though the wall had not crashed and the city was intact as ever, the lord God of host had already fought the battle in the spiritual realm and Israel had the victory, all that was required of them was to act on it. The question remained, how? God's answer was shout, shout the shout of victory, miracles are obedient to divine instructions, what has God instructed you to do and have you done it?

PRAYER

Thank you, father, for taking up the battle on my behalf.

BE ALERT

Matthew 10:16

"Behold I send you forth as a sheep in the midst of wolves, be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves"

It takes spiritual alertness or sensitivity to know and overcome the plans of the wicked ones, each day we must pray for the spirit of discernment least we be deceived by the demons in human disguise. The devil can quote the bible so, today we find brothers and sisters who have come to kill and destroy the genuine ones in the church.

Today, wicked men are in every street of our society and they come in many disguises, if you are greedy and wish to make money by all means you will be trapped. Nevertheless, if you walk close to God in prayer, fasting and in study of the word, you will not be vulnerable. The spirit of God in you will dictate the falsehood of these wolves in sheep clothing

PRAYER

Father, thank you for the gift of your spirit

HIS PURPOSE

John 19:1-16

"And the soldier plated a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put on him a purple robe"

John 19:2

When the roman soldier was asked to whip Jesus, they went beyond their brief. In addition to whipping him, they also mocked his claim of royalty, thereby placing a crown of thorns on his head and a royal robe so that our deliverance will be complete. Fortunately, satan did not know what the suffering of Jesus would do for men.

Our savior said, I come that you may have life and have it more abundantly. By his finished work on Calvary we have been made kings and priest of his glory. How blessed we are to be made sons of the most high GOD. Jesus suffering took away the curse placed on Adam and men that, in the sweat of your face, you shall eat bread **Genesis 3:19**. As his blood dropped on the ground, the soil was renewed that henceforth our labour would not be in vain. Every curse that was supposed to come on you fell on Jesus.

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus, for your unqualifiable love for me.

LOOK AT THE WORD

Numbers 21:4-9

"Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith" **Hebrews 12:2b**

Who knows how many of the Israelites still died from the bite of the serpent even after Moses put up the bronze serpent. Sometimes we think we know better than God.

If we must receive from God, we must believe Him and act on his word**, Hebrews 11:6**. Only when we believe and accept his instructions in faith can we benefit from his goodness. Many thought Moses was nuts when he said looking at the bronze serpent would heal them. but those who acted in faith were healed. Where is your focus in that situation or pain? Is it on God or on men? Focus on God, for He is the author and the finisher of our faith.

PRAYER

Thank you, Jesus, for being my all in all

WATER OF LIFE

John 4:1-26

"The woman said unto him, sir, give me this water, that I thirst not neither come hither to draw"

John 4:15

Science has proven that water without doubt is one of the essential of most living things ,No amount of water we take in a day can ever be sufficient for life ,We will always have that thirst for water especially when it is hot or when we have excreted energy, just as our physical body needs to be refreshed and strengthened by water, our spiritual can also need to be refreshed by the power of God.

Jesus told the woman by the well that He is the living water, she was physically well but spiritually sick, by the time Jesus ended his discussion with her, she discovered she had messed up her life. She was so overwhelmed by the fact that Jesus knew her secret though a stranger. Thus, she could tell that He was truly the messiah. A few minutes discussion turned her life the right side.

PRAYER

Father give me that water of life, Amen.

- SAT. MAY 14 -

IS HE YOUR SHELTER?

Psalm 91:1-7

"He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most high shall abide under the shadow of the almighty"

Psalm 91:9

The secret place is not a place to insist but a place to dwell, so as to be sheltered from whatever would not make our destiny a glorious one. David loved God and we are told how he sought the face of the lord seven times a day. In the secret place of the most high we cannot fall victim to our enemy, we can keep the enemy from attacking us, sometimes we can get so busy that we forget what is really important, but as we hold unto God in our prayers our safety is assured.

A child of God who has made it a habit to dwell in the presence of God will be an overcomer in the battles of life.

PRAYER

Lord, empower me to seek the secret place of your presence daily.

- SUN. MAY 15 -

IT CAN WORK FOR YOU

2Corinthians 4:1, James 1:2-6

"For our light affliction, worketh for us"

2Corinthians 4:17

Our troubles should not diminish our faith or disillusion us, if we are truly walking with God. For any affliction not to work against us, we must find Lords purpose in it instead of accusing our enemy or submitting our heart to grumbling spirit. We should allow our troubles to drive us to God and produce patience in us. Joseph's years of suffering improved his character. As a young man, he was quick to tell anyone who care to listen.

Imagine if Joseph was sent back to his father Jacob or when he was serving in the King's court he said to return or run away back to his family, Israel and God's promises to his people would not have been fulfilled, Israel and many others would have died of famine, but he endured all the afflictions that come his way, even when accused of rape attempt. In any affliction, there is a hidden glory that will be revealed at the end and a crown to be won if we endure.

PRAYER

Lord thank you for the glory ahead and give me the grace to endure all afflictions and trials that will reveal this glory in due time, Amen.

THE STORMS OF FAITH

Hebrew 12:11

"Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous,…afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness…"

Blessed are you, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven...**(Matthew 5:11-12)**. How happy are tried Christians, afterwards. There is no calm more deep like the one which comes after a storm. After climbing the Hill, we sit down to rest; after walking through the Valley of Humiliation, we are happy to see the glory that awaits us from the kingdom of God.

Believers usually have their best at last, after much trials and tribulations. So, incase you are passing through trials of life, receive it with joy for great reward awaits you at the end. Be steadfast, for it is only a patient mother that carry her baby after nine month. Congrats in advance!

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for always being there for me even in the times of trials. I receive the grace to end in victory in Jesus name.

JESUS NEVER CHANGES

Hebrews 13:8

"Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and today and forever"

The bible says, it is appointed unto men once to die and to the average person this seems a shocking and hopeless situation. But Christ came to give us the answer to the three enduring problems of sin, sorrow and death. It is Jesus Christ and he alone, who is also enduring and unchanging, the same yesterday, today and forever All other things may change but Christ remains unchangeable.

In the restless sea of human passions, Christ stands steadfast and calm, ready to welcome all who turn to Him and accept the blessings of safety and peace. For we are living in an age of grace in which God promises that whosoever will, may come and receive his son. But this period of grace will not go on indefinitely. We are even now living on borrowed time.

PRAYER

Jesus thank you for your unchanging love towards me and my family

CLEANSED BY THE BLOOD

Revelation 1:5b

"Unto Him That Loved Us and Washed Us from Our Sins in His Own Blood"

Blood is mentioned 460 times in the bible, fourteen times in the new testament, Jesus spoke of his own blood. Why because by shedding of his blood, he accomplished the possibility of our salvation. He paid the penalty for our sin, rebellion and death. Jesus stepped out and said *"...I'll take that death"*. He voluntarily laid down his life and took the penalty we deserve, that's what the cross is all about.

The blood of Jesus Christ did not only redeems us, it justifies us. Being justified means more than being forgiven. I can say, I forgive you, but I can't justify you, But God do not only forgive the past, he clothes you in righteousness as though you have never committed a sin. Yet it cost the blood of his son on the cross.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus Christ, with a deeply grateful heart I thank you for your sacrifice upon the cross that made me worthy of forgiveness.

SET YOUR MIND HIGHER

Colossians 3:2 (NIV)

"Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things"

Sometimes when people look towards the future, they don't see how they will ever rise higher or fulfill their destiny. That's because they are looking at things in the earthly, natural realm. But if we'll set our minds higher, if we'll set our minds on things above, we will have a different perspective. We walk by faith and not by sight. In other words, we have to believe it before we are ever going to see it. If we walk only by what we see in the natural realm, we can easily allow circumstances and fear to keep us from moving forward, but when we set our minds higher, we are walking by faith, and we can see things in God's way. Make decision to set your mind on things above.

Focus on the good things God has in store. Be determined to close the door on fear and doubt and choose to listen to that inner prompting of the holy Spirit, walk and live by faith and set your mind on higher things.

PRAYER

Thank you, father, for your word which light the path you have for me in Jesus name, Amen

- FRI. MAY 20 -

WHERE IS YOUR HOPE

Hebrews 6:19 (TLB)

"This certain hope of being saved, is a strong and trustworthy anchor for our souls, connecting us with God Himself"

What are you placing your hope on in the future? Your country's government, educational system, some place or organization? My hope is in a person, the Lord Jesus Christ, who sits at the right hand of God. I have hope and know that I'm going to heaven. And right here and now in this present life, I have Gods presence to help me.

Suppose we had no bible. Suppose there were no Cross, no Salvation, no empty tomb, suppose we had nothing to hang on except, do your best, try to patch it up, do what you can. Oh! but we have hope. There is a plan of redemption, a plan for the future. The new testament is an exciting book to read, it is so full of hope and expectancy and God is interested in you.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for giving me hope through your resurrection and the gift of salvation in Christ.

ONE BODY, SAME MEMBERS

Ephesians 4:4-6

"For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ." **1 Cor. 12:12**

We are one body in Christ with diverse spirit just as our opening verse pointed out, no part of the body is less important. If the mind of Christ is in us, *"who being the form of God, humbled himself and took upon him the form of a servant and became obedient unto death."* **(Philippians 2:7-8)**

Apostle Paul reminded us of Jesus walk of love while on earth Eph. 5:2 *"And walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us, and hath given himself for us an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet smelling savour".* We do all things in love, suffer together as one member with those who suffer and rejoice together for those who are honoured.

The body of Christ which is the church are filled with different gifts, for God has set some in church first apostles, secondarily prophets, thirdly teachers after that miracles, then gift of healing, helps government and diversity of tongues. The manifestation to everyman is to profit all

PRAYER

Help me Lord to walk in love irrespective of my gift in the body of Christ.

SANCTITY OF MARRIAGE

Psalm 101:2 (TLB)

"How I need your help, especially in my own home"

In the marriage ceremony, after the vows are said, the minister solemnly and reverently remarks, what God hath joined together let no man put asunder, is not GOD the third part in a marriage? should He not be considered in the marriage? If God formed the couple together at the onset, should not his presence be recognized in the home continually? many homes are on the rocks today because God has been left out of the domestic picture.

With the clash of personalities in a domestic pattern, there must be an integrating force, and the living God is that force. Many couples think that if they have better home, get a better job or live in a different neighborhood, their domestic life will be happier. The secret of a domestic happiness is to let God be the party of the third part in the marriage contract, have his rightful place in the home. Make peace with him then you can be a real peacemaker in the home .

PRAYER

Read Psalm 127:1-5

AN UPSIDE-DOWN WORLD

3John 11

"Follow not that which is evil, but that which is good…"

We must get this fact clear and firmly fixed in our minds, we live in an upside-down world. People hate when they should love, quarrel when they should be friendly, fight when they should be peaceful, wound when they should heal, steal when they should share, do wrong when they should do right. No matter what position you are put it in, it's assumed an upside-down position. Put it on its feet or on its side and when you let go it flipped back on its head. Un-regenerated people are just like that.

Do what you may with them and they always revert to an upside-down position. That is why the disciple to the world were misfits. To an upside-down person, a right side up person seems up side down. To a sinner, a righteous person is an oddity and an abnormality. A Christian's goodness is a rebuke to the wicked, his being right side up is a reflection upon the worldly inverted position.

PRAYER

Lord in this world of evil, may I never compromise my stand for you in Jesus name. Amen

TAKE YOUR LIFE BACK

2Corinthians 10:5

"Take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ"

Do you ever feel like things in your life are out of control? Usually that happens when we allow our circumstances to dictate our thoughts and attitudes, you might say, well, the economy is wreaking havoc on my business or this relationship is just too far gone. Today is the day to take your life back, we live in this natural realm, but as believers, we are not limited by this natural realm. We can tap into God's supernatural power but it starts by making every thought live up with the word of God.

Today, take your life back by taking your thought back, don't allow the enemy to have access any longer. Instead, meditate on the word of God daily and allow His truth to sink down deep into your spirit. Let HIS TRUTH set you free

PRAYER

I bring every negative thought in obedience to Christ in Jesus name, Amen

PRACTICE THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Galatians 5:16-26

"This I say then, walk in the spirit and ye shall not fulfill the lust of the flesh" **Galatians 5:1**

Christ can rid of inner conflict. Man, without God is always torn between two urges. His nature prompts him to do wrong and his conscience urges him to do right. Antagonistic desires and crossed up emotions keep him in a state of personal instability. Medical man has almost concluded that this conflict is the basis of much physical breakdown and nervous collapse.

Many doctors now believe that among the contributing causes of the common cold are stress, tension and inner conflict. Paul must have been in the midst of such a personal civil war when he cried, *"Oh wretched man that I am, who shall deliver me from the body of this death"*. Then he answered his own question when he said; *"I thank God through Jesus Christ our Lord."*

PRAYER

Only your Holy Spirit, Lord can control my innermost feelings. Help me to be conscious of your presence this day in Jesus name, Amen

WHAT PLEASES GOD

Hebrews 11:1-6

"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things not seen" **Hebrews 11:1**

Do you know what pleases God? He's not impressed by how much knowledge we have. He isn't influenced by how many possessions we own. He's not moved simply by our faith in Him.

Faith is a gift. It's not something that has to be continued or worked up. The scripture tells us that everyone has been given a measure of faith. It also says that faith grows as we hear the word of God, that's why it's so important to stay connected to a bible -based church where the word of God is being taught.

Its why we need to make time every day to read and study his word because that's how you feed your faith. The more you know His word, the more you understand that God is good and He rewards the people who seeks after HIM.

PRAYER

Father thank you for giving me the gift of faith so that I can be pleasing to you, Amen

- FRI. MAY 27 -

BE GENEROUS

Proverbs 11:25 (NIV)

"A generous man will prosper, he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed"

Do you need refreshing today? So many people go around overwhelmed, tired, worn down, barely getting by. But that's not God's best, He wants us to prosper. He wants us to be refreshed. Here is the key; be generous and refresh others. Is there someone at the office you can be a blessing to? Can you lighten someone's load? Maybe a family member is going through a hard time, can you help them out? Refreshing someone can be as simple as a smile or an encouraging word. Don't wait until you feel like doing it, that day may never come. Do it because the scripture tells us to. Do it because it blesses the Lord.

Today, look for someone to be a blessing to, step out and refresh others, live a life of generosity. As you do, you will be refreshed in return and experience His blessing in every areas of your life.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for blessing me so that I can be a blessing to others. Teach me to be generous in Jesus name, Amen.

DIVINE IDEOLOGY

Genesis 30:31-33

"And Jacob said, thou shalt not give me any thing: if thou wilt do this thing for me"

Poverty is not the lack of money, but the lack of IDEAS! Most people are poor simply because they haven't gotten the idea that will launch them out of poverty. People work hard just to make ends meet but it all seems like it is all in vain. Hardwork cannot pull you to your prosperity in life, but a simple divine idea from God with little smart work will scale you through Poverty. Jacob served Leban for so many years but achieved nothing until the day he got a divine Idea on how to create his own wealth.

At the beginning of **Chapter 31** in the book of Genesis, Leban's children declared *"Jacob hath taken away all that was our father's; and of that which was our father's hath he gotten all this glory."* Glory! It was just by a simple divine ideology from God.

All you need in life is a Divine Idealogy of creativity from the Lord in whatever you do in life.

PRAYER

My Father, My Lord, I submit myself to you, release upon me the creative idea that will take me to my place of Honour. Amen.

BE INFORMED

2 Peter 3:18

"But grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ…"

The world is now a global village. It simply means that through the internet you can visit, interact and impact the globe without actually travelling. Access to internet has also helped to break information limitations. We have been launched into information age. Information is what rules the world now.

God revealed in the past ages through His prophets, the knowledge shall greatly increase in the later days. In other words, God is telling us that the most important source of knowledge we need to change our world is Him. Jesus instructs us to search the scriptures for in them ye think you have eternal life. **(John 5:39).** Therefore, begin with the scripture because the picture of your future is in the scripture.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I lay the right foundation of knowledge of my future through your word in Jesus name. Amen.

BE INFORMED (2)

Daniel 9:2

"In the first year of his reign, I Daniel understood by books the number of the years, whereof the word of the Lord came..."

Lack of information leads to deformation. Sadly, so many destinies are deformed, not because they don't have God or because they are sick, but because they don't seek for knowledge. *"For my people are destroyed for lack of Knowledge..."* **(Hosea 4:6)**

From the opening Scripture, Daniel understood by books, the prophecy of liberation that was hanging over the destiny of the people of Israel in the Land of Captivity. And by understanding, he prayed his people out of bondage. Anything you do without adequate information will definitely lead to frustration. There are so many prophecies controlling your marriage, prosperity, divine health, freedom from captivity, etc. but they are hidden in the book. It is your responsibility to go and get the book, open the pages of the book, discover what you need, so that you can recover.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for today's message, I receive the grace today to go for information concerning my destiny that is hidden in the book in Jesus Name. Amen

BE INSPIRED

Job 32:8

"But there is a spirit in man and the inspiration of the Almighty giveth them understanding"

To be inspired is to move to a higher level of thought, creativity or motivation. It also can be defined as the arousal of the mind to special unusual activities or creativity. Inspiration activates your mental power to create pictures of greatness and possibilities. Inspiration is the generator of vision. But there are environments that generates great inspiration.

The bible said concerning prophet Elijah *"...And it came to pass when the minstrel played, that the hand of the Lord came upon him."* **(2Kings 2:15)**. To Elijah, it is the presence of God activated through praise and worship. You must be a man who knows how to create environment of inspiration. Find out what inspires you and keep doing it. It could be prayer, music, travelling, helping people, service, giving, work, relaxing moment, visiting sites, etc. Live an inspired life daily.

PRAYER

Father, inspire my life by your spirit to pursue your vision for my destiny and to motivate others around me in Jesus name. Amen

STAND AND PREVAIL

Luke 10:19, John 16:33

"Behold, I give unto you, power to tread upon serpent and scorpions and over all the power of the enemy and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

Luke 10:19

Generally, life can be tough. People often say that it is not a bed of roses because human experiences are usually an uneven combination of happiness and sorrow, victory and loss; nevertheless, the word of God assures us that as Christians we can experience constant victory, peace and joy in the Holy Ghost, regardless of the situation in the world. In **John 16:33**, Jesus said that *"although there will be troubles and sufferings in the world, in Him we will have peace because He has overcome the world".*

As a child of God, Christ has given you power over all the works of the devil and victory in every area of your life **(2 Peter 1:33)**. It is therefore your duty to enforce and claim the victory in Prayer. Satan will try to assault you and rob you of God's blessings by sponsoring challenges and afflictions but you must stand against him in prayer and claim your victory in Christ Jesus.

PRAYER

Father, give me the grace to operate in the realm of faith that will guarantee my total victory on every side in Jesus name, Amen.

THE PREVAILING POWER OF PRAYER

James 5:16b

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much."

Power is needed for the release of human potentials and to facilitate progress in the life and destiny. In **Ephesians 6:12**, the bible says that *"we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places"*. As Christians, we do not run away and hide in shame or surrender; rather we stand against them in the name of Jesus. This is the pathway of victory.

In out warfare against the forces of darkness, prayer will always bee the game-changer. Prayer changes situations: it softens hardened hearts, puts the devil to flight and makes you formidable. Today, you can put a stop to the unpleasantness in your life if you decide to stand in prayer. Get up and reclaim lost territories on your knees; pull down barriers on your way to progress and strengthen your spiritual backbone, call forth your breakthrough and deliverance in the name of Jesus.

PRAYER

Oh Lord my God, I receive fresh baptism of fire to tarry in the pace of prayer in Jesus name.

OFFENSES ARE PART OF LIFE

Luke 17:1-4

"And if he sins against you seven times in a day; returns to you saying, 'I repent', you shall forgive him" **Luke 17:4**

Offenses are part of the fallen human nature and we often time offend others just as we are offended too. Therefore, to have a smooth, flowing relationship with people, we need to deal with these offenses in such a positive way that relationships are not damaged but restored. Forgiveness therefore is essential. Forgiveness is in fact a debt we owe ourselves rather than the offender. When we forgive others, we are rather releasing ourselves and giving ourselves an opportunity to begin again, to love again, to care again and to be at peace with ourselves and with God.

Every time forgiveness is sought, it must be offered. So the Scriptures teach. But what about when it wasn't sought, what should the believer do? Since forgiveness is a debt we owe ourselves, we ought to simply forgive for our own sakes rather than for others.

PRAYER

I forgive everyone who has offended me by the mercy and grace of God in Jesus name.

MAKE PRAYER YOUR LIFESTYLE

1Thessalonians 5:17

"Pray without ceasing"

Many Christians today are not living the victorious and triumphant life God desires for them because they haven't learnt to pray. If you long for a life of victory and peace, then you need to make prayer your lifestyle. God is seeking Christians who will *"make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it:"* **Ezekiel 22:30**.

To develop a praying lifestyle, you must make prayer a constant practice. The bible says in **1Thessalonians 5:17** *"Pray without ceasing"*. That is, pray always; pray without stopping; pray continually. But unfortunately, many Christians excuse their prayerlessness, hiding behind their busy schedules. Don't allow feelings of tiredness, discomfort, exhaustion or laziness to hinder you from praying. Avoid procrastination when you need to pray.

Don't wait until you are faced with challenges; Prayer is an investment: having a praying lifestyle means talking to God everywhere, every time on anything. You can cultivate this lifestyle by asking God to teach you how to pray and also schedule a time for prayer every day.

PRAYER

Sweet Holy Spirit, teach me to pray without ceasing.

SOME HINDERANCES TO PRAYER

Isaiah 59:1-2

"...But your iniquities have separated between you and your God, and your sins have hidden his face from you, that he will not hear."

God expects us all to pray and call on Him at all times. However, as important as prayer is to our spiritual growth, not all prayers are answered by God. Certain things can hinder your prayer from being answered. Let's take a look at some of them:

- Sin: Sin puts a wedge between you and God, where sin exists and thrives, Prayer becomes an abomination. **(Proverbs 15:8)**
- Self: Some people pray with the wrong motives. You don't pray for self-gratification. You pray for God to be glorified.
- Unforgiveness: Refusing to forgive those who offend you keeps you living in the past and make you as guilty as the one who has offended you before God. **(Matthew 6:15)**
- Unbelief: Doubting God and His word can hinder your prayers. **Hebrews 3:17-19**. Let your heart agree with your lips when you pray.

PRAYER

Oh Lord my God, my prayer shall not be hindered. I receive Grace to live right in Jesus name.

LIVING ON THE WORD OF GOD

Psalm 1:2

"But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night."

The bible said in **Psalm 119:11** *"Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee."* Meditating on Gods word is a key for a successful Christian living. Daily intake of the word of God will transform your life. If you really want to know who you are in Christ Jesus, look at the word concerning you in the Bible. The hearing of the word of God is a measure of information but the digestion and meditation of the word brings deliverance and breakthrough. You can use the word of God to recreate things and the world around you.

Therefore, learn to speak the word of God. What you do with Gods word determines the outcome of your life and destiny. Let the word of God dwell in you richly. Don't be so busy that you have no time for the word of your maker.

PRAYER

Lord give me the Grace to live by your words daily in Jesus name, Amen.

STOP COMPLAINING

Numbers 11:1-9

"and when the people complained, it displeased the lord: and the lord heard it; and his anger was kindled; and the fire of the Lord burnt among them, and consumed them that were in the uttermost parts of the camp." **Numbers 11:1**

Life, like the wilderness, can be hard, but when we complain, we fall into the devil's trap. When we complain, we tend to see life in a distorted way. We forget what God has done and focus only on the things He is yet to do. In reality, every complaint a believer makes is against the Lord and is one of the ugliest of sins. And complaining against other believers is especially serious, because those believers are God's children.

St. Paul calls us to do everything without grumbling **(Philippians 2:14)**. Is this possible? Yes, when we learn to concentrate on God's Grace in Christ. How can we complain so often when we know we are loved by God? His Grace can move us from grumbling to gratitude. Contentment leads to gratitude and gratitude can never co-exist with grumbling.

PRAYER

My Lord and my Father, help us to be content and thankful. Forgive us for the times we grumbled, Amen.

THE DANGER OF COMPLAINING

Numbers 11:1-4

"And when the people complained, it displeased the Lord..." **Numbers 11:1**

We face several dangers when we complain:- The Lord is displeased: When the Lord is displeased, His anger is kindled and in the text we read, the bible said that he sent fire from heaven to burn the children of Israel and consumed those that are uttermost of the camp.

- We are rejecting God: When we are complaining, we are saying that the Almighty God is not capable to be our God.
- Our Spirit is Weakened: The third thing we should realize when we complain is that it weakens our Spirit. It becomes difficult to move forward **(Psalm 77:3)**. Complaining has never solved any problem apart from aggravating it. It can only aggravate bitterness of soul.
- Sad Countenance: Complaining makes our countenance sad. A complainant will always look sad, angry and at times dejected. Complaining can only make us to get worse and not better.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, deliver me from murmuring and complaining in Jesus name.

FILL AND DRAW

John 2:1-11, John 7:37-39

"And he saith unto them, Draw out now, and bear unto the governor of the feast. And they bore it. And do not be drunk with wine in which is excess, but be filled with the spirit." **Ephesians 5:18**

What a man is filled with is what he can draw from. Peter said to the lame man at the beautiful gate, "silver and gold I have not but what I have I give". That is out of that which I am filled with is where am drawing out to give you. Believers in Christ should constantly be filled with the spirit because a lot of people are to receive out of that which we carry.

Jesus meet a woman at Jacob's well in **John 4**, Jesus said to her, *"If you know the gift of God and who it is who says to you give me a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water. The woman asked him; where then will you draw the living water?"* In **verse 14 of John 4***"...but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life."* What are you always filled with as a believer?

PRAYER

Lord please fill me up till I run over.

UNPARALLELED COMMITMENT

John 6:60-71

"Then Simon Peter answered him, Lord to whom shall we go? Thou hast of eternal life." **John 6:68**

Dedication is an important ingredient for success. It is the force that keeps you going when things are not working as projected. It is dedication that keeps you focused on the course despite all the distractions that may come your way. Dedication is central to achieving success in any endeavor.

Peter is an embodiment of dedication. He showed total commitment to Jesus Christ and the cause of the gospel. Since Jesus called him to fish men, he stayed put with his master, though he stumbled on several occasion. He failed many times while following Jesus, but he never failed to follow **(John 18:15)**. He was committed till the end. He was so dedicated to Jesus that he vehemently rejected it when Jesus predicted that he would be crucified. As a believer how committed and dedicated are you to God through your service?

PRAYER

Lord, help me to be more dedicated and committed to you.

WALKING WITH GOD

Genesis 5:21-24

"And Enoch walked with God: and he was not; for God took him." **Genesis 5:24**

God is looking for a walking partner. From the very beginning, God had a relationship with Adam and Eve in which we found them *"walking in the garden in the cool of the day"***Genesis 3:8**. God created man for the enjoyment of a walking relationship that involved companionship, dialogue, intimacy, mutual delight and shared dominion.

God longs to walk with you, which is why His arms of grace have been pulling you into a closer walk with him. Enoch was the first man in the Bible who walked with God. He was the first man to uncover the true delight of walking with God. To find that dimension of relationship certainly requires an intense spiritual pursuit and then when he found it, the Lord made a graphic statement by taking him up to heaven. God used this unique experience to emphasize a specific point. God's point was, *"I love to walk with man".*

When you walk with God, you enter the dimension where God unfolds the secret of His kingdom to you.

PRAYER

Oh Lord my God, teach me how to walk closely with you in Jesus name.

DEVELOPING A DEEPER LOVE FOR GOD

Matthew 22:34-40

"Jesus said unto him, thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind." **Matthew 22:37**

The desire of every genuine Christian is to love God more and more, but most believers are not quite sure how to go about making that happen. In **John 14:15**, Jesus said *"If you love me, keep my commandments."* Therefore, obeying God is connected to Loving Him. If you feed your body, your body gets stronger but if you feed your Spirit, your Spirit will get stronger and that is what you need if you want to love God more deeply. Your appetite must change and you do that by feeding your Spirit with the word of God, praying more, giving more time and money to God and attending church more.

When you choose to read your Bible and pray rather than watch a television show, you are feeding your spirit and starving your flesh and over time, your love for God will increase.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to do whatever it will take to love you more than I presently do in Jesus name, Amen.

DEVELOPING A DEEPER LOVE FOR GOD (2)

John 14:15

"If you love me, keep my commandments."

Increase your obedience to God's word: In order to develop a deeper love for God, you must feed on and devour the word of God constantly. You must read the Bible to see how to live, think and treat others, applying it to your life every day. However, if you read the bible and ignore what it says, James says you only deceive yourself: *"But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves…. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueththerein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed."***James 1:22,25**

Obeying God and His word are always linked to His blessings. You must decide that what the Bible says is what you will do. Believe and practice. As you make these changes, you will get closer to God, drawing Him nearer with your obedience.

PRAYER

My Lord, help me to obey you always in Jesus name, Amen.

BE TRUTHFUL

Proverb 12:22

"Lying lips are abomination to the Lord: but they that deal truly are his delight."

We live in a generation where dishonesty is a big concern and virtually every area of our lives confirms this common observation. Truth and integrity are lacking in our society. These days, a lot of names (e.g. Smartness) have been given to lies other than "Lie", but no matter how it is coated, it does not change how God sees it. In our text, the Bible says that God detests a lying lip, but delights in men who are truthful. Our God is a God of Integrity. Whoever lies belongs to satan for the Bible said that *"Satan is the father of all lies".*

Trust God always with the truth. Tell it and display His integrity. God will always defend the truth. The Bible says that Jesus is the way, the truth and the life. It is better to stand alone with God than stand without God in support of the majority.

PRAYER

Oh Lord, help me to always stand for the truth at all cost in Jesus name, Amen.

YOU SHALL BE ABOVE ONLY

Deuteronomy 28:13

"And the Lord shall make thee the head, and not the tail; and thou shalt be above only, and thou shalt not be beneath; if that thou hearken unto the commandments of the Lord thy God, which I command thee this day, to observe and to do them:"

Child of God, are you experiencing a downturn in your income, marriage, academics and career? Has the enemy whispered to you? Rise up and commit everything to God who alone can turn things around for you. Beloved, when God makes you the head, you will end up on top of your circumstances. There is good news for you this day; *"The Lord shall make you the head and not the tail; you shall not be above only and not beneath"*

Whatever you are going through is only temporal. Keep believing that you are above only. It is God who always cause you to triumph in Christ, **2Corinthians 2:14**. So believe Gods word in spite of your circumstances and expect to have all round victory in life.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for your promises. I declare that I triumph over every situation in Jesus name, Amen.

PREPARE FOR RAPTURE (1)

1Thessalonians 5:2

"For yourselves know perfectly that the day of the Lord so cometh as a thief in the night."

Although there are series of events in human existence such as weddings, elections, religious camp meetings, etc. The next big event will be the Rapture of the Saints. The Bible says at the sound of the trumpet, the dead in Christ will rise, put on an immortal body and ascend to Heaven, to be with the Lord. Also, living Saints from all over the globe will instantly and swiftly shed their mortal bodies, wear a glorified body and be caught up into the air to meet their Saviour, **1Corinthians 15:52**.

The Rapture will end this dispensation of Grace. It will be the greatest wonder of the world because it will defy the law of gravity. All kinds of speculations will be made about the mysterious disappearance of family members, friends, neighbours and colleagues. Seeing that all the prophecies signaling the Rapture have been fulfilled, **Matthew 24:7-12** and that it could happen even now, you need to be prepared lest you are caught unawares. Are you ready for this great event?

PRAYER

Oh Lord, my God, I need your help, I don't want to miss rapture in Jesus name, Amen.

PREPARE FOR RAPTURE (2)

1Thessalonians 4:16

"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first:"

The rapture will fulfill diverse promises Jesus made to the Church. Besides this, the rapture will be the only escape route for the church from the Great Tribulation. Those intense suffering and torment in the hands of the Anti-Christ for seven years. Meanwhile, the saints will be ushered into seven years of rejoicing and dinning with Christ at the marriage supper of the Lamb. During this period, they will also receive rewards for their faithful services to God while on earth. **Revelation 19:7**.

Additionally, the rapture will mark an eventual end of trials, troubles, pains, sorrows and anguish for the raptured Saints. The Rapture of the Saints will surely take place, therefore, get prepared.

PRAYER

Oh Lord, my God, I need your help, I shall not miss rapture in Jesus name, Amen.

PREPARE FOR RAPTURE (3)

Romans 13:11

"And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now,is our salvation nearer than when we believed."

No one can successfully partake in an event without making adequate preparation for it. To take part in the Rapture, therefore, you need to make serious and conscious preparation for it. The first step towards getting ready for the rapture is to repent from all your sins, confess them and accept Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, **Acts 16:31**. Thereafter, abide in Him daily and pray for Grace to live a righteous life until He comes.

Are you a backslider? Have you tasted of the Grace of God but have drifted away from the path of righteousness? You can be restored today if you repent of your sins and return to the Saviour. Are you a careless Christian? Be sober, be a witness for Christ and serve Him enthusiastically. Wait on the Lord through constant searching of the Scripture and unceasing prayers. Examine your life daily. Remember the rapture will be sudden; there will be no time to make last minute amends.

PRAYER

Oh Lord, my God, I ask for your Grace to be a partaker of the great event of Rapture.

THE KING'S PALACE

1Corinthians 2:9

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

God is the King of all Kings; Heaven is God's palace. It can not be compared to any earthly palace. No mortal can fully comprehend or vividly describe its glory, beauty and splendor. God has great things in store for them that loves him in His palace.You should constantly pay homage and reverence to God than you do to earthly kings, because He is eternal, immortal, invisible and the only wise God. You should love, honour, obey and tremble at His word and rejoice in anticipation of glory and constant presence. Consider yourself very fortunate to have Him as your Father and to be His heir and joint heirs with Jesus Christ who is in His Prince and the Saviour of the whole world.

No one gets to heaven by accident or by chance, so if you are a sinner, repent of your sins now and accept Jesus as your Saviour.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I choose to spend eternity in your palace, please help me live in that consciousness..

HOLINESS

Hebrews 12:14

"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"

Holiness is the passport to heaven. Holiness is not having a reputation for unwavering morality, unalloyed zeal and passion for church work or ability to preach. Of course, these are all good virtues but they are not holiness. Holiness is living a life that is controlled totally by Jesus Christ.

To become Holy, you must first repent of your sins, accept Jesus as your Saviour and become a born-again Christian. Thereafter, seek God to purge you of inbred sin and purify your heart. When your heart is purified, Jesus dwells there and gains total control of it. Holiness is having the same mind with God. This is the act of agreeing with God at all times and in all things. A Holy person will always consult to the will of God. Holiness is a complete freedom from inward and outward sin. **Revelation 21:27** clearly states that anyone with a blemished life or tainted with sin will not get to heaven. To maintain a Holy life after God has sanctified you, abide in Christ and set your affection on heavenly things, read and meditate on the word of God.

PRAYER

My Father, I need the Grace to live a Holy Life, Amen.

DISCOVER YOUR PURPOSE

Act 9:6

"And he trembling and astonished said, Lord what will thou have me to do, And the Lord said unto him. Arise and go into to the city, and it shall be told thee what thou must do."

Life becomes a loss-bound gambling until purpose is discovered. The reason why people leave their lives to chance is because they do not know what life is all about. They do not know the purpose of their lives. What you know is what you can show. Due to this ignorant of what life is all about, people live carelessly and allow their lives to be wasted by the devil, sin and the system of the world. The most import discovery in live is the discovery of purpose life without purpose is pointless. And life without bearing becomes a burden.

One of the most desperate prayers you should pray in life is, Lord show me why I am here on earth. what do you want to do with my life, where should I channel or invest the energies of my life? Therefore, passionately pursue the discovery of God's purpose for your life by going to God in prayer.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me discover my purpose in Life in Jesus name, Amen

DEVELOP YOUR POTENTIALS

Matthew 25:15

"And unto one he gave five talents, to another two, and to another one: to everyone according to his several abilities and straightway took his journey."

Discovery of potentials deals with the release of gifts inside you. It is important to know that potential is the vehicle to destiny **(Proverbs 18:16)**. if you travel by potential you will reach your destiny, your potential has the capacity to transport you from the realm of smallness to the realm greatness. Your potential determines your portion, your potential determines your possibilities, your potentials determines your opportunities.

To hide your gift is to half your destiny. There are many people who are loaded with heavy potential but wasting away in idleness and confusion. Therefore, discover your potential, develop your potential and engage it, it will give you your portion in life.

PRAYER

Lord, I ask that you show me what you have put in me, I receive the grace to deploy them maximally in Jesus name.

MAXIMIZE OPPORTUNITIES

Ephesians 5:12

"Redeeming the time, because the days are evil."

One of the most important things on earth is the maximization of life's opportunities. One way to maximize your life's opportunities is living with the sense of urgency. It is the refusal to be a time or opportunity waster, it is to recognize opportunities and take advantage of them. Urgency affects destiny. Time is the stuff of life; the wastage of time is the wastage of life. people of impact are people who have a very high sense of urgency.

Destiny is time sensitive. A 60-year-old man cannot join the military force to become a soldier or join a football to play football. he may be interested but it is too late. When you spend three hours on the internet, not because you want to carry out a research but to chat with someone aimlessly, you are wasting time your time. Positively engage your time on things that will improve your life. Have a daily schedule of your life. Discover opportunities and maximize them, you will become outstanding in life.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me not to waste the time or opportunities of my life.

MAINTAIN THE RIGHT INFLUENCE OVER YOUR LIFE

1Corinthians 15:3

"Be not deceived, evil communication corrupts good manners."

Maintaining the right influence over your life is one of the most important things to do in life. Your life could be influenced directly or indirectly by the kind of friends you keep. those who speak into your life also influence your life positively or negatively. you cannot have a level of Impact on earth higher than the degree of influence around you.

Someone said that if you can point the seven closest persons to your life, you can see your future. If a drunkard, smoker or borrower is your closest friend, then you are face to face with unpleasant future, your environment determines your attainment. My counsel is, prayerfully select the influence around your life. Select the things you listen to and the things you watch on television. because they will greatly influence your future.

PRAYER

Oh Lord, I ask that you help me to arrange my life with the right influence in Jesus name, amen.

THE PLAGUE OF WRONG ASSOCIATION

2Corinthians 6:14

"Be ye not unequally yoked with unbeliever for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness and what communion hath light with darkness."

And association could mean a connection or cooperative linking of people or a group of people for a joint purpose.Association fuels assimilation; who surrounds you determines what you can survive.Beloved, it is important that your association changes the moment you surrender your life to Christ. It is not possible to say a person is born again, filled with the holy ghost, and his closest friend is a drunkard, smoker or a womanizer, the truth is that it is unwise to think that they cannot convince him to compromise.

Now, if a child of God always enjoys the company of the ungodly, he should also be ready to enjoy their destination which is hell fire, because who you company with determines what accompanies you, and who you follow determines what follows you. Be wise

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I disconnect myself from every wrong association, connect me with the right people in Jesus name, Amen.

THE CURE FOR DEPRESSION

Isaiah 61:3

"To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for spirit of heaviness…."

Depression is a long-term state of mind characterized with extreme unhappiness and inability to visualize a happy future. It is a powerfully negative mood that interferes with daily life. Depression is a major destroyer of life and destiny. It is a major sponsor of oppression. It is a door way to satanic oppression to destroy destiny. People commit suicide not when they are excited but when they are depressed.

You must fight depression, fight the spirit of heaviness. refuse to be depressed despite the prevailing circumstances. let Gods word fuel your joy. Rejoice when the devil wants you to cry sing when he wants you to mourn. If you do not want to be depressed watch your environment. avoid depression provoking pictures. Living in a room apartment with joy is better than living in a duplex with depression.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I reject the spirit of depression, I receive the grace to be joyful always in Jesus name, Amen.

- MON. JUNE 27 -

THE DANGER OF STRIFE AND BITTERNESS

Ephesians 4:1-32

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamour and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice and be ye kind one to another tender hearted..."

One of the deadly enemies of destiny is lifestyle of strife and bitterness. This also referees to competitive jealousy and comparison. Lot entered into with his uncle, Abraham who brought him out of obscenity. Absalom also strove with his father, David. both lot and Absalom ended in disaster. A lifestyle of strife and bitterness will always end one in disaster.

Focus is distracted where strife is established and progress is also arrested where bitterness and strife are in place. You cannot become who you are meant to be if your focus is to undo, overdo, or outdo someone else. The presence of bitterness and strife is the absence of God and the absence of God is the presence of the devil, who also cometh to steal, kill and destroy. Please stay away from bitterness and strife.

PRAYER

Oh Lord, deliver me from the lifestyle of competition comparison, bitterness, hatred and strife, Amen.

THE CURE FOR STRIFE AND BITHERNESS

Philippians 3:14

"I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus."

Previously, we identified the dangers of the lifestyle of strife and competitive jealousy? We saw that progress is arrested when strife is in place: Focus is distracted where strife is established, competition, equals limitation and the presence of strife is the absence of God.

It is important to also know the therapy for a lifestyle of strife and bitterness in order to fulfil destiny. To avoid strife and bitterness, you must not strife to be like others or do what another person is striving to achieve, rather struggle to be who God wants you to be, refuse every temptation to jealousy and competition to jealousy and competition. Pray for those who tries to strife and compete with you. Tell God to sincerely bless them and make them to be all he created them to be. As you sincerely pray for them, God will elevate you in life and destiny, **Job 42:10**.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I receive the grace to wish everyone well and sincerely pray for those that and pray for them.

ABIDING PRAYER

1John 5:14

"And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that, if we ask any thing according to His will, He heareth us"

Prayer is the fellowship of an intimate, living union; as with all of the Christian life, it must be carried on in dependence upon the Holy Spirit. He is known as *"the Spirit of grace and of supplications"* **(Zechariah 12:10)**. In order for us to pray according to His will, we must first know His will; not only that, but His blessed will must become our will.

"If I ask anything of God, and have received His answer, I then act with assurance, with the conviction that I am in the path of His will; I am happy and contented. If I meet with some difficulty, this does not stop me; it is only an obstacle which faith has to surmount. " **-J.N.D**.

Abide in Prayer, be steadfast in Faith. Do and know the will of God in full conviction and Life will go as smoothly as you desire, *"For his thought for us are thoughts of good and not evil"*

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I receive the grace to understand your will and abide in you in prayer with full conviction and certainty without doubt, Amen.

ALL GLORY TO GOD

1Corinthians 10:31

"Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God."

The present and eternal ministry of the Holy Spirit is to glorify the Son; the past, present, and future ministry of the Son is to glorify the Father. Our life and ministry will bring glory to our Father to the extent that we abide in the Son, and are controlled by the Holy Spirit. The glory of God shines, indeed, in all creatures on high and below. Grace is the pleasure of God to magnify the worth of God by giving sinners the right and power to delight in God without obscuring the glory of God.

As a believer, you should learn to always give Glory to God in all Circumstances because as far as you are in good stance with God, all you are going through whether good or bad is as a means to prepare you for the next level God is about taking you to. Don't hurdle Gods Glory so that calamity won't come upon you like it came upon King Nebuchadnezzar. Glory to God!

PRAYER

I give you glory Lord for everything. You are such an amazing God. Glory to you and you alone.

- FRI. JULY 1 -

REWARDS FOR HOSPITALITY

Genesis 18:1-33

"Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling." **1Peter 4:9**

Hospitality is the relationship between a guest and a host, wherein the host receives the guest with some amount of goodwill, including the reception and entertainment of guests, visitors, or strangers. One of the hallmarks of the Christian faith is the capacity to show hospitality to strangers and visitors. So many people are just looking for someone to take advantage of, scam and defraud. Yet all these should not stop a believer from showing Hospitality.

Jesus Himself spoke of the "reward motive" for His disciples being what they should be. He said that men who prayed as they ought and who gave alms and fasted out of proper motives would be rewarded. This is the nature of hospitality. It carries reward with it, for the hospitable person really gains more than the one who is the object of his goodness. Emulate the life of Abraham, show hospitality to everyone as much as it is in your power and see God bless and turn your destiny around.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I receive the Grace of Hospitality in my life now. Amen

PEACE! BE STILL
Mark 4:35-41

"And he arose, and rebuked the wind, and said unto the sea, Peace, be still. And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm." **Mark 4:39**

In a world of pain, political divisiveness, and busyness at breakneck speed, how do you and I really embrace Jesus' command ***"Peace, be still!?"*** Peace is something we experience in our own hearts, not something dependent on our circumstances or achieved by others' actions or inactions toward us. And stillness is a divine gift.

When you understand the concept that Peace is an eruption from the inner man through the love of God, you can embrace peace regardless of your circumstances, and experience stillness instead of feeling guilty for not ***"Producing."*** It's in the stillness and calm of our hearts that we get to know who God really is and understand His instruction. No matter what you are going through, always know that the Lord your God is the Captain of your Life and no matter the Storm, every rage will be made still and you will experience undeniable Peace.

PRAYER

Dear Father, in the name of Jesus I proclaim Peace! Be Still to every storm in my life's ship.

WALKING IN GODS LEADING

Deuteronomy 19:9

"If you carefully observe all this commandment which I command you today, to love the Lord your God, and to walk in His ways always."

When you walk with someone obviously you won't be going in opposite directions. If you walk in a different direction you can't listen to them, you can't enjoy them, you can't share things with them, and you won't be able to understand them. When you walk with the Lord, your will is going to align with His will. Since you're walking side by side with Him your focus will be on Him.

Following Gods leading shows our trust in Him and shows we fear God, **Psalm 25:12** says. *"Who is the man that fears the Lord? Him shall He teach in the way He chooses ".* In the same way you're not going to bring along sin, and things that will hold you back. When you walk with God you choose to imitate Him and glorify Him in every way. Get clear direction from Him before embarking on anything in your life and those who follow Gods leading will always get to their destination.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for the privilege to lead me. I know I will get to my destination in peace. Amen

PUT GOD FIRST

Proverb 3:6

"In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths."

There are so many things that clamor for our attention and devotion: our jobs, our kids, our spouses, our hobbies - the demands and distractions of life. And we have to be careful not to let them become more important or more of a priority than our relationship with God. The first of the Ten Commandments states we will have no other gods before Him **(see Exodus 20:3)**.

When you place anything first before God, God tends to take away that thing away from us, be it money, our job, children, wife etc. because he needs us to focus in our relationship with him. On the other hand, when you place God first in all you do, he will prosper all you do so you would keep giving him all the Glory.

PRAYER

My Father, I thank you for this revelation. I will place you in the beginning of all I do, prosper my ways and make me shine. Amen

- TUES. JULY 5 -

LET GO OF THE GRUDGE

Genesis 4:1-16

"Let all bitterness and wrath and anger and clamor and slander be put away from you, along with all malice. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you." **Ephesians 4:31-32**

Forgiveness means different things to different people. Generally, however, it involves a decision to let go of resentment and thoughts of revenge. The act that hurt or offended you might always be with you, but forgiveness can lessen its grip on you and help free you from the control of the person who harmed you. Forgiveness is key to maintaining a solid relationship with God and brethren. For Peter asked Jesus *"How many times would someone sin against us before we stop to forgive"* Jesus replied *"70 times 7 per day."* The same word of God made us understand that we shouldn't allow the sun to set upon our anger else we are sinning against God. Why then are you still holding on to the grudges and anger?

Whenever you have malice and grudges you only succeed in closing your own heavens and giving the keys to the devil. Don't leave the keys to your heavens in the hands of your greatest enemy, Satan. Joseph's brothers did evil to him but he forgave them.Simply forgive that offence and unlock your heavens today!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I let go of all grudges now. I take away the keys of my heaven from the devil and unlock my heaven today. Amen

- WED. JULY 6 -

MY SOUL LONGS FOR THEE

Psalm 63:1-8

"O God, thou art my God; early will I seek thee: my soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh longeth for thee in a dry and thirsty land, where no water is;"

To "long" for someone means that a person is unsatisfied or unfulfilled because there is someone he or she very much wants to be near, to hear that certain voice, to experience that special presence. Usually, particularly when the object is someone very much loved by the person who is longing for another, there is hardly a waking moment when that person is not on the mind of the one who is "longing for."

To "long for God." In another context, means to "hunger and thirst" after righteousness with the same desires that lead us to quench our physical need for food and water. We are never more fulfilled than when our longing for God is met by His presence in our lives. Remember, God is urgently waiting for your invitation to swiftly and fully respond. Develop an insatiable hunger for more of God's presence and see how deeply He pours out Himself and graciously allow you to drink of Him until you have no more capacity to drink.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, I empty myself today fill me with your presence until my only gaze is you. Amen.

A LIFE OF GIVING

Ecclesiastes 11:1-6

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days." **Ecclesiastes 11:1**

Love for God. How often do you give towards Giving a Life of Giving is living a life with a Meaning! By giving out what you have without expecting anything in return, you start living a meaningful life. You get to realize your true calling as a Child of God. The scripture in so many notations and explanations talked about the benefits of Giving. For freely though has received, freely though should give. He that sows sparingly will reap sparingly but he that sows bountifully will reap bountifully. **Luke 6:38** says *"Give and it shall be given unto you, good measures pressed down and shaken together..."*

The Kingdom of God was set up on the foundation of giving and receiving. God proved His love by the quality of gift. Today, many believers no longer consider giving for Kingdom projects a necessity which validates their God's work? Another implication is that it is when you give that you open up channels to receive.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I open up my hands and trigger the spirit of giving in my life. Amen

WORSHIP, THE WINNERS ATTITUDE

Exodus 23:25

"Worship the Lord your God, and his blessing will be on your food and water. I will take away sickness from among you."

As Believers, Worship authenticates our faith · This pertains to being genuine, true to the real and essential nature of God. In other words, worship encompasses all life. Unfortunately, many Christians have developed an attitude of complaint rather than Worship. Many easily become weary when it appears their answer is delayed and their suffering appears to linger.

To worship is to quicken the conscience by the holiness of God, to feed the mind with the truth of God, to purge the imagination by the beauty of God, to open the heart to the love of God, to devote the will to the purpose of God. Our texts explain that worship open doors, builds faith and gets answers for you even when you have not uttered a single word. Stop wasting your energy and time on being angry, complaining and giving up. Call Him sweet names and extol Him. Do this often and see God change that situation for you.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, forgive me for the times I have complained. I addict myself to worship you always. Amen

THE POWER OF THE TONGUE

James 3:1-12, 5:16

"Death and life are in the power of the tongue: and they that love it shall eat the fruit thereof."

Proverbs 18:21

Imagine a weapon so powerful that it makes the atomic bomb look like a toy! This weapon has the potential to literally bring anguish into the life of every human being on the planet, but without necessarily destroying them physically. This weapon could however, produce scars that last a lifetime, scars that may never heal properly. This weapon is available to the poorest as well as the richest of nations. In fact, even individuals have access to this weapon. There are few laws against the possession or use of this weapon. No weapon that now exists, or will exist, will have the deadly potential of this ancient weapon. It is as old as man himself. The weapon is **THE TONGUE!**

The stakes are high. Your words can either speak life, or your words can speak death. Our tongues can build others up, or they can tear them down. The Bible says that the tongue of the wise uses knowledge wisely but the mouths of fools pour out foolishness.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to always tame my tongue, use words wisely and to speak the right words, Amen.

THE DANGERS OF PRIDE

Proverbs 8:13

"But he giveth more grace. Wherefore he saith, God resisteth the proud, but giveth grace unto the humble." **James 4:6**

The sin of pride is an excessive preoccupation with self and one's own importance,achievements, status, or possessions. This sin is considered rebellion against God because it attributes to one's self the honor and glory that only God is due.

Pride has been called *"the cancer of the soul"*, *"the beginning of all sin,"* and *"sin in its final form."* Pride, in its sinful form, is the direct opposite of humility, a trait that is highly praised and rewarded by God.

Pride goes before a fall and a haughty spirit before a fall **(Prov. 16:18)**. Many people have become victims of their pride and arrogance. The Bible gave an instance in***II Chronicle 26*** of Uzziah, that he did right in the sight of the Lord and God made him to prosper. He became very famous and strong but at last when he was strong he exceedingly proud which brought about his fall. Pray against Pride today!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I wash away all pride and arrogance from my life. I take up Humility now. Amen.

STAND OUT!

Judges 4:4-9

"Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth."

2Timothy 2:15

Every Christian should strive to be outstanding and build an excellent spirit in all you do. The world does not celebrate mediocrity but excellence. Deborah was an extra-ordinary woman who was outstanding in her believe and actions. Deborah was a prophetess, a wife and the judge of Israel at that time.

Standing Out takes a due process of Asking the right questions, being Positive, completing Assignments/Homework, doing more than required, establishing a Routine, Following the right directions, getting a tutor and lastly, engulfing yourself totally in the spirit of God. Barak did not have the courage to go to war without Deborah; not because of her physical strength but her ability to know the mind of God and what needed to be done per time. People will submit to you only if you are unique in what you do.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, walk me through the path of excellence. Let me behold the power of an Outstanding Spirit. Amen

WHAT DO YOU DESIRE?
Matthew 7:7-11, John 14:14

"Ask and it shall be given unto you…" **Matthew 7:7a**

In John 16:24, Jesus stated, "Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete".What did Jesus mean by this? Does this mean to ask for anything we want, even if you're not a Christian or asking for righteous things? No! Our prayers to God are not unlike our requests of men. Our prayers are based in a relationship, as Jesus points out in Matthew 7:8**.** If a child asks his father for something the father knows to be hurtful, the request is denied. The child may be frustrated and unhappy when he doesn't get what he asked for, but he should trust his father. Conversely, when the child asks for something that the father knows is beneficial, the father will provide it eagerly because he loves his child.

We have another condition to the promise of *"ask and receive"* in John 14:14, *"You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it."* Our desire must be congruent with the will of God and we should understand the power in praying in Jesus Name.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to desire and ask according to your will. Amen.

OMNIPOTENT GOD

Luke 1:37

"Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh: is there any thing too hard for me?" **Jeremiah 32:27**

Omnipotence means that God is in total control of himself and his creation. Omnipotence is perfect power, free from all mere potentiality. Omnipotence means all-powerful. God can do what he wants. Being omnipotent, God has power over wind, water, gravity, physics, etc. God's power is infinite and limitless. There is no limit to what God can do and there is absolutely nothing that God cannot do.

In Him all things were created and by all things were made alive and beautiful. There was nothing made that was not made in and through Him. God asked Jeremiah in our text *"Is there anything too hard for me?"* This simply means that, no matter whatever you are facing, your problems, challenges, pains, frustrations, sicknesses, e.t.c, God has the sovereign power to lift it off your shoulders in the twinkle of an eye. Why then should you be afraid? Cast your cares on the Omnipotent God with total trust and submission and watch life move smoothly for you.

PRAYER

My Father, I live by your limitless Power, let all hard knots in my life be loosened, Amen

LIVE RIGHT

Proverbs 4:18

"But the path of the Just is like the shinning sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day"

Valuing righteousness or right living according to the precepts of Christ is supposed to be the top priority of a believer. In the world today, people who pursue Godly lifestyles are seen as being very foolish and often taken for granted. Those who follow ungodly lifestyles are seen to be wise and smart. It is wisdom to live a life that conforms to the commandments of our Lord. God's commandments should be seen as basic principles for right living. If we say we love Him then that love should spur us to obey His commands.

An Ungodly lifestyle can lead you to contacting diseases, cancer, lung problems, kidney problems and even death, which would make you live an unfulfilled life on Earth. For only in God and in his Holiness can you find good health and fullness of life.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help me to live a Godly Lifestyle.
Amen

YIELD AND BEAR FRUITS!

John 15:1-9

"Every branch in me that beareth not fruit he taketh away: and every branch that beareth fruit, he purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit"

The Vine draws nourishment from the root and pumps that nourishment into thebranches so they can bear fruit. This means that the spiritual life is not our work; and the fruit we bear is not ours either. It's God's work in us. This simply implies that the branches that refuses to bear fruit as read in **John 15:2** are simply Christians who refuses to yield to the will of God which is the nourishment that comes from the root to the branches. They cannot bear God's fruit unless they are as related and dependent upon God as a branch is to the Vine. And any branch separated from its Vine not only will fail to bear fruit on its own, but it will die.

This death can be Spiritual or Physical. Death to Prosperity, Success, Wealth, Good Health and good things of life. Yield to the will of the Father and bear fruits in 100 folds, even 1000 folds. There is no gain in walking on your own, you can not make it on your own!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I yield unto thee, I plead you fix me back to the Vine so I will be nourished and bear fruits.

CONQUER INCAPABILITY

Joshua 1:5-9

"Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the LORD thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest." **Joshua 1:9**

Being strong and of a good courage means trusting in the Lord as our true source of strength. God promises that when we turn to Him for guidance, we will succeed. God is all-powerful and all-knowing. He has the answers and the strength we need to face any challenge before us. Many times, we become discouraged due to the multiplicity and the complexities of life's myriad battles. But the good news is that our battle is the Lord's. He hath empowered us to face and overcome in all battles of life, therefore there is need to be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might.

Prayerfully seek Gods direction, study His word, and follow His example each day, we will have the courage to let go of fear and face our challenges with faith. As you turn to Jesus Christ in faith to be strong, you will feel the assurance that He is always with you.

PRAYER

In the name of Jesus Christ, I conquer every incapability in me, and I take over my territories. Amen

GO BACK TO YOUR FIRST LOVE

Revelation 2:1-7

"Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent."

Revelation 2:4

When we sin, we drift away from God, from His love, care, and plans for us. You talk with others about kids, marriage, weather, and the news, but struggle to talk about the Lord and spiritual matters. You have a hard time coming up to seek the face of the one who made you.

Yes, it is on record how you relentlessly work for the advancement of the body of Christ, you give your time, money, ideas and lots more into the work of the Lord, but where is your First Love? Why have you drifted away from the actual spiritual service and relationship with God. Oh! Christian Soldier, where art thou? Why have you left your service post for another? Why have you left the vineyard you are supposed to work in and move into another? Seek Gods Face now and retrace your steps back to your first Love before it would be too late.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I am sorry in any way I drifted away from you. I retrace my steps now, in Jesus name, Amen.

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE

Romans 12:11-13

And the fire on the altar shall be kept burning in it; it shall not be put out...." **Leviticus 6:12**

Being aglow for Jesus means to be on fire for Him. When you are on fire for Jesus you become spectacular to men. You set yourself aglow by always keeping your prayer altar burning; Praying without season like Jesus did while on earth. We stay aglow for Jesus also by serving Him faithfully in the Church or through several Kingdom services.

Even in the face of criticisms and attacks, Jesus continued to pray and serve God day and night. The more you pray and serve, the more fervent and aglow for the Lord Jesus you will be. It takes discipline and determination to sustain a wonderful prayer life. Mark 1:35 states that our Lord Jesus Christ, early in the morning would depart to a solitary place to pray. Keep burning for the Lord through prayer and tireless kingdom service and you will keep shining in glory.

PRAYER

Dear Lord Jesus, help me to stay aglow and fervent for you through a disciplined prayer life and service.

THE WORKING POWER IN CHRIST

Colossians 1:27

"To whom God would made known what is the riches of the glory of this mystery among the Gentiles: which is Christ in you: the hope of glory."

The greatest thing that could ever happen to any human person is to know and have Jesus Christ in his life. Jesus is the solution to all problems and answer to all questions. If Christ is in you, you have no reason to fail in life: you have no excuse for defeat.

Romans 8:1 give us an idea of the supernatural impact of Christ in us: *"And if Christ be in you, the body is dead because of sin but the spirit is life because of righteousness."* This means that no sickness, disease, or infirmity can ravage your body. Besides, even if your body has been so bruised, broken, or paralyzed by sickness, the spirit will give it life - revitalize it, **(Romans 8:11)**. Christ in you is your hope of health, success, strength, prosperity, progress and excellence – Christ in you, the hope of glory.

PRAYER

Dear Lord help me to live a life full of Christ every day in Jesus name, Amen

- WED. JULY 20 -

CHOSEN FOR GREATNESS

1Peter 2:9

"But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation. His own special people, that you may proclaim f he praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light."

You are fearfully and wonderfully made by God to fulfill a great destiny on earth. The Bible says that whom He did foreknow (because He is all-knowing) He also predestinated to be conformed to the image of His Son. God has a better plan for us, but he has given every man the free will to choose and determine his destiny. By your own choice you are predestinated to heaven or to hell; not by His choice.

Being justified by God means that though you deserved to be judged and condemned because of your sins, but God has acquitted you and now sees you as blameless. You are now of the chosen generation, of the peculiar people, and of the royal priesthood. For this purpose, you are to show forth His praises to all around you. God has severed you from other people that you may be holy unto Him. This holiness can only be expressed in Christ Jesus.

PRAYERS

Dear Lord, thank you your over my life. I connect to your grace to live according to your will, Amen.

ACCEPT GODLY ADVICE

Proverbs 29:1

"He who is often rebuked, and hardens his neck, will suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy."

Every wise man today has heed to one correction or the other to rise to their present position. *It is* a virtue to hearken to the voice of correction. If you get more stubborn every time you are corrected, you will surely pay for it one day. A stubborn person is not only self-centered, believing only in himself, but is also proud. God resists the proud, but gives grace to the humble. A man's pride will bring him low, but the humble in spirit will retain honor.

There is great wisdom in hearkening to counsel for in the multitude of counsel there is safety. Never be puffed up and feel you know it all. Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and He will lift you up **(James 4:6)**. Whenever you are being rebuked or corrected over anything, don't be in a haste to defend yourself. Always apologize when you need to or humbly explain.

PRAYER

Oh Lord! grant me the spirit of humility. Jesus name Amen

GROW SPIRITUALLY

Ephesians 4:14-15

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ"

You can hear people say things like, I have been a Christian for 20 years, but of a truth no spiritual growth to show for it. Some are not even aware of the reality and necessity of spiritual growth. "*wherefore laying aside all malice, and all guile and hypocrisies, and envies and all evil speaking, As newborn babes desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*" **1 Peter2:1-2**. This is God's purpose for you; He wants you stable, mature and established in the faith.

The way as in real life we grow through several stages before coming to adulthood, so also is spiritual growth, we progress from one phase to another. From being dependent on other Christians to taking charge of your life and exercise your dominion in Christ. As you know more about who you are in Christ through the word of God you can tame circumstances! This is God's desire for you!

PRAYER

Thank you, father, for the working of your word in me, I am constantly growing spiritually, Amen

EXTEND YOUR PRAYERS TO OTHERS

Luke 22:32

"I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men" **1Timothy 2:1**

As Christians, it is so important for us to pray for others, especially for those among us who may still be weak, ignorant, and unable to stand for themselves. The Bible in the book of **James 5:13**; emphasized the importance of prayer; for prayer of a righteous man is powerful & effective. We can through prayer bring back a brother who had wandered from the truth. Jude in verse 23 called Christians attention toward snatching others from the fire (hell fire) and save then.

Also, in **Luke 22:31-32** Jesus said to Simon, "*Simon, satan has asked to sift you as wheat, but I have prayed for you Simon that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers"*. This is a perfect example of importance of praying for one another as we pray for each other, our faith will rise and temptation minimized.

PRAYER

I receive the grace to intercede and stand in the gap for the body of Christ in Jesus name, Amen.

LEAVE THE FIGHT TO THE LORD

"The Lord will Fight for you, and you shall hold your peace." **Exodus 14:14**

The Children of Israelite experienced holding their peace as God went into battle for their sake making the name of Israel a terror to nations of the world even now. **Numbers 23: 11**, *"Balak said to Balaam, "what have you done to me? I brought you to curse my enemies, but you have done nothing but bless them!"* **(NIV)**.

There was no way David could have come out victorious one on one with Goliath. God fought for David and Goliath was destroyed; The resurrection of Jesus Christ brought a new dimension to the battle field, instead of physical battle, however our battlefield is now spiritual for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds **(2 Corinthians 10:4) (ESV)**. We have assurance in God for Christ has overcome the world.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I hand over all to you. I am confident you'll fight my battle in Jesus name, Amen

LIVE LIKE GOD

"You are God, little children, and have overcome them, because He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world." **1 John 4:4**

God created us in his image; we are gods that means we are of God. Our roots sank down into God. Salvation links us with God. If we are in union with God, we will have the ability to create and generate ideas, the mightiest forces of the universe are at our disposal.

As Christ is so are we in this world. God created us to be like him, it's his choice. He said to Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee, and before thou comest forth of the womb, I sanctified thee, and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nation." To be like God is to live a life of purpose.

It's then important that we should be full of the Holy Spirit having been made the product of the finished work of Christ as a new creation.

PRAYER

Thank you Lord for who I am in Christ Jesus Amen

CAST YOUR CARE UPON THE LORD

Psalm 37:5

"Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and he shall sustain thee." **Psalm 55:22**

Our heavenly father desires so much that His own children should trust Him wholly. This was the life of Jesus that made God to declare Him as true begotten son. When we go about living an independent life, it breaks his heart because He never planned it to be so, and it puts us far away from Him against His original plan for man. He formed us for His glory: He takes glory in being responsible for our wellbeing. Imagine how heartbroken a mother who takes her time to prepares a delicious meal for her son who went to school and only to come outside and see him eating another woman's food.

J When we do not table our problems before him, forsaking and resorting instead to human wisdom, we fail. Sometimes anxiety makes us to doubt God's loving-kindness, making our love for him to grows cold. God loves you: therefore, make up your mind to depend completely on Him and it shall be well with you. "Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on thee, because he trusteth in thee." says the word of God.

PRAYER

Lord I will always rely on you in everything

THE POWER OF CORRECTION

"As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten: be zealous therefore and repent." **Revelation 3:19**

The greatest blessings that a father can give to his son is correction. Correction is God's major way of establishing his people. It does not matter what a man has, if he does not embrace correction he will lose out in life. In **Proverb 3:12** The bible says that "*for whom the Lord loveth he correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth*". The major reasons why God gives us fathers is to help us identify our areas of weakness and consciously eliminate them. A true son is ever willing to be corrected. Although correction is painful, it is like operating on someone who has a cancerous cell. Correction will save the flesh and mature the spirit.

Therefore, embrace correction from God, the word of God, your pastor, your parent and other people that God places around you and you will make it in Jesus name.

PRAYER

Oh Lord my God, help me by your spirit to respond correctly when I'm being corrected in Jesus name.

REWARD FOR HUMILITY

Proverb 29:23, Proverb 15:33

"A man's pride shall bring him low: but honour shall uphold the humble in spirit."

It is good to know that humility is not a gift; it is a choice. You cannot say a man is gifted with humility. The humblest of men are the strongest of men. The humbler you get, the closer you are to God and the more God can use you. The bible says, *"God resist the proud but gives grace unto the humble*" **(James 4: 6 -7)**.

Humility is the only way one can actually access elevation and upliftment from God. If you want to be a friend of God; if you want to come into unusual favour with Him, take yourself to the place of humility. God raises the humble and humbles the proud.

PRAYER

My God and my father, help me to develop the attitude of humility in Jesus name.

COMPLETION IN CHRIST

Colossians 2:10

"And ye are complete in him, which is the head of all principality and power"

Paul warned the brethren at Colosae (Colossians) of the possible distractions by philosophy and empty deceit according to human tradition, like soft appealing into the spirit of the universe in the form of religious tolerance. We should be conscious of the tricks of the devil to make us lose focus on Christ.

From the opening verse, we have come to the fullness of life in Christ and going back to verse 9, in him we have the whole fullness of deity. *God has highly exalted Christ and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow ...*" **(Philippians 2:9-11)**. We live and move and have our being in Christ. Our completeness, everything we need is formed in Him. With this understanding, you can live a life worthy of the Lord fully pleasing to him for Christ completes us.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I affirm that I am complete in Christ Jesus, my life is worth living only to please you in Jesus name, Amen.

A LIFE OF CONTENTMENT

1 Timothy 6:6

"Now godliness with contentment is great gain"

Contented people are grateful to God for their lives. Some always complain about what they don't but never take time to appreciate for what they have. Contentment doesn't mean to be laid back or complacent in life. It's being grateful to God for where you are while you give life your best effort.

Many, through discontentment make haste to become rich and in so doing get **themselves** involved in things that are detrimental to their souls. **Proverbs 28:20** says, *""A faithful man will abound with **blessings,** but he who hastens to be rich will not go unpunished." And* **Proverbs 28:22** says, *"A man with an evil eye hastens after riches, and does not consider that poverty will come upon him."* Don't look at what others have; be content with what you have.

PRAYER

Lord help me to live a life of contentment.

DO NO DIVORCE

Proverbs 5:18

"Let your fountain be blessed, and rejoice with the wife of your youth."

Marriage merges two into one. Separation or divorce is actually the breaking of that which has become one. A divorced home is called a broken home. It is broken because there is forceful tearing apart. The bible says *"so then, they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore what God has joined together, let not man separate"* **Matthew 19:6**.

When two come together in marriage their strength is multiplied and they achieve so much in the kingdom. A united home is a terror to the kingdom of darkness. The devil hates a peaceful and united home; in fact he hates marriage. He attacked the first family, Adam and Eve. Wisdom and praying together will strengthen the bond of oneness. Couples should learn to pray together and we will keep the devil far from our homes.

PRAYER

O heavenly Father heal our marriages in Jesus name, Amen.

- MON. AUGUST 1 -

WHAT SEED DO YOU SOW?

Galatians 6:7-10

"Be not deceived, God is not mocked, for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Life is governed by the principle of sowing and reaping. What you give will directly or indirectly return back to you. Whether you realize it or not, everything you are experiencing in your life today is as a result of the past. Today you are planting the seed you will definitely harvest tomorrow which is your future reward. When a farmer plant crops today, he is expecting to harvest the result which is what he sowed in time past.

In our theme verse, it said, *God cannot be mocked*, that means we must reap what we sow and by God's standard, His principles do not change. Why don't you take some time right now to ask the Holy Spirit if there are any negative seeds that you have sown in the past that need to be uprooted. Be deliberate about planting the word of God in the soil of your heart. Sow good seed into your future so you can reap the harvest of blessing God designed for you.

PRAYER

Holy spirit helps me to sow the right seeds, Amen.

LIMITLESS POSSIBILITIES

Isaiah 43:15-19

"Remember ye not the former things, neither consider the things of old."

Do you feel like you have exhausted all known avenues and possibilities? Does it appear to be no other way leading to your destination? Rejoice! there is still a way. Jesus is the way that can take you into your place of joy, blessing and favour.

It is amazing to know that the Lord can go as far as creating new things in old situations in order to make a way that takes you to your place of desire. He gave his word of assurance on this in **Isaiah 43:19**. As long as your focus is on Christ, He will create a path in your favour. Be prepared to see new things, if you desire to access promotion, better opportunities and next level in your life, invite the way maker "Jesus" in. He can create a new position for you.

PRAYER

Father, I thank you for the limitless opportunities at my disposal and for always making a way for me in all situations.

THEY WILL NOT PREVAIL

John 12:12-22

"The Pharisees therefore said among themselves, perceive ye how you prevail nothing? Behold the world is gone after."

Churchill Winston said, *"the truth is incontrovertible".* Malice may attack it, ignorance may deride it, but in the end, truth does not change. Long before Christ's ministry started, the Pharisees commanded a high esteem among the Jews. They indeed craved the praises of men and positioned themselves as the custodian of Gods holy standard. Christ rebuked their hypocrisy and corrected their misinterpretation of the scripture. This hurt their pride and they plot to kill Him. They acknowledged that all their effort to stop Christ failed.

It is a constant principle that the truth and those who stand by it cannot be defeated, even Gamaliel, a staunch Pharisee and a doctor of the law, counselled his colleagues to desist from fighting the truth. True believer should stand for the truth always. Paul said in **2Corinthians 13:8** *"for we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth"*

PRAYER

LORD, I stand by your truth and declare that the plans of the enemies shall not prevail over my life, Amen.

PRAISE THE LORD

Psalm 9:1-7

"To declare your loving kindness in the morning and your faithfulness every night." **Psalm 92:2**

For many of us, when we sit back to recount detail by detail, all that God has done for us through the year until today, we will marvel at God's goodness. God is indeed a good and great God; many have not sincerely praised the Lord or declared His loving kindness to anyone for many days, weeks or months now. The reason is that many are full of bitterness or anger or feelings of frustration and so see no reason to praise the Lord.

Today, I want you to begin a careful recount of God's loving kindness and faithfulness to you since the turn of this year. Every tiny little bit of testimony is crucial to being where you are now, because had it not happened, who knows what else might have happened. When you recount them, begin to praise God for all those things, the ones you remember and those you don't. Praising God would open up new doors for even greater testimonies. Praise the Lord!

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I praise you for all your loving kindness and faithfulness to me this year in Jesus name.

THE SECRET OF REAL LIVING

Psalm 63:1

"O God, thou art my God, early will I seek thee, my soul thirsteth for thee"

Some Christians do not have a daily devotional life. In **Joshua 1:8** the Lord instructed Joshua that *this book of law shall not depart out of his mouth, but he should meditate on it, day and night, that in doing so he will make his way prosperous*. Your quiet time, your prayer time, the time you spend with the word, is absolutely essential for a happy Christian life. You cannot possibly be a happy, dynamic and powerful Christian apart from a daily walk with Christ.

Christ is calling Christians today to dedicate, to consecrate and to fully surrender their life to Him. It will make the difference between success and failure in your spiritual life. It will make the difference in your habits, in your prayer life, in your bible reading, in your giving, in your kingdom activities. This is your hour of decision.

PRAYER

Lord create in me a deeper hunger for devotional life, Amen.

DO YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE?

1John 4:4

"Ye are of God, little children and have overcome them"

Do you believe it? do you realize this verse doesn't say that we are going to overcome them, it says that *we have overcome them*. Why? the Spirit of God lives in us and having been made children of God through the death of our Lord Jesus, we have overcome our enemy, Satan. Jesus conquered Satan by His death, burial and resurrection. We need to know that Jesus didn't do it for himself. He did it for us, for our benefit. He did it as our substitute and it is recorded to our credit as not in any condemnation.

If we understand the full impact of the fact that Jesus, through his victory made us people of authority, we will impact the world in no little measure.

PRAYER

Father, teach me to know who I am in you in Jesus name, Amen.

DON'T GIVE UP

1Chronicles 4:9

"And Jabez was more honourable than his brethren, and his mother called his name Jabez, saying because I bare him with sorrow."

Whenever you look around you, do you see success or failure around you? Are there role models who can encourage you to succeed? Or do you have people making you to ponder if becoming successful is possible? Jabez was in your shoes. The bible opens his account with the testimony that he was more honourable than his brethren. Even with this good news, his life had been a tale of woe. He was given birth to in sorrow, and as a result, his mother gave him the name Jabez.

Name given to him was associated with pains and his life turned in the direction of affliction, rejection and sorrow. He lost every attraction for favour. One could imagine the rejection Jabez would have suffered because his problem was from his mother's pronouncement. But he did not give up! He got to the peak of Success at the end! Don't give up no matter what!

PRAYER

Lord change everything that attracts limitation in my life in Jesus' name. Amen

CHANGE THE NARRATIVE

1Chronicle 4:10

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel saying, oh that thou wouldesth bless me indeed"

Jabez, one day, decided to change the narrative. He did what he had not been doing before. He prayed to God and it was recorded of him that he became more honourable than his brethren, He became what had never been on his family. His honour was so great that it caused an interruption in the listing of the descendants of Judah in **1Chronicle 4**. The chapter listed the names of the descendants Judah and Simeon, but Jabez was not just listed. A space was created to specially narrate his story, because he was more honourable than them all.

Whatever your situation has been, it can be changed, it starts with a resolve never to settle for less. Do not give yourself excuses, but rise to ensure that your desire comes to pass. Jabez had every reason to accept defeat and remain a failure. He however did not. You shouldn't give in to failure too!

PRAYER

I refuse to remain where I am, by the power of the holy spirit, I change every narrative that am known for that does not glorify God in my life, Amen.

- TUES. AUGUST 9 -

DESPISE NOT THE MINORS

2Kings 5:1-10

"And the Syrians had gone out by companies and had brought sway captive out of the land of Israel a little maid and she waited on Naaman's wife"

Naaman was the chief of army staff to the Syrian king. He had all the ground troops at his beck and call. The solution to his problem came from a little slave girl carried off from Israel during one of their raids. The little girl would be the last person expected to give solution to the ailment of her master. She waited on Naaman' s wife; However, it was obvious the girl was free to express herself to her mistress, Naaman's wife must have trusted the girl well.

Do you want to succeed? Never despise the minors around you. Had Naaman or his wife despise the little girl, he could have died a leper. Even after waiting on the prophet, it also took intervention of his servant for Naaman to submit to Elijah's instruction. He acknowledges that everyone regardless of sex, size, stature and status have a voice that needs to be listened to. His healing would have eluded him if he had despised the minor people around him.

PRAYER

Lord give me a humble heart and listening ears, Amen

CHRIST OUR MODEL

Matthew 4:18-22

"And he saith unto them, follow me and I will make you fishers of men"

Many people flopped in achieving certain task not because they were not well prepared, but because they do not entrust people with part of their tasks, especially to capable people, they want to do them all alone.

Jesus, who is the model of Christianity, did not pursue his mission alone. He chose 12 disciples with whom He worked. After He had taken time to train them. He committed tasks to them. He entrusted them with soul-winning, even when He was still around **(Luke9:19)**. So, they had mastered the art before he departed and this enabled them to continue pursuing His mission after he had returned to heaven and they made success of it.

In same way, we cannot achieve successive success all alone. we need the help of others to achieve our destiny. We will always need to complement our efforts; the scripture says *"iron sharpens iron"*. **Proverbs 27:17**.

PRAYER

Lord, help me to entrust people with part of their tasks you gave so that I can record great success. Amen.

DELEGATE DUTIES

Exodus 18: 13-27

"And Moses hearkened to the voice of his father in-law and did all he had said"

We need the inputs of others to achieve whatever goal we set for ourselves. Therefore, we must entrust people who believe in our vision with some part of our dreams. You may think you are not in any position to delegate or train others, but you only need to look a little further. You need the input of others in your success pursuit.

Many in their bid to achieve their visions all alone have burnt themselves out without reaching their goals. Some have broken down or even died while pursuing their visions, because they refused to delegate some tasks or get the needed assistance of others. Moses almost fell into this trap if not for his father in-law, Jethro, who counselled him to appoint judges from among the people to whom he would delegate some tasks. Thank God, Moses adhered to the advice of his father in-law, he would have worn himself out.

PRAYER

Dear father, send my way the right people that can add their input in my path to destiny in Jesus' name.

SAY NO TO DISCOURAGEMENT

Matthew 15:21-28

"And she said, truth, Lord, yet the dogs eat of the crumbs which fall from their masters table."

The road to success is not always paved with gold, but those who are persistent while traveling the path are eventually decorated in gold. The Canaanite woman came to Jesus requiring that her daughter be delivered of demon possession. Her request was a genuine one, but everything else was against her. She did not belong to any tribe of Israel, but Jesus' earthly ministry was first to the Jews who would take it to all the nations of the earth. When she came to Jesus, she called him Lord, but Jesus did not answer her, his disciple also did not want her around.

When Jesus eventually spoke to her, his response could send shock down the spine of anyone. He said he was only sent to the lost sheep of Israel, disqualifying the woman who was a Canaanite. This reply put a hurdle on the path to the woman's miracle, but she crossed the hurdle with her worship and her daughter was delivered. Say no to Discouragement!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I phase away every form of discouragement in my life. I believe in your might, Amen.

YOU ARE CLOSER TO SUCCESS

Matthew 15:28

"Then Jesus answer and said unto her, o woman, great is thy faith be it unto the even as thou will. And her daughter was made whole from that very hour"

In our world, some people would have turned their back, given up and throw their hands in the air in despair that they could not get what they wanted from Jesus. They may even claim Jesus called them dogs and decide never to have anything to do with him again. The term dog at that time was what Jesus called non-Jews and such name calling was prevalent among the Jews. The woman was not depressed however. Because of the joy (vision) that she set before herself (the healing of her daughter), she despised the shame, persisted and got what she wanted.

This woman has a lot to teach anyone who wants to succeed. There are many times humility would be all that you require to get what you want. Sometimes, wisdom is the requisition. Many times, persistence is what you must have on your plate.

PRAYER

My Father, teach me the path of success in all aspect of Life, Amen.

TAME YOUR TEMPER

Jonah 4:4

"Then said the lord, doest thou well to be angry?"

You have a temper? There is nothing unique about that. Most people have in varying degree of course. God does not ask that you to get rid of that temper. But he does say that if you are to be happy, it must be brought under control and re-channeled to proper use. God can use a man without a temper as well as one with a controlled temper. Too many professed Christians never get wrought up about anything, they never get indignant with injustice, with corruption in high places, or with the godless traffics which baster away the souls and bodies of men.

Most of the tempers we have in us were for a purpose if we discover the positive reason God really made it in us. Channel those tempers in you in the right way in using it to help others.

PRAYER

Lord use my temper to help other who are hurting and, in our world, that's decrying. Let it be channeled to reach out instead of merely exploding.

FULFILLING THE LAW OF CHRIST.

Galatians 6:2

"Carry each other burdens and in this way, you will fulfil the law of Christ"

When we live in peace and unity, it pleases God. When we love and serve others putting their needs above our own, we are honouring him. When we carry each other burdens, we are fulfilling the law of Christ which is to love others. What does it mean to carry each other burden? There are many ways to reach out to people and help carry their burden; by giving an encouraging word or smile, you can help lighten the load for someone when you pray and intercede for them in their days of difficulty, speak good of them to others and you can also make resources available in your capacity. Maybe you can pay for someone's groceries or give someone cash.

Anytime you help others and reached out to those in need, scripture says you are directly lending a hand to God himself. Look for ways to lighten the load for the people around you. Be a burden lifter.

PRAYER

Lord, I want to fulfil your law of love by serving and helping others, Amen.

IGNORANCE IS COSTLY

Hosea 4:6

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge"

Why did the Israelites spent 40 years instead of 40 days in the wilderness? They did not really know the God of their fathers. It appears all the wonders God performed in Egypt to set them free never registered in their spirit. Their ignorance made them suffer needlessly in the desert, out of the millions that left Egypt rejoicing, only two; Caleb and Joshua had the joy of setting their feet into the promised land.

Today some of us who have the privilege to be called out of darkness into his marvelous light still allow the enemy to deceive us and we suffer needlessly. Most of the result of our ignorance towards divine instruction from God through a man or even directly from God have cost believers a lot. Satan will always use ignorance to play on us.

PRAYER

Lord by your spirit enlighten the eyes of my understanding in Jesus name, Amen

JUST A TOUCH

Mark 5:25-34

"For she said, if I may touch but his clothes, I shall be whole"

From the very act of this woman, we can say that there are triads of truth: Many that came to Jesus touched him. Some touched him because to them they want to touch a celebrity Jesus. To some they touched him because they were very close to him and they receive anything because they were close, some equally touched him without the understanding of whom he is and what he is sent for, but the woman had understanding and had a strong believe that a touch on his clothes not necessarily his hand, has the same power and ability to do a miracle to her.

Our receiving from God is totally dependent on what we see God to be and our faith in him. To the woman, the garment is still Jesus and it has same power as Jesus who is putting on the clothes. Many have come to Jesus and they still go back the same way. Instead of their life been changed, they grow worse. The woman had an expectation and faith. What expectation do you have and do you have faith that can meet those needs?

PRAYER

I just need a touch of divinity from you Lord. Just one touch and I will be made whole. Amen

YOU CAN GET IT IF YOU WANT

Mark 8:30

"And Jesus, immediately knowing in himself that virtue had gone out of him, turned him about in the press and said, who touched my clothes"

In **Psalm 42:7**, the Bible said *"deep calleth unto deep"* Most times, we read and hear about the miracles that God did which is similar to that of what we are going through. Still, when we pray, it seem as though we didn't pray, what then is the cause? In **Mark 8:28** "for she said, *if I may touch but his clothe, I shall be whole*", probably this woman might have heard of results and miracle he commands and she determined within herself. She operated in a revelation that even the garment of Jesus is still Jesus and still has the anointing to heal her.

Many pressed and touched Jesus but her touch made the Lord to turn and said *"who touched me?"* This touch is not an ordinary touch. This touch is the deep calling unto deep, drawing the healing virtue out from him. There should be a deep connection that can draw out the anointing that solves your needs.

PRAYER

Father, let thy kingdom come upon my life by your divine virtue in Jesus' name, Amen.

JESUS IS HERE

John 11:1-24

"Then said Martha unto Jesus, lord if thou hadsth been here my brother had not died"

Maybe you have Martha mentality; The year is far spent, probably you are experiencing some certain levels of sorrow and about giving up and complaining that the year is not good and great as a result of the death of your Lazarus just like Martha in the Bible. Maybe business not going well, health challenges and many other problems. Be rest assured that Jesus is always there to meet your needs.

He never comes late to any situation, anytime he comes he still comes on time. It is written in **Psalm 126** *"when the Lord turned again the captivity of Zion, we are like them that dream".* No matter what you are going through right now there is God who can turn things around for you.

That same Jesus who raised Lazarus from the dead is still with same resurrection power, **John 11:25**. He can give you 10 years result in one month, we are talking about the God of all flesh, who nothing is too hard for him to do, **Jeremiah 32:27**.

PRAYER

Give him thanks and pray in tongues for 10 minutes

- SAT. AUGUST 20 -

TAKE UP YOUR BED AND WALK

John 5:1-14

"Jesus saith unto him rise take up thy bed and walk"

What situation have you found yourself in that has kept you unproductive, unfruitful, frustrated and no hope again. Today, you have all it takes to stand tall. You must take up thy bed and walk because God's power is at work in you.

That bible recorded that a certain man was at the pool when the water is stirred by the angel. Others go into it before he could try, he has no one to help him jump in. Are you facing similar problem that no one is out there to help you? No relative or friend to help you? Even the people you once helped now turned their back on you. The Lord is telling you today not to worry or complain anymore that he has come down because of your cry to do new thing in this season. That you should not remember the things of old. **Isaiah 43:18-19**, don't give up, Jesus is here to do a new thing for you. He is God of the eleventh hour.

PRAYER

Philippians 1:6*: Father, that which you have started in my life let it be perfected in Jesus' name Amen.*

PERSEVERANCE

Ruth 1:1-22

"Entrust me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest I will go and where thou lodgest, I will lodge thy people shall be my people and thy God my God"

The story of Ruth is a lesson of perseverance. It looks hopeless to follow an old childless widow. Naomi had lost her husband and her two sons. She lost all that she had and was returning home, but Ruth stayed with her. Naomi painted the picture of a bleak future in **verse 12-13** to her daughter in-laws. The picture Naomi painted made Orpah return to her people but Ruth would not be deterred.

After that encounter, nothing was heard of Orpah, but Ruth's perseverance made her an ancestor in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. Do not give up on your God given dream. A tree does not fall with the first stroke of the axe, but every strike matter. Very good treasures are not often found in the surface of the earth. It takes perseverance to keep at it till the desirable is achieved

PRAYER

I trust thee Lord, I would stand in your word and not fail to abide in your might, Amen.

THERE IS HOPE

Ezekiel37:1-14

"So, I prophesied as he commanded me and the breath came into them and they lived and stood up upon their feet, an exceeding great army"

Do you know that dry bones in the valley can rise again? Everything around you now may seem lifeless and scattered. What are you going through today that seems to you that you can't come out of that situation? The Lord has a word for you. If the dry bones can emerge on exceeding great army, you too can come out of that ugly situation, from that sick bed, from that mental problem. Is it dry bone of childlessness? Name it, you are coming out!

You are probably saying how possible can it be? Remember, those bones were very dry and are scattered not together but by the prophetic instruction, they came bone to bone and stood up upon their feet. Can you allow the spirit of the Lord to move in your situation as you engage the mystery of speaking to your situation through prophetic words as Ezekiel prophesied?

PRAYER

Father let your spirit move upon my situation as I begin to speak and create a new season of blessing, healing breakthrough and turn around in Jesus' name Amen.

HOW GODLY IS YOUR TENT?

Number 24:1-25

"And Balaam lifted up his eyes and he saw Israel abiding in his tents according to their tribes .and the spirit of God came upon him."

In **Psalm 91:5-7**, the bible began to reveal to us that there are terrors by night, arrows that fly by the day, pestilence that walks in darkness and destruction that wastes people at the noonday in their thousands. But in **verse 8** of **Psalm 91** said *"only with thine eye shall thou behold and see*". The children of Israel did nothing to Balak, but he summoned Balaam to curse the people and a huge amount was spent in raising an evil alter to destroy the people but the prophet lifted up his eye and he realized that the people were abiding in the shadow of the Almighty; the Lord was their tent, in other words, they were dwelling in the secret place of the most- high.

We live in a world that is filled with battles, how Godly is your tent? is dependent or under the shadow of Almighty. According to **Psalm 91:5-7, if** evil comes near you, will they fall at their side? How close are you to your God? How prayerful are you? Because arrows are flying every moment of the day.

PRAYER

Read and pray with Number 23:23

YOU WON'T GO EMPTY

Exodus 3:21-22, Exodus 12:28-36

"And the lord gives the people favour in the sight of the Egyptians, so that they lent unto them such things as they required, and they spoiled the Egyptians"

In **Numbers 23:19** declared "*God is not a man that he should lie, neither the son of man the he should repent, hath he said and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken and shall he not make it good"?* the first thing we should understand about God is that he is not a man. We should stop comparing God with man who can change his words. But to God his words are sure and they stand forever. What has God spoken to you concerning this year and you not seen it manifested yet, don't look at the situation now, what you should hold on to is what God said. In his hands are times and seasons of life and he can overturn things until the righteous is satisfied.

When he spoke to Moses that the people of Israel will not leave Egypt empty. He was not joking neither was He not capable of doing it. In the later end the bible recorded that the people of Israel took spoils of the Egyptians.

PRAYER

Read Joel 2:23-27 and pray

CAST YOUR CARES

1John 3:1

"Behold what manner of love the father hath bestowed upon us that we should be called the (children) of God"

As children of God, we are dependents. The bible says *"like as a father pitieth his children, so the lord pitieth them that fear him, so the lord pitieth them that fear him".* Dependent children spend little time worrying about meals, clothing and shelter. They assume that they have every right to be provided for by their parents. It also applies to us the children of God, our heavenly father is responsible for our welfare, we are told to cast our care upon him, for he careth for us.

Psalm 27:10 says When my father and my mother forsake me, then the lord will take me up. This is to say earthly parents may even forsake their children. Most of the nations that experiencing wars often forsake their biological children and run for their own life. But here the lord is saying He will not forsake you. Jesus said, let not your heart be troubled. God says I will take care of the burden, don't give it a thought, leave it to me.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for I know that you care for me

WALKING THROUGH THE STORM

Psalm 23:4

"Yes, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me, thy rod and thy staff they comfort me."

Everyone faces storms at some point in life, where unexpected circumstances shake us emotionally or spiritually. sometimes we may not have enough faith to be delivered from the storms instantly, sometimes we have the faith to walk through the storms. But no matter which route you take, you can be sure that God is right there with you "Emmanuel" (God with us). He will equip you and sustain you. He will give you the grace. the supernatural empowerment, to make it through.

With every step you take, know that God is doing a work in your life, know that He is with you, and He will comfort you. Keep moving forward and walk through the storms to the place of victory that He has prepared for you.

PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for your ever-abiding presence with me always in Jesus' name, Amen.

RICH IN MERCY

Ephesians 2:4-9

"But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love where with He loved us"

Often times we set our focus on what God has done in the past, how he parted the red sea, or stopped the sun for Joshua, or fed thousands of people with just little boy's small lunch. Of a truth He has performed many amazing miracles throughout history, and it's important that we give Him praise and glory. But at same time we also have to look forward to what God wants to do in our lives today. In **verse 7** Paul said, in the ages to come God would do things that are far superseding anything he's ever done before.

Remember God is a God of mercies, where you are today is not where you are supposed to stay. He has a greater level of his favour and blessing in store for you.

PRAYER

Lord, I thank you for your faithfulness in my life, thank you for the things you are yet to do in my life and family in Jesus' name, Amen.

- SUN. AUGUST 28 -

GOD HAS A PLAN FOR YOU

Jeremiah 29:11 (NIV)

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you plans to give you hope and a future"

No matter what may be happening today God has already lined up a new beginning, new opportunities for you.

You might, have experienced some setbacks, but don't make the mistake of experiencing the same this time. instead, accept God's good plans for your life by declaring his promises. As believers, our attitude should be, even though the economy is doom, I'm not worried. I know God is going before me and he has promised He will make rivers in the desert. In the natural, it seems impossible. But our report should be, **"with God the impossible is possible".**

PRAYER

Father I align to your plans for me in the name of Jesus, Amen.

OVERCOME TEMPTATION

Psalm 119:11

"The word have I hid in my heart, that I might not sin against thee"

When temptation come, let the word of God be your sure defense and also show you the way He has prepared for your escape. Be conscious of living for God through the Holy Spirit so that you do not deliberately place yourself in a position to be tempted.

All of us are not subjected to the same weakness and temptation, to another it may be impure thought and acts, to another greed and covetousness, to another unloving attitude. regardless of what it may be, be sure that Satan will tempt you at your weak points, not your strength. Our lord has given us an example of how to overcome the devil's temptations. When he was tempted in the wilderness, He defeated Satan every time by the use of the word of God, *"for it is written"*

PRAYER

Lord by the shield of your word, I will have victory over every temptation of the devil in Jesus' name, Amen

MAKE USE OF YOUR TIME WISELY

James 4:14

"For what is your life? it is even a vapour, that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away"

Nothing takes God by surprise. Everything is moving according to His plan, and God wants you in that plan, the devil also has a plan for the world. God has a plan and the devil has a plan, you will have to decide which plan you are going to fit into. The old people have experience but they no longer have time, while the younger ones have time but fail to use the time wisely. Jesus saying "that he will work the works of him that sent him, while it is day for night cometh when no man can work" How do you spend your time? what do you do with the little time you have to live on earth?

Ecclesiastes 3:1-11 reveals to us that everything happening today in life is time fixed. Every minute counts n life you are either using it wisely or you are misusing it. Both the great and the poor have the same time allocated to each by God and time will only reveal what you spent your time doing.

PRAYER

Lord help me to spend my time wisely and apply wisdom in all that I do in Jesus' name Amen.

GOD QUALIFIES HIS OWN

Numbers 11:11

"… What have I done to displease you that you put the burden of all these people on me?"

Our heavenly Father does not often work with qualified people by human standard; He rather qualifies those He chose by His standard. He allows frequent troubles *to try our faith.* If our faith be worth anything, it will stand the test. It is a poor faith which can only trust God when; friends are true, no health challenges, and the business is profiting. Faith is that you uphold by the Lord's faithfulness when friends are gone, when the body is sick and things have gone bad.

When David was called to replace Saul as the next king of Israel and Judah, he was a young shepherd tending the flock of his father. As he matured into his new role, over time he began to experience jealousy and resistance from those in his inner circle and feared for his life. This did not stop him from being obedient to his divine purpose. In fact, it was recorded that God was very pleased with him.

PRAYER

Oh Lord! Glorify yourself in my Life. Help me to trust in your will and purpose for my life in Jesus' name. Amen!

YOU ARE NOT ALONE

1 Kings 19:9–10

"…But the people of Israel have broken their covenant with you, torn down your altars, and killed every one of your prophets. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me, too."

There would always be a time when we feel like we are alone; there could even be a proof of loneliness. You may have lost loved ones, opportunities, betrayed or even castigated and maybe you even saw it coming and prayed about it but nevertheless, they still happened. It only seems you are alone against the adversary. That was the situation of Elijah in our opening verse. The same Elijah that called fire upon the wet offering of Baal priest, could not trust in the saving power of God, He had to hide in the cave from Jezebel and complained bitterly and that lead to handing the mantle over to Elisha.

Jesus completely believed in the father's love to the point of death. As lonely as it felt to become a thing of ridicule on the cross, he still submitted to the will of God at the end God exalted him for being steadfast.

PRAYER

Lord I am grateful for every season of my life because you are always with me I am not alone

- FRI. SEPTEMBER 2 -

ALL YOU NEED IS COURAGE

Deuteronomy 31:6

"Be strong. Take courage. Don't be intimidated. Don't give them a second thought because God, your God, is striding ahead of you…"

It takes courage to confront Fear, Depression and the feeling of Isolation. Don't be like John the Baptist who lost courage when he was incarcerated for telling the truth. Herod threw him into the prison. He that received the holy spirit in his mother's womb at the salutation of Jesus Mother, preached that Jesus was sent to deliver God's people. He started doubting if Jesus was truly the messiah and had to send his disciples to Jesus to verify Christ authenticity.

Luke 7:18-23 *"John's disciples reported to him in prison about all the wonderful miracles and the works Jesus was doing..." Now go back and tell John what you have just seen and heard here today..."* No matter what, be courageous, don't be intimidated. You will get over the situation.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray you give me the power of courage as I believe in your matchless name, Amen.

A TIME TO SAY NO

Titus 2:12

"It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age"

Too often we say yes to things we do not want. Without a viable ability to say no, we cannot be strong and courageous. Thinking everything has to be yes makes us cowardice in disguise. Eventually, failure to say no on behalf of others and ourselves leads to resignation, bitterness, and scorn, all of which undermines our Christian values. One of the under reported reasons why many people cannot be courageous enough to say no is that they do not yet possess a strong sense of self-worth. They also have the wrong image of God and themselves; they wanted to be associated as "really nice people"

The Bible is explicit about what we agree to. **1John 4:1-2** *"Dear friends, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits to see whether they are from God...".*

PRAYER

My Lord, thank you for your word. I receive today, the ability to say no to wrong things is in me, Amen.

STAYING IN THE ATMOSPHERE OF FAVOUR

Matthew 6:33

"Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness and all these things will be added unto you."

Staying in the atmosphere of favour is being in a state where things fall into place for you effortlessly. There are certain factors you apply to activate this atmosphere' You must first of all seek God, love God, be faithful, be righteous, and obedient. In **Genesis 6:7-9**, Noah found favor with God due to his faithfulness. He walked faithfully with God and that led to favor. *"So, the Lord said, 'I will wipe from the face of the earth the human race I have created and with them the animals, the birds and the creatures that move along the ground…"' But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. This is the account of Noah and his family…"*

As we can also see in the example of Noah, being righteous and blameless is a key to finding favor. *"Surely, Lord, you bless the righteous; you surround them with your favor as with a shield."* **(Psalm 5:12)**. You can be blessed with favor. Favor leads to blessing.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, let your favour be upon me and my loved ones from today, in Jesus name, Amen.

GO FORTH BY DIVINE DIRECTION

Genesis 46:3-4

"Fear not to go down into Egypt; for I will there make of thee a great nation."

Do not take major decisions of destiny without God. Make up your mind to always move in accordance to divine leading. Jacob must not have liked the fact of leaving the land of his father's sojourning and dwelling among heathen strangers. It is true that none of us will easily venture into a foreign lands without anxiety. But it was God's will for Jacob so he had to go.

This is what we frequently pass through as believers. Sometimes we find ourselves facing major decision points in life; at such times, let us imitate Jacobs example by offering sacrifices of prayer unto God, and seek his direction. Always present your steps before Him in prayer and patiently wait upon the Lord for his direction and blessings, for in so doing you will enjoy his presence throughout your journey. So, if God is in that journey, take a step of faith and do not procrastinate, because victory is certain.

PRAYERS

Lord! help me to make the right decisions and give me the grace to take a step of faith.

LIVING LIFE IN FULL

Jeremiah 29:11

"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."

We are loaded with so much privilege in God that we have no business with depression; Lack, Fear or Sickness. Everything negative in life can always be sorted out in the presence of God. All it requires is for you to build your capacity through the word. Your last option is not to throw in the towel and give up, No! Draw from Him all it takes to live your life in full measure for God has given us all that pertains to Life and Godliness Success is not a prayer point but a life style

You live life in its fullness when you can handle anything. Stop putting yourself in unhealthy competition rather build yourself up in your most holy faith. Develop yourself in the period of lack and uncertainties, those are good times to set a good personal development plan and build capacity.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I build my capacity in you.
and I take hold of the fullness of life in Jesus name,
Amen.

CAPACITY IS PORTABLE

2 Kings 4:5-6

"And it came to pass, when the vessels were full, that she said unto her son, Bring me yet a vessel. And he said unto her, there is not a vessel more. And the oil stayed." **2Kings 4:6**

Your faith is critical in determining what you can make of your life if you can work on your faith, you will always take advantage of opportunities that comes your way. If the widow from our opening verse had more vessels the oil would have continued to flow. Your achievement level ends where your capacity ends Apostle Paul in **Ephesians 3:8** emphasized it *"although I am less than the least of God's people, this grace was given to me: to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ"*

Capacity is portable, unlimited capacity is possible. Learn to borrow or acquire more capacity; seek for knowledge, research further, study, get exposure and work on your faith system. Anything you cannot believe God for can never be yours.

PRAYER

Father, I pray never to limit my capacity in you. My life in you has no elastic breakage, therefore my oil will never go dry, Amen.

THERE IS A BETTER WAY

1Corinthians 1:25

"For the foolishness of God is wiser than man's wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than man's strength".

God wants all believers to possess the Spirit of wisdom. It is one thing to have the Holy Spirit inside you, but it is another thing to have the Holy Spirit flow as the Spirit of wisdom within you. God's wisdom prevails; there is no problem that cannot be solved. There is no daunting task that cannot be accomplished. God's wisdom surmounts them all.

You don't have to promote yourself by following the system of the world. You don't have compromise your ethics and values to rise up the ladder of success. There is a better way. There is a God-way of doing things and it is called the wisdom of God. A person can be very well-educated and full of knowledge, but still lack wisdom. Therefore, get wisdom. Make it a priority, she will promote you and bring you honor. **(Proverbs 4:7-8)**.

PRAYER

My Father, I pray that your wisdom guides me always through your loving Spirit in me, in Jesus name, Amen.

MIRACLE IS OF GOD

Deuteronomy 10:21

"He is thy praise, and he is thy God, that hath done for thee these great and terrible things, which thine eyes have seen."

Living a blessed life is far easier than waiting on miracle. God operates in principles, instead of seeking for the Miracle we ought to seek for what we have to do to obtain His blessings. Abraham walked with God and his life was blessed even to generations after him God rewards our work with him but gives miracle at will. Miracle is what God give to those whose faith attracted it you don't get to receive miracle all the time but you can be blessed the rest of your life.

God desires to walk with men, He wants to pour his anointing on men to drive His purpose and enrich the kingdom such people he will bless. Miracle is God bringing the supernatural to the ordinary. So only him chooses when to give miracle. You can still be blessed and enjoy God's miracle. Don't just wait around for miracle and loose the blessings.

PRAYER

I walk in your blessings daily as I live the life of miracle you have laid for me, in Jesus name, Amen.

- SAT. SEPTEMBER 10 -

EXPAND YOUR WORLD

1Samuel 17:45-46

"For I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which all your adversaries shall not be able to gainsay nor resist." **Luke 21:15**

There is never progressive in any aspect of living a life without the use of mouth. God changed the face of the earth by his word. You can change the world around you. Expand you reach; start talking large. David was just a boy who had faith in the God of his fathers He believed, Trusted and took action in faith against the giant **verse 46 of 1 Samuel chapter 17** *" This day the lord will hand you over to me and I will strike you down and cut of your head Today I will give the carcasses of the Philistine army to the birds of the air and the beast of the earth and the whole world will know that there is a God in Israel"*

David was talking large against Goliath with confidence in God who has shown forth for him as a shepherd in the battle against deadly animals who came for his sheep He knows faith has to do with talking large. Expand your world with your mouth! Talk more, think and take steps Talk out your thoughts to reality.

PRAYER

I open my mouth widely and I speak expansion on every side without limits into my life and my world, Amen.

TURN THAT PAIN INTO A PURPOSE

2Corinthians 4:16-18

"For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;" **2Corinthians 4:17**

There were two contrasting stories about Tamar the daughter of David and Tamar the daughter in- law of Judah in the scripture Both experienced betrayal and humiliation but they took it differently. Tamar the daughter –in –law of Judah took the advantage of the opportunity presented to her in her pain **Genesis 38:13-14** while Tamar the daughter of David in **1Samuel 13:19-20** lived her life a desolate woman.

The woman who turned her pain into purpose helped to bring about the prophecy of God over Judah to past She became an ancestor of Jesus the king of all kings You have to see purpose in that situation or challenge you going through right now.

PRAYER

Thank you, Father, for your word unto me this day. I lay down those pain aside, I focus on your promises and my abilities in you, Amen.

THE WORTH OF YOUR WORK

Romans 12:11-24

"And whatsoever ye do, do it heartily, as to the Lord, and not unto men" **Colossians 3:23**

The first thing God gave to Adam is a business **Genesis 2:15** *"the Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it".* Work is a major part of human life that God takes very seriously. Work is important because God is a worker. The fact that God calls what he does work and calls it good means that work must be significant, that it must have intrinsic value. Work is for skillful men and if you are hardworking you will become relevant.

God created people to be his coworkers and man was created in the image of God and since God is a worker, man - created in God's image - must be a worker, too. God choose men on the basis of their productivity. Be productive and increase your worth.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray for your power upon me to be productive, so that I can become relevant in you and to all men. Amen

HOLY SPIRIT BUILDS YOU UP

Acts 19:6

"When Paul placed his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied"

Holy Spirit is like a tool needed to execute the work of God on Earth. God is Spirit and he that will worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. To be able to establish what God has purposed for us, you need the Holy Spirit.

Holy Spirit builds you up in the place of prayer. Learn to saturate the atmosphere with the presence of the Holy Spirit, even when you are tired, unhappy, distracted; that is even when you pray some more until the atmosphere is cleared. When you are built up in the spirit, you are empowered to address mysteries, you can prophecy, you can call forth anything and it will come to pass.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray for your Holy Spirit to fully be at work in my life in Jesus name, Amen.

SHOW COMPASSION TO OTHERS

Matthew 18:21-35

"Should you not also have had compassion on your fellow servant, just as I had pity on you"

Matthew 18:33

Incidentally, Jesus in this parable laid down the marker for forgiveness. You are to have compassion and forgive your fellow servant just as God has had pity on you and forgiven you of your even greater and unpayable debt. This is really huge! First, we are all servants of God, hence we are colleagues and have the same Master to whom we all are answerable to and from whom we have all received forgiveness.

Secondly, we are likely to owe each other some debt here and there, all of which may be totally payable compared to what we were forgiven of. Thirdly, our failure to show the same compassion to others who hurt us when we actually received same from God is a sign of ingratitude and that we don't deserve that forgiveness. So, extend to others what you have received from God.

PRAYER

Help me Lord to have pity on others just as you have had compassion on me in Jesus name.

- THURS. SEPTEMBER 15 -

YOU CAN RECEIVE ANYTHING FROM GOD

John 16:22-24

"In that day you will no longer ask me anything. I tell you the truth, my father will give you whatever you ask in my name. Until now you have not asked for anything in my name. Ask and you will receive, and your joy will be complete" **John 16:23**

How much of the word of God you have helps to build your asking ability? **Hebrews 11:1** *"Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see".* The word of God in you will help you understand the will of God for all times and being obedient to His will gives you access to receive anything from God.

Our heavenly Father does not change like shifting shadows. He is faithful and rewards those who diligently seek him. One of the rewards we get from Him is to receive anything we asked of Him in prayers.

PRAYER

Heavenly Father, help to obey you, and impact you word in me by the Holy Spirit in Jesus name

FAITH MEANS TO LIVE BY PRAYER

Jude 20-21

"But you, dear friends, build yourselves up in your most holy faith and pray in the Holy Spirit."

Jude 21

Faith is a prove of what you are looking for, a substance of what you prayed for. When you prayed and there is no answer it means you have not brought enough argument. Stay until you travail. See how Isaiah put it, **Isaiah 62:1** *"For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her righteousness shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch".*

Life is filled with continuous negotiation if you want to get result. People that will triumph the challenge of life are those who have the faith and are ready to stay in prayer until they receive. Staying in prayer is engaging the Spirit. That is when you can experience real result from prayer.

PRAYER

I stand in faith dear Lord and I live life to the fullest to the best to your glory alone in Jesus name, Amen.

THE SPIRIT OF INTERCESSION

Ezekiel 22: 30

"And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

Many time there must be a move of God on earth, there must be intercession made ahead. **James 5:17-18** *"Elijah was a man just like us. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again, he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops."*

The Spirit of Intercession was upon John the Baptist ahead of Christ manifestation if we read from **verse 13**, we will understand it better. **Luke 1:16-17** "*...he will go on before the Lord, in the spirit and power of Elijah, ... to the wisdom of the righteous to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."*. For any major change to happen in a believer's life, intercession must have gone ahead.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, in the spirit of Intercession I stand in the gap for me and my family and I pronounce Peace in Jesus name, Amen.

STAY ON GOD'S COMMISSION

Mark 16:15-18

"…Go into all the world and preach the good news to all creation. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned…"

God's commission is when we the believers takes Jesus gospel and makes God's power available to people for them to be delivered from the power of darkness, freedom from sin and death. If our goal in evangelism is to love people, it means then that we have understood the essence of the call; to serve others and share the gospel.

Staying on this commission requires personal conviction. We are commanded to make disciples of all nations. Throughout Scripture God gives specific commands to us; love the Lord your God **(Deuteronomy 6:5)**, follow Me **(Matthew 4:19)**, and go and make disciples **(Matthew 28:19)**. And with each one we have the choice to obey or disobey and none is without a reward.

PRAYER

My Father, I pray to stand firm in your commission and obey your principles, in Jesus name, Amen.

YOU ARE CONNECTED TO THE SOURCE

John 15:6-7

"If anyone does not remain in me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up, thrown into the fire and burned..."

If you have received Jesus, then you are connected to him. The source is made for those who believe the word. That connection only comes through the word of God. The scripture says, *"If you remain in me and my words remain in you..."* then we can "ask whatever we wish and it will be given." The inspired words of the Bible are what give us the connection to Jesus.

Verse 4-5 says *"Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing."*

PRAYER

Dear father, I pray this day to be connected to your unending flow of Grace, in Jesus name, Amen.

- TUES.SEPTEMBER 20 -

PRODUCE POWER FOR SUCCESS

James 1:5

"If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask of God, who gives to all liberally and without reproach, and it will be given to him."

All victory in the life of a Christian comes because of faith and application of God's wisdom. Faith and wisdom are the driving force to produce success. Power to produce success is your personal faith that has taken time to develop. It not built in a hurry. It took Jesus 30years to prepare for his ministry. If you don't work on your faith system, you can easily activate the power of the flesh and defeat is inevitable.

The Bible does say that "*the hand of the diligent makes rich*" **(Proverbs 10:4)**. But diligence in the book of Proverbs is not about slogging and working so hard to the point that you don't have time for your family, and you don't have time to be with the Lord in the house of God. That is not diligence but hard work. Diligence has got to do with the wisdom of God. God has the wisdom for every situation you face. And His wisdom will carry you through and give you good success without all the sweat.

PRAYER

Lord, I pray for the power to produce results and be successful in all I do in Jesus name, Amen

- WED. SEPTEMBER 21 -

LEARN FROM YOUR MENTOR

2 Kings 2:6-7

'Then Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here, for the LORD has told me to go to the Jordan River." But again, Elisha replied, "As surely as the LORD lives and you yourself live, I will never leave you." So, they went on together…"

So much can be learned by observing the life of another. We can learn from their habits and disciplines and even from their faults. Looking at Elijah and Elisha situation in the Bible, Elisha was destined for a double portion, but if he had never first offered himself as a servant to Elijah, he would have remained a farmer and never performed the amazing miracles that blessed the lives of so many others. Elisha's success was found in his relentless pursuit of his mentor. Being under the tutelage of another can be difficult.

But the reward is great for those followers who press beyond these struggles until the day when the baton is clearly passed on to them. Process in life is made shorter if you can engage the mentor relationship rather than going all the way to have the experience.

PRAYER

Father Lord, I humble myself to be able to learn and find success from Godly mentors in Jesus name, Amen.

GOD IS THE GOD OF THE UNIVERSE

Isaiah 37:16

"O LORD of hosts, God of Israel, that dwellest between the cherubim's, thou art the God, even thou alone, of all the kingdoms of the earth: thou hast made heaven and earth."

Believers should come to terms with the fact that God is God of all, so that we can stop being religious and take the finished work of Christ on the cross serious. Bible said that we are light and salt of the earth, how can that be when we no longer operate in the Spirit and the power of God at work in believers. God is not just God of the church but God of the Universe. We are still on earth where principles that God have established governs all.

Our forefathers prayed even when they did not know God .They believed in a superior and supreme God who is above the gods and goddesses of the trees, water, etc God did not validate their ignorance but overlooked it because they have not heard the gospel so they couldn't pray in Jesus name but when they prayed in their faith, that same God showed up.

PRAYER

My God, the God of the Universe, I worship and reverence you in Jesus name, Amen.

BE SENSITIVE TO THE HOLY SPIRIT

Luke 4:18

"The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to preach good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to release the oppressed."

Holy Spirit is an integral part of the believer's life that's why you have to continue to be building up yourself to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit because He is the one to help you execute your calling on earth.

God is attracted to only those that walk in the path He created for them. Spiritual sensitivity helps to understand our path in God and how to walk in it. With the help of the Holy Spirit, you can confront and face both physical and Spiritual challenges. He will always prepare you for the intensity of battle ahead. You will identify your destiny helpers if you are sensitive to the Holy Spirit and then you will enter your season effortlessly.

PRAYER

I yield myself to you dear Holy Spirit help me to be sensitive to your leading all my days, Amen.

- SAT. SEPTEMBER 24 -

NATURE IS MADE BY GOD

Psalm 19:1-2

"The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands. Day after day they pour forth speech…"

Nature did not become by itself rather it is one of the ways in which God has revealed Himself to humanity. The Bible asserts that the universe is a testimony to God's existence and precision. Whatever God has put in nature is for humanity to enjoy. **Genesis 1:21-22** *"So, God created the great creatures of the sea and every living and moving thing with which the water teems, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to it…"*

Nature is not to be worship rather the God who created the nature deserved to be worshiped. As believers, we understood that the physical came out of the spiritual. So, it depicts several aspects of God. You are to enjoy what God has put in nature not to worship it.

PRAYER

Reveal thyself unto me oh Lord, let nature reveal your divine power unto me always, Amen.

- SUN. SEPTEMBER 25 -

YOU SHALL GO FORTH WITH JOY

Isaiah 55:12

"You will go out in joy and be led forth in peace; the mountains and hills will burst into song before you, and all the trees of the field will clap their hands."

Being joyful means not letting your circumstances crush you. To choose joy is to choose hope. As Christians, we are called to be joyful, which is not a natural thing for us to do as human beings. However, when we understand God's love and his constant grace, joy becomes easier. When we truly understand God's grace and seek him, we will find joy. Then we can answer with the glorious news of how good our God is and the hope that we have.

There are two reasons we are called to go out in joy in the opening passage: For our own sake and for the world's. When we choose to rejoice in our circumstances, our circumstances seem to change. Life is easier to tackle when you choose a positive and joyous perspective rooted in a trust for God and his promises. **1Thessalonians 5:16-18**

PRAYER

Joy! Joy!! Joy!! I declare Joy in all my days and endeavours, in Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYING IN THE SPIRIT

Romans 8:26-27

"And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for…"

Paul in **1Corinthians 14** states that when a person prays in tongues, he does not know what he is saying, since it is spoken in a language he does not know. But in **Ephesians 6:18**, Paul instructs us to *"pray in the Spirit" on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests."* Speaking in tongue is saying thing that Holy Spirit put in your mouth to say as it were in the case of the disciples after the Holy Spirit came upon them on the day of Pentecost. God spoke to people in different languages through them.

When you pray in the spirit; Bible said, "*…, the Holy Spirit prays for us with groaning that cannot be expressed with words. And the Father who knows all hearts knows what the Spirit is saying…".* You start to pray in the Spirit when you pray in tongues until your Spirit begins to pray. It can take hours for your spirit to be activated.

PRAYER

Dear Lord! Help me to tarry in the place of prayer until my spirit picks the signals to and access your will for my life in Jesus name, Amen!

GOD HAS GIVEN YOU A MEASURE OF FAITH

Romans 12:3

"…not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

Those who had accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are those who were given "the measure of faith", it's not saying that God's kind of faith is available to everyone in the world, but rather it's available to believers. So, if you're wondering why your unsaved grandmother, brother or neighbor can't understand your spiritual walk or are unable to stand in faith with you for healing, deliverance, provision, etc. understand it's because they haven't yet received "the measure of faith."

As long you are a believer, you have faith **(2 Corinthians 5:17)**. **"The measure of faith"** is the same for every believer, and it is the same faith that Jesus possessed. Different believers may have developed and strengthened their faith over time and by the Word, but their faith is no different than yours. You have that same capability.

PRAYER

I pray for strength to develop my faith in you Lord.

HAVE NOTHING TO DO WITH THEM

2Timothy 3: 4-6

"…Have nothing to do with them. They are the kind who worm their way into homes and gain control over weak-willed women, who are loaded down with sins and are swayed by all kinds of evil desires"

It Is very important for parent to be sensitive to the behavior of their children to observe changes and address the negative ones on time **1Corinthians 15:33** *"Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character."* As parents, teach your kids that the first thing to ask God for every day is wisdom. The Bible says that the boy Jesus increased in wisdom, then in stature and in favor with God and man. Notice that this happened after Jesus went home with His parents and was submissive to them. **(Luke 2:51–52)**.

And it is good for our young people to realize this because some of them have a know-it-all attitude and think that they don't have to submit to their parents.

PRAYER

I stay away from bad influence for sweet spirit in me. I submit myself to you Lord in Jesus name.

DON'T PUT A TIME TO YOUR LIFE

Ephesians 5:17

"Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is."

Institutions and schools will always teach you how to set targets, personal and organizational goals and so on. That is for schools and organizations established by man, but in life the owner time and season is God. You need to download from God what time and season you are in. Don't always put a time to your life because God works in seasons. Your understanding of Gods season is very important.

We are given the Holy Spirit to help us in all things. Stay with him in prayer, listen to teachings, study and don't stay idle. Jesus asked his disciples to wait in the upper room until their season come. You can't set life target on your terms and time when you don't know the season of God.

PRAYER

Lord, I receive an understand not to put a time to my life but to seek you at all times in Jesus name, Amen.

GOD DESPISE UNGODLINESS

Romans 1:18-19

"For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness, because what may be known of God is manifest in them, for God has shown it to them"

Ungodliness is simply denying God; Hating the truth and everything that is righteous. Atheist never believed in God in the first place while religious folks may go to Church, call on God but denies the power of God. Bible said that God hates every form of ungodliness. Media have become a strong medium through which the "New Age" and all manner of groups teach and preach all kinds of messages that promote "self" and acts that are detestable to God.

But as believers, we should be conscious and confident in the life we live in Christ for God despises ungodliness. **Titus 2:12** *"...say no to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age*." God exterminated kings and kingdom and replaced them with nations who are righteous. We must remain steadfast in Godly living till the end.

PRAYER

Heavenly father, thank you for making me your righteousness. Help me to remain steadfast, Amen!

- SAT. OCTOBER 1 -

SOW INTO GOD'S MANDATE

Judges 6:12-13

"And the angel of the Lord appeared unto him, and said unto him, The Lord is with thee, thou mighty man of valour. And Gideon said unto him, oh my Lord, if the Lord be with us, why then is all this befallen us? and where be all his miracles which our fathers told us…"

The scripture is a record of series of God's mandates; from creation of the earth in Genesis. Birthing of a nation of promise called Israel to coming back of Jesus Christ in Revelation. We could observe that Gods brought himself to those whose mind were directed towards Him, he is pleased with anyone who is ready to play a role in His plan.

Gideon was pondering over what was written about the Israelites; people born out of promise, were delivered from their enemy by mighty hand of God but that had become a folk story that needed a prove. Having such desire attracted God to him. **Judges 6:13-14**. Just like Gideon, let it be of a concern to you that certain wrongs should be corrected and that you are part of what God is doing.

PRAYER

Dear father, help me to make conscious effort to be part of what you are doing on earth in Jesus name. Amen!

GOD IS WAITING FOR YOUR YES

Acts 10:14-15

"Surely not, Lord!" Peter replied. "I have never eaten anything impure or unclean. The voice spoke to him a second time, "Do not call anything impure that God has made clean."

Sometime you may come across Christians who act like they know more than God and they are not ready to change their opinion. From the book of Act, Apostle Peter acted that way. He was so sure that what God asked him to do does not require a yes so, he Challenged God, **acts 10:14.** All that is important is to understand God's purpose and key into it irrespective of what you are observing around you or what is acceptable to other people. God is waiting for you to say yes to Him.

It took the Holy Spirit to convict Peter and those that came to Cornelius house with him to understand that all God wants from us is to say yes to his instructions, yes to his call, yes to His leading; There is no point questioning God or Challenging His plan.

PRAYER

Thank you, Lord, for your word today, I say yes to your plan and purpose for my life in Jesus name. Amen!

JUSTICE FOR THE POOR

James 2:5-7

"Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?..."

Jesus in his days on earth carrying out the ministry of reconciliation did not cease to commit his disciple to giving attention to the poor... The poor will always be with you.... And to them the Kingdom of God is preached. **Verse 5** of the opening verse says *"Listen, my dear brothers: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?*

The poor are special to God. He considers giving to the poor as part of service to him. **Proverbs 19:17***"He who is kind to the poor lends to the Lord, and he will reward him for what he has done."* It is therefore compulsory for any believer to pay attention to the needy as James said in **Chapter 1 verse 27***"Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world"*

PRAYER

Dear Lord, you love is unfathomable. Help me to care for the needy just like you in Jesus name. Amen!

YOUR DEEDS CAME UP TO HIM

Colossians 3:17

"And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him"

Every deed done on earth does not go unnoticed by God. Cornelius gave generously and willingly and God rewarded him mightily. God sent Peter a Jew to him a gentile so that he can be save, himself and his household. It was only an impossible relation at that time. But God whom all deeds comes up to broke the barrier, broke the protocol. **Acts 10:4-6** Your giving is a gate way, an access to a whole lot of impossibilities. Learn to give and give away you delay, barrenness; in your body, business or health. Whatever you give will stand as a memorial before God

Your deed attracts God's attention and indeed your heart desire even to a person who does not speak in tongues, or a very religious person. The Holy Spirit came on them after the Lord have acknowledged his deed.

PRAYER

Father let my giving open gateways, an access to a whole lot of impossibilities for me in Jesus name. Amen

REST IS IMPORTANT

Genesis 2:2-3

"By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so, on the seventh day he rested from all his work. And God blessed the seventh…"

Rest is really very important but work must precede rest. Why rest? In course of life, it would have been frustrating to keep doing a particular thing without a pause and review of the progress or success of that activity or action.

At some point, Bible recorded that God rested from work after He finished. That means work and rest must be within a particular frame of time and season. If you want to rest, first of all work and finish the work. In life you must understand purpose, what is that God has destined for you to do with your life so that you can work it out. For people of Israel work was to take over their promised land which Joshua lead them to achieve and afterwards they rested**, Joshua 23:1**. Rest helps you to refresh, refilled, and revive but it must be after work have being done. And rest prior to work is laziness. And Laziness is a ticket to lack.

PRAYER

Dear father! Bless the works of my hands so that I can rest when the right time comes in Jesus name. Amen

GET YOUR ENDORSEMENT FIRST

Mark 1:1-2

"...Behold, I send My messenger before Your face, who will prepare Your way before You."

The gospel of Jesus Christ was made possible because an endorsement went ahead of Him what you work very hard to get can come to you on a platter of gold. If an influential personality like priest, royals, politicians and rich members of the society that people listens endorses you in a society. It will be so very easy to grow your business or ministry from an already established platform; you can fly in a very short time.

Jesus came from the tribe of Judah whereas John the Baptist was from linage of priesthood. At that time, it was the priest, prophets and those in government that endorses ordinary member of the society John's endorsement of Jesus at river Jordan gained people's approval of Christ ministry then and then multitude were attracted to Jesus. John the Baptist the son of the high priest (Zachariah) has to endorse Christ. Jesus couldn't bless people until John validated Him.

PRAYER

Thank you, father, for your endorsement by the Holy Spirit to become your ambassador here on earth.

YOU ARE A SWEET-SMELLING AROMA

2Corinthians 2:14-17

"For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing" **2Corinthians 2:15**

God's people are to him sweet aroma spreading the knowledge of him anywhere they go, and He shows forth His power through them, that is why they are very important to and He leads them in triumph in Christ. "*For we are to God the fragrance of Christ among those who are being saved and among those who are perishing."* **Ezekiel 20:41***"I will accept you as a sweet aroma when I bring you out from the peoples and gather you out of the countries where you have been scattered; and I will be hallowed in you before the Gentiles."*

Our services to God in spreading the gospel and winning soul, giving time and resources to the course of God's kingdom and living a life of obedience, **Ephesians 5:2** *"And walk in love, as Christ also has loved us and given Himself for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God for a sweet-smelling aroma."* Are you a sweet- smelling aroma to God?

PRAYER

Oh Lord, let my services in your kingdom; in spreading the gospel make me a sweet- smelling aroma to you.

- SAT. OCTOBER 8 -

GOD CAN USE ANYTHING

1Kings 17:1-4

"Now Elijah the Tishbite, from Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, "As the Lord, the God of Israel, lives, whom I serve, there will be neither dew nor rain in the next few years except at my word."

The fastest way to gain supernatural attention is to be in the will of God. The reign of Ahab was full of detestable worshiping of Idols and God was angry with His people for turning away from Him. Elijah the prophet challenged Ahab; cursed the heaven from releasing rain for a period of three and half years. For being in the will of God concerning Israel, God took it on Himself to take care of Elijah.

God honoured the word of Elijah to teach the people of Israel a lesson if they could turn back to Him. He also took care of Elijah in that period of drought by using extreme measure; First, He used ravens; a wild animal that hunt voraciously for prey, to feed Elijah**1Kings17:4** Secondly, a widow from a small Phoenician town; Israel's enemy territory. **1Kings 17:8-9**. God can use anything to execute His righteous plan. your part is to find yourself in the will and plan of God then use your gift to play a role.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, use me according to your will, Amen.

- SUN. OCTOBER 9 -

MAKE GOOD YOUR MIND

Romans 12:2

"Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is — his good, pleasing and perfect will"

Mind is a gateway between the human spirit and the body. Person's ability to think and reason; the intellect, depends on the knowledge or amount of information stored up in the mind and that it can harness. Knowing who you are in God patterns your thoughts that proceeds from your mind; you are no longer exposed to any kind of information from your sense that is contrary to what God says you are because you are censored.

From our opening verse, Pleasing God is more important against doing as the flesh wills. What God desires is in His word and can be downloaded from the Holy Spirit. The more of God's word we are exposed to the more our mind is renewed towards Him. In God there is life.

PRAYER

My Father, I take away every evil in my mind and I welcome your Spirit of amazing love, peace and truth, Amen.

FEAR IS ENEMY'S WEAPON

Job 3:25

"What I feared has come upon me; what I dreaded has happened to me".

The adversary best enjoys inflicting pain and one of his weapons in achieving that is fear. He would stir up circumstances that pump anxiety, worry, depression and the likes. The important phrase in the Bible to quench the fieriest of fear is **"fear not"** Job was always afraid of losing all he had one day, selling an idea to the devil to ruin him. Trust the adversary he took it to God and It was granted him to afflict Job. God said fear not, when fear is toiling with your mind, knock it off with God's word "our weapons of warfare are not canal…

God will never push away his chosen, destined people! That's why he answered Elijah's fear *"Lord, they've murdered your prophets; they've demolished your altars. Now I'm the only one left and they want to kill me!"* But what was the revelation God spoke to him in response? *"You are not alone..."* Devil major target with his weapon of fear is to kill your confidence in God's ability, your faith in the finished work of Christ on the cross.

PRAYER

My Lord, you are my rock and my salvation, who shall I be afraid of!

- TUES. OCTOBER 11 -

HEALING IS CHILDREN'S BREAD

Isaiah 33:24

"And the inhabitant will not say, "I am sick"; The people who dwell in it will be forgiven their iniquity".

Christ came that we may have life and have it more abundantly. The blind received their sight, the deaf heard, dead got their life back and deliverance came to the demon possessed. How else will a father show concern and love for his children. Christ by his death brought the Kingdom of God to every believer, reproducing countless number of sons he calls brothers with access to every inheritance as He has in God. Jesus never gets sick or was stricken with diseases, so, as co heir of the kingdom healing; good health is our right.

We are God's Children by faith, even when your body is inflicted with sickness; your spirit man is not. So, go into the spirit, in prayer and call forth your healing; good health. God has given you all that pertains to life and godliness. As a new creation in Christ Jesus, your human life has been replaced with God's divine life.

PRAYER

I take part in the healing bread as you Child Lord, I take hold of divine Life, Amen.

- WED. OCTOBER 12 -

ALWAYS SLOW TO SPEAK

Ephesians 4:29-30

"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen"

Being "quick to listen" means that we trained ourselves to wait for the whole story before diving in with our opinion. "Slow to speak" is the flip side of that. We control our words and don't blurt out everything that comes into our heads. **James 1:19–20** says, *"My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry, because human anger does not produce the righteousness that God desires*."

Wise people have learned that more wisdom can be gained by listening, observing, and not rushing to judgment. When we discipline ourselves to listen more than we talk, we can learn a lot; **Proverbs 18:13** *"He who answers before listening that is his folly and his shame"*. It is important for us to be quick to listen and slow to speak. God's Word always shows us the best way, and when we follow it, we are blessed.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, Guide my life, guide my tongue that I will live according to your principles, Amen.

WE ARE INSTRUMENT OF CHANGE

John 14:12

"Most assuredly, I say to you, he who believes in Me, the works that I do he will do also; and greater works than these he will do, because I go to My Father."

*Heaven belong to God but earth He has given to man...*It is the living God who is at work consistently in the world he's designed and made. He is maintaining it by putting man in charge. The world lives and moves and has its being in God in every way. Guess what? We are made in the image and likeness of God. Loaded with the ability to create, we are to maintain what God has started and change the world around us.

The Lord Jesus performed several miracles while he was on earth. As he prepared to leave the earth, He declared that those who believed in Him would do even greater works than He did. The same power He gave on the day of Pentecost is still at work in every believer. The Apostles were instrument of change in their time; they performed miracles in the name of Jesus. Power is the dynamic ability to cause changes and that is what we have!

PRAYER

Lord, make me an instrument of change in all I do and where I am, Amen

- FRI. OCTOBER 14 -

HE KNOWS YOUR PAIN

Job 1:8-11

"Have you not put a hedge around him and his household and everything he has? You have blessed the work of his hands, so that his flocks and herds are spread throughout the land. But stretch out your hand and strike everything he has, and he will surely curse you to your face."

As long as there is a proof of your steadfastness, devil will always challenge it. Good news is that God will boast of you. He did that with Job and the devil confronted it.

Certain pains are allowed by God to test your faith and confidence in his word and promises to you. It could also be a way to discipline or to build maturity in a believer. Times of pain are times to stay resolved in what got you where you were prior to your troubled days. He knows your pain and even in the midst of all these things, you will triumph over them all, for God has made you to be more than conquerors. For your steadfastness, He will always demonstrate His love which is your glorious victory over everything! **1 Peter 5:7***"Give all your worries to him, because he cares about you".*

PRAYER

Thank you for your word Lord, show you steadfast Love in my Life even in times of my pains and worries, Amen.

SEND YOUR PRAISE UP

Jeremiah 33:9

"Then it shall be to Me a name of joy, a praise, and an honor before all nations of the earth, who shall hear all the good that I do to them; they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and all the prosperity that I provide for it."

Delight yourself in the Lord! Get excited about God; develop a habit of praising God at all times and in all things. Your praises go to Him as sweet-smelling fragrance and He takes pleasure in it. David took pleasure in serving the Lord and in doing what is pleasing to Him, He won the heart of the Lord with reverence, God called him "*... man after mine own heart"* **(Acts 13:22)**

Those who find pleasure in the Lord will always have the supernatural happening in their lives; God personally causes them to live above the systems of the world! Every day for them is glorious, fulfilling and colourful. But those who are not excited about Him, whose praises does not go to Him Habitually will have dull experience of Life.

PRAYER

Thank you for the privilege to delight myself in you Lord.

- SUN. OCTOBER 16 -

RIGHTEOUS COURSE

Matthew 28:19-20

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit..."

God's activities revolve around His righteous course. What differentiates you from other is because you are in alignment with God's course. His righteous course is that you become His co-worker in reaching others with His message of salvation. When you understand God's purpose for your life to hand his glorious gospel to his faithful disciples; that he saved you and left you on earth to be His witness. **Isaiah 43:10** *"You are my witnesses," declares the Lord, and my servant whom I have chosen, so that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he, before me no god was formed, nor there one after me."*

Being faithful in carrying out God's righteous course, gives your life a meaning; His power rest upon you, now you have become a minister of reconciliation, a steward of the mysteries of Christ and faithfully you disciple others. You teach others the same truth of the Gospel.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, guide me through your light so I can follow duely in your course, Amen.

TALK WISELY

2 Timothy 2:23-25

"Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels…"

Just think back on some of the things that have been said to you over the years especially those said with criticism, derision, shaming, anger, rejection, or scorn and the impacts they've had on your feelings, hopes, ambitions, and self-esteem. Words can *hurt,* besides their momentary effects; these hurts can linger even for a lifetime. The residues of hurtful words sift down into emotional memory to cast long shadows over the inner landscape of your mind. Plus, they can alter a relationship forever. Just think about the ripple effects of things said between parents and children, from one sibling to another, or among in-laws. Or between friends.

So, do what you can to protect yourself from hurtful words from others. Be mindful of the kind of discussion you engage into with people to prevent quarrel in the first place, Let the holy Spirit guide your conversation with those who are not of the same faith with you so that your conversation can be profitable to all.

PRAYER

Lord, tame my tongue and attitude in Jesus name, Amen

- TUES. OCTOBER 18 -

THE FIELD IS READY

Acts 18:9-11

"...Do not be afraid, but speak, and do not keep silent; for I am with you, and no one will attack you to hurt you; for I have many people in this city."

The lord instructed us to prayer that more workers are sent into the field to harvest the ripped souls. There are millions of people in different countries around the world who have never heard the gospel because the authorities have used the weapon of fear, persecution, and intimidation to suppress and prevent the preaching of the gospel.

Because the field is ready, we must preach the gospel of Jesus Christ. It was time for the people of Israel to leave the land of Egypt for that Moses was commanded by God to confront Pharaoh and to free His Children; Moses fearlessly Confronted Pharaoh with God's message. We are commanded by Christ to go into the whole world preaching the gospel. Don't let any man or any government hold you back from believing and preaching the gospel as you should under the mandate of Him whose Name is greater than any institution, authority, rulership or power. The field is ready

PRAYER

Yes! It is ready, give me the strength to work, Amen

YOU ARE A ROYAL PRIEST

1Peter 2:9-10

"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God…".

The Bible declares that you are a royal priest unto God… "*But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God*," you are born to reign in the kingdom as priest and in the world as King, your heavenly father is the king of ages and eternal king of Glory In the Old Testament, God chose the tribe of Levi to serve as the priests in Israel, ministering in the tabernacle and later, the temple. Under the new covenant, Jesus is our forever High Priest and all believers *are subordinate priests underneath Him*. **1 Peter 2:5** "*…built into a spiritual house to be a holy priesthood…*"

Priesthood, which came about under the old covenant made with Moses, has now been done away with. Now, God has made a new covenant through His Son Jesus Christ. In this new covenant He has raised up a new high priest in Jesus, who *is not* a priest after the old order of the Levitical priesthood, "*but after the order of Melchizedek.*" who was the king of righteousness, Priesthood is based on the righteousness of Christ.

PRAYER

Lord, I take my place in you as a Royalty, Amen.

- THURS. OCTOBER 20 -

YOU HAVE WHAT IT TAKES

Psalm 1:3

"He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, that brings forth its fruit in its season, whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper."

The Lord Jesus has made all that it takes for every believer to be successful available. He brought you into a life of power, fruitfulness, and productivity, John expressed this thought fully in **John 15:16-17***".* That means you have what it takes to be excellent and productive. He has made you efficacious, giving you the power to be producing desired results!

If there is a target set for you, irrespective of how daunting the task may be, of course you can achieve it because of the special ability the Lord has put into your life. You can do anything; you can be anything; you can get anything; you can go anywhere; you can be what you choose to be. You are not meant to hustle your way through life before things work for you; you're ordained to be productive.

PRAYER

Thank you, dear father, for given me all it takes to live an excellent and productive life, in Jesus name, Amen.

- FRI. OCTOBER 21 -

GOOD NAME IS BETTER

Proverbs 22:1

"Good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold."

Riches; money, fame, silver, gold and an honorable reputation (loving favor, i.e. respect) are good. But if one has to choose between them, Solomon says, "Choose a good name." Solomon's son Rehoboam chose wealth (i.e. higher taxes) rather than the love and respect of his people. Choosing poorly, he lost most of his kingdom. A remarkable thing said of young King David was that he gained good reputation with his people rather than immerse silver and gold.

The reason a good name is better than riches is because in the end we have to deal with God, and riches do not impress Him. He loves the upright man who fears Him and who walks before Him in obedience. Therefore, if you have to choose between a good reputation and wealth, choose a good reputation, it will help you to focus on God's word. Good reputation will keep us out of; cheating, lying, stealing, breaking one's word, adultery, murder, and witchcraft. All sorts of sins that is against God's word.

PRAYER

Oh lord help me to fears and who walk before Him in obedience in Jesus name Amen.

STRIVE TO BE A BLESSING

Deuteronomy 28:1-2

"If you fully obey the Lord your God and carefully follow all his commands I give you today, the Lord your God will set you high above all the nations on earth..."

Being blessed is being obedient, obedient to the commands of God! God said to Mary, "all nations shall call you blessed" because she obeyed without doubting the possibility of her bearing a son not knowing any man. Abraham's faithfulness made him a blessed man such that the entire universal was blessed through him. The covenant and The Lord's promise to Abraham is that All nations will call him blessed. Our faithfulness brings about God's blessings, and its only true blessings in God that can make you be a blessing to others.

All nations calling believers blessed are for those who are obedient to the commandment of our Lord Jesus to proclaim Christ to the world. We are Christ's ambassadors within the world; people who are made blessings to all nations spread the gospel with their mouth and way of life. Make yourself a pathway through which God's love can flow to others.

PRAYER

I pronounce myself a blessing to Nations in Jesus name.

GOD ANSWERS TO EXPECTATION

Luke 1:5-25

"For surely there is an end; and thine expectation shall not be cut off" **Proverbs 23:18**

Expectations are the things you are believing God for in your life. It is wrong and unbiblical to serve God without expectations. In fact, the reason why God gives us promises and prophetic words is to raise our expectation level. Usually, our expectations becomes our prayers and the quiet groaning of our heart which the Holy Spirit can pick up and interpret to God and before long, we will receive answers for them. Such was the situation of Zechariah, the father of John the Baptist whom God decided to answered his prayers by giving him a child at old age.

God still meets expectations of believers. Whatever righteous thing you have desired, begin to declare that you have them. Be conscious of the fact that you are blessed of the Lord. Never allow yourself get into the zone of doubt and unbelief. Stay in faith!

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for your promises and prophetic words to me. As I anchor my faith and expectations on them, I believe I have received them in Jesus name!

TAKE THE CENTER STAGE

Mathew 25: 20

"...Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master".

You can change the world! Make no mistake, you can change the world given over to you by God to influence. In our opening verse, Jesus thought His followers and used a parable to show how God endowed people with different abilities. From the parable, a certain master gave his servants talents to trade with. They responded by trading with the talents based on their capacities.

God chose men on the basis of their productivity and your hard work will always make you relevance. He said to the faithful servant "*Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master".* And to the servant who did not use his talent. He striped of what he had. He said to him, *"Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. So, take the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents...*Take the center stage now and rule your world.

PRAYER

Lord, I take hold of greatness in Jesus name, Amen.

CAN YOU SEE CLEARLY

Mark 8:22–26

"...Do you see anything? And he looked up and said, I see people, but they look like trees…"

Jesus healed the blind man in stages and it is used here to give the disciples a lesson about the Christian life. Jesus has the power to restore sight both physically and spiritually by just speaking. In previous healings, Jesus could just say a word and people would be healed. He touched a leper, He healed a paralytic, He healed a demon possessed man, and a Canaanite woman, and a deaf and mute man, and many other miracles that the Bible did not record.

But in our opening test, He took steps in healing this particular blind man; The man had "No Sight" **(v. 22-23)**, Christ next act made the man to experience "Blurry Sight **(v. 24)",** and lastly Clear Sight **(v. 25-26).** What stage in your Christian life are you now? Some Christians need to grow in stages before that mature and see Christ clearly. We need Christ help to help us see Him more clearly.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I pray you open my eyes to see according to your will, Amen.

WALKING IN ORDER

Titus 1:10

"For there are many rebellious people, full of meaningless talk and deception, especially those of the circumcision group. They must be silenced, because they are disrupting whole households…"

You need to understand that rank, position and responsibility in life are given by God. It's not by age but God's gift and call. Authority over us are to be revered and not rebelled against, whether Spiritual authority or physical; parents, superiors in the work place or those in government and publics work places. Therefore, we should try to stay away from rebelling against those in spiritual authority over us; God hates rebellion.

Even Archangel Michael understood that Satan was higher than him in rank, he did not rebel against Satan contending for the corpse of Moses with him in **Jude9:21***"Yet Michael the archangel, when contending with the devil and disputing about the body of Moses, dared not bring against him a railing accusation, but said, "The Lord rebuke thee!"*

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I repent from being a rebel. Guide my heart to walk in order. Amen

- THURS. OCTOBER 27 -

WORSHIP AND NOT COMPLAIN

Matt. 15:21-27; Luke 7:36-50

"Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our Maker." **Psalm 95:6**

Many Christians have developed an attitude of complaint rather than worship. Many easily become weary when it appears their answer is delayed and their suffering appears to linger. Some even pull out from trusting God and begin to try other means and sources, without realising how much powerful their worship to God can change things. Our texts expounds that worship open doors, builds faith and gets answers for you even when you have not uttered a single word. The woman of Tyre and Sidon changed gears to worship when it appeared her prayers was falling on deaf ears.

The woman in Luke 7 did not even say a single word. She just worshipped Jesus ceaselessly with her kisses, her fragrant oil and her much love just like that. Her deepest needs were met by the Lord without her asking verbally. Stop wasting your energy and time on being angry, complaining and giving up. Call Him sweet names and extol Him.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, I am sorry for always complaining. I pledge to be a worship addict from today in Jesus name

PERFEC LOVE CAST AWAY FEAR

1John 4:18

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: because fear hath torment. He that feareth is not made perfect in love."

Do you know what the antidote for fear is? The first thing many people would say is Faith; however, the scripture tells us perfect love is what drives out all fear. When we truly understand how much God loves us, what can we possibly be afraid of? When we are one with God through a relationship with His Son, Jesus; we are wrapped in perfect love. We can find security in His love. We can find peace in His love we can find refuge, provision and joy in His love. His love knows no limit. It has no boundaries.

Today, open your heart and receive His love. Meditate on his goodness and faithfulness. As you do so, these old fears will melt away and you will move confidently into the life of victory He has prepared for you.

PRAYER

Father, I come before you with a humble heart. Show me your love and fill me with your peace in Jesus name. Amen

MAKE THE RIGHT PLANS

Psalm 20:4

"Grant thee according to thine own heart, and fulfil all thy counsel."

The Bible tells us that Faith has action with it. A lot of times people say they believe something but, in their actions, they are doing just the opposite. Instead of making plans for the worst, why don't you make plans for the best? Why don't you make plans for the word of God to come to pass in your life? The scripture says, *"No weapon formed against me is going to prosper... a thousand shall fall at my side, ten thousand at my right hand, but it will not come near my dwelling."*

Today, make plans according to the word of God. As you make right plans, you'll see right things come to pass in your life. You'll rise up in victory, and enjoy the blessing God has in store for you.

PRAYER

Father, let my plans be your plans, so I can walk and live in the abundant life you have prepared for me, in Jesus name. Amen

PATIENCE IN TRIALS

Hebrews 10 :38, Romans 5:1-6, James 1:2-3

"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into diverse temptation." **James 1:2**

Our spiritual race is impossible to run without patience. As we embark on this journey of faith here on earth, we are bound to heat with issues that will only take endurance on our past to overcome. At such times, it is only those who have developed their spiritual capacity will triumph over challenges that will confront them.

The greatest patience is best refined in the midst of conflict. When you study the life of Job and how he endured the challenges "trials" and how his later end became you understand that patience is a virtue. That is why James encourages us to always "count it joy" when we face trials of many kinds.

Patience simply is acknowledging God's presence in the midst of trial.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, help me to learn that patience is to trust and wait for your timely intervention, in Jesus name. Amen.

YOU ARE SPECIAL

Isaiah 60:1

"Arise, shine for thy light is come and the glory of the lord is risen upon thee"

The best that can happen to anyone is to give his life and become a bonafide candidate for heaven, the bible says if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creature old thing are passed away behold all things have become new. Amplify version say arise(from the depression and prostration in which circumstances have kept you -rise to a new life) I shine (be radiant with the glory of the lord), for your light has come, and the glory of the lord has risen upon you. When Gods glory rises upon you, you will surely stand out in the community, your work place or amongst your peer.

You will stand out from the rest as though a spotlight were on you. It happened to Daniel and His friends in the book of Daniel. What of Joseph? as soon as he stepped into Potiphar's house, his business changed. Pharaoh also benefitted from Joseph relationship with God. As a believer know that the glory of God is upon you, you are special in his hands.

PRAYER

Dear lord as I step out, may I radiant your glory in Jesus name, Amen.

BE POSITIVE

Philippians 4:8

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest, whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure..."

It pays to be Positive. There is direct correlation between a Positive attitude and better relationships, sound health and greater success. A Positive mental attitude can improve your health, enhance your relationships, increase your chances of success and years to your life.

A Positive attitude can boast your energy, increase your inner strength, inspire others and gives the courage to subdue difficult challenges. Positive thinking can increase your life span, decrease depression, reduce stress, provide greater resistance to diseases, reduces the risk of death from cardiovascular disease and enable you to cope better during hard times and time of stress. Please surround yourself with Positive people, think Positive and live Positive.

PRAYER

Lord, thank you for this word, help me to maintain a Positive attitude in everything I do in Jesus name.

BE POSITIVE (2)

Proverbs 17:22

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Life is all about prioritizing the things that matter most in your life and focusing your efforts in those areas. This means that trivial things that go wrong everyday should not get you down. Learn to address or ignore small issues and move on instead of letting challenges to overwhelm you, learn to turn them into opportunities.

Be grateful and give thanks for the special things in your life and the life of others. Take every opportunity to make a new and better memories. The happiest people don't necessarily have the best of everything; they just make the best of everything they have. If you want to achieve happiness, better health, stronger relationships and continued success, a Positive attitude towards life is the key.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for blessing me with your word. I receive wisdom to apply your word everyday in Jesus name. Amen

BE POSITIVE (3)

Proverbs 17:22

"A merry heart doeth good like a medicine: but a broken spirit drieth the bones."

Be Positive if you don't want to be surrounded by negative people. Learn to master your own thoughts. When you visualize a goal, take the necessary actions needed to achieve the goal. Visualize yourself winning, getting the promotion or receiving the award.

When you make a mistake, don't sit there and keep blaming yourself for that is a negative attitude. Learn the necessary lessons and move on. Consciously resist negative thinking, it will help you to modify your behavior. Be nice to yourself and avoid unnecessary critics. If you criticize yourself long enough, you will start to believe it. The negative can drag you down over time. It is time to fire the critics and hire the advocates. Believe in yourself and pursue the goals you have set with passion.

PRAYER

Thank you, dear lord, for your word for me today. I am inspired with a positive mental attitude. Amen

THE DIVINE ORDER

Colossians 2:10

"And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principalities and Powers"

Gods divine order has to do with His master plan and program, bases on how he designed His creations to function. It began from the creation of the stellar elements, down to the vegetations and then the vegetations and then the creation of man and His intention that man should rule over the earth and enjoy all that He created here on Earth. Man, and his environment were created in a perfect condition.

You are created to be like God and function like God. You have dominion over all things in this world. This is divine order. Walk into your rightful positions to rule your world. Halleluyah!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, lead me through your divine order in Jesus name, Amen.

THE DIVINE ORDER (2)

Colossians 2:10

"And ye are complete in Him, which is the head of all principalities and Powers"

The Sacrifice above is very true, based on the sacrifice of Christ on the Cross, but its also a clear reflection of the state of man in the garden, God created man complete. The bible said after creation *"...God saw everything that he had made and behold, it was very good"* **Genesis 1:3.** God saw and was satisfied with all that He created, that they were perfect, man inclusively.

Man is a Spirit, that has a soul, that lives in a body. This definition reveals to us the three fundamental elements that makes up a man. And the bible said *"They were all complete and perfect."* This is divine order. It doesn't matter your present state, I want you to reckon yourself complete in Him. It begins with your faith in His word and then appreciate that word in your life.

PRAYER

Dear Father, thank you for making me complete and perfect accordingly to your word. I enforce the reality of this word in my life in Jesus name. Amen

THE DIVINE ORDER (3)

Psalm 115:16

"The heaven, even the heavens are the Lords; but the earth hath He given to the children of men"

The scripture above unveils to us the primary intention of God for "Recreating" the earth. He wanted man to be in charge of it. He gave man dominion over all that He created; *"... be fruitful and multiply and replenish the earth and subdue it; and have dominion"* **Genesis 1:28**.

The mandate could not stand the taste of time because the enemy of God invaded the garden and got man to sell out. Man committed high treason and lost his Position to the devil. Hence the change of order. But God never gave up on man. The enemy must have invaded your life and got you to make some mistakes that must have cost you strategic grounds in your journey of life. But God is not giving up on you. If God did not give up on Adam, He will never give up on you. You must surely bounce back in Jesus name, Amen.

PRAYER

Despite my mistakes Lord, I enter into your divine order. I bounce back in Jesus name, Amen.

THE DIVINE ORDER (4)

Revelations 13:8

"Who verily was foreordained before the foundation of the world, but was manifest in these last times for you" **1Peter 1:20**

Gods divine order has to do with His master plan and program, redemption program was put in motion immediately after the fall! Based on the scripture that it took four thousand years for it to take effect, but from God's perspective, it took just four days! And it even took that days because the forces of darkness put up some resistance. **Psalm 90:4, 2Peter 3:8.**

The plan of redemption has already been determined even before man sinned in the garden of Eden. The truth is that before Adam fell, Jesus the lamb has been slain for the redemption of human race. **Ephesians 1:4, 1Peter 1:20.** Your mistakes didn't take God unawares! He already knew you would fall somewhere along the line and He had made provision for your redemption even before you fell. That same spirit that raised Jesus from the dead is mightily at work in your case now, in Jesus name. Amen

PRAYER

I revoke evil foundational orders in my life. I enter into the holy of holies in perfect redemption, Amen.

THE DIVINE ORDER (5)

John 3:16

"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."

Just as it was in the beginning, so it is now, by virtue of the death of Christ on the cross, the order has been restored. We would have perished and ended in eternal damnation had Christ not died on the cross, but thank God for this eternal Love.

The Bible said in Galatians; "*Christ had redeemed us from the curse of the Law, being made a curse for us; for it is written, cursed is everyone that hangeth on a tree, that the blessing of Abraham might no come on the Gentile through Jesus Christ; that we might receive the promises of the Father through faith.*" **Galatians 3:13-14.** The prize for our sin has been paid once and for all, we will no longer suffer the consequences which is eternal death. Therefore, we are launched into the realm of glory. This is the new order! Halleluyah!

PRAYER

My Father my Lord, I dip myself into the realm of untapped glory in Jesus name, Amen.

THE DIVINE ORDER (6)

3John 1:2

"Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth."

Prosperity has been purchased. By Divine Order, we are to prosper in every aspect of our lives; Spirit, Soul and Body; Spiritually, Physically, Mentally, Emotionally and Financially. Anything short of this is an aberration. We are complete in Christ Jesus! Don't let anything disadvantage you in any of those areas. Satan has been stripped of his power, therefore no form of limitation has power over your life, be it ancestral, demonic or any form of limitation.

No Power can stop your prosperity in Christ Jesus. For the Lord shall supply all your needs according to his riches in Glory through Christ Jesus, **Philippians 4:19.** This is because Christ has redeemed us from the curse of the law, being not a curse for us for cursed is any man that is hanged on a tree, that the blessing of Abraham would come to the Gentiles, **Galatians 3:13.** Whoever the Son of Man has set free is free indeed. This is the divine order! You shall prosper!

PRAYER

Father, I thank you. I claim all that has been paid for by the blood of Jesus Christ over my life, Amen

THE DIVINE ORDER (7)

Romans 10:10

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

The entire new testament is built on one foundation, Faith! It is practically impossible to relate with anything that is associated with God without coming from the angle of Faith, **Hebrews 11:6.**

And Faith works in two dimensions; The Heart and the Mouth. To bring any of these things that have been provided for us based on the sacrifice of Jesus Christ, you must first believe and then speak them into reality. Beloved, the things of the Spirit don't run on the back of mere wishes. To enforce the things that has been provided for us, we need to rise by Faith and work. For Faith without work is death. *"And Faith cometh by hearing, and hearing, by the word of God"* **Romans 10:17**. This is a divine order!

PRAYER

Father, thank you for your word. I appropriate the word into my life by my actions in Jesus name.

THE DIVINE ORDER (8)

Romans 10:10

"For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation."

Faith works in two dimensions; The Heart and the Mouth. To bring any of these things that have been provided for us based on the sacrifice of Jesus, you must first believe and then speak them into reality. The divine order is reprogrammed and established through the shedding of the blood of Jesus and it can only manifest in the life of those who believe on that works and who can, based on that believe, appropriate the substance of what is offered by speaking them into being, **Romans 4:17**.

Behold, to enforce things that has been provided to us, we need to rise by faith and work. Parts of the work is to speak things into being. Speak to your career, your marriage, your health, your finance, your relationship, etc. You can only have whatever you say, **Mark 11:23**. Therefore, take deliverance of your blessing by exhibiting your spirit over life affairs.

PRAYER

I declare, I take delivery of my blessing in Jesus name, Amen.

THE DIVINE ORDER (9)

Luke 10:19

"Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you."

There is another dimension of divine order that the church is yet to come in terms with fundamentally. That order is ***Delegated Authority.*** A lot of Christians are still hoping and expecting God to do for them, things that He has already delegated them the Authority to do. The aberration has led to Colossus Doldrum and defects in the body of Christ.

In the garden, Adam was given the mandate of Dominion and part of that dominion was to deal with God's enemy, Satan. But when Satan came into the garden, instead of binding and casting him out, they allowed him to engage them on the sense realm. Stop waiting for God to throw the devil out for you. You have been given the authority to throw him out yourself! Jesus has striped him of his powers. Just issue a matching order and he shall obey you. This is the divine order!

PRAYER

Father, thank you for your delegated authority through Jesus Christ. I take dominion today in Jesus name. Amen

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH

Matthew 16:18

"And I say also unto thee, that thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it."

There is what is called ***the Law of First Mentioned***. It means that wherever a word is first mentioned in the Bible, you can capture virtually all the attributes and purpose of that word. Therefore, we can see that the word ***"Church"*** was first mentioned **in Matthew 16:18**.

From the above scripture, it is important to note that the Church belongs to Jesus and secondly there is an enemy of the Church called the gates of hell! This scripture gives us a picture of war, conflict, battles between two kingdoms and finally, it provided us the picture of who shall overcome the other. There is no battle risen against the church of Jesus Christ that will ever prevail. You are a member of this family, also let it sink deep down into you that every battle that will ever rise against you will always end in your victory if you believe. Halleluyah!

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for what you have done for me. I have authority over all circumstances in Jesus name. Amen

THE PURPOSE OF THE CHURCH (2)

Matthew 16:18

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The Church was first mentioned in the above scripture, but in the actual sense, the Church started in the garden of Eden. The garden of Eden however, provides to us a perfect picture of what is the original plan and intention of God from creation.

The Greek word for Church is *"Ecclesia"*, which simply means ***"The called-out ones or a people set aside by God for His plans and purpose."*** You see;**Genesis 1:28**. When the first couple failed to sustain the program of God given to them, God relentlessly went out to sort for a man in the name of Abraham to drive the same agenda, **Genesis 12:1-3**.

Although, the Abrahamic mandate was to prepare the ground for the Son of God who will finally come to produce the Church. The first Adam failed, while the second (The Last Adam) excelled. Just as Adam was give specific mandate to rule, populate and dominate the world, so also, the Church was given a specific mandate to populate, rule and dominate the world through evangelism, **Matthew 28:18-20**. Therefore, dominate and rule your world.

PRAYER

Dear Lord, thank you for your word. I receive the grace to dominate my world in Jesus name. Amen

IDOLATRY

Matthew 10:33

"Whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also deny before my father"

What is Idolatry? Idolatry is anything that comes between us and God. Joshua told his people their nation would be destroyed if they persisted in Idolatry and their souls would suffer eternal death. He said, *"you must make your decision today. You must decide whether you want to serve the Idols of this life or the living God." "Choose you this day"* said Joshua, *"as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."*

What about you? Are you taking your stand with Joshua? No matter what the cost? I am asking you to choose this day whom you will serve. Our families cannot choose Christ for us. Our friends cannot do it

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, I come to the throne room this morning to obtain your grace and your mercy to help me in the time of troubles in Jesus name. Amen

FREE FROM SIN

Romans 6:15-23

"And now, you are free from your old master, sin and you have become slaves to your new master, righteousness." **Romans 6:18**

Some people might be deceived into thinking that disobedience to God offers the freedom. But in reality, a sinful lifestyle brings bondage; it results in guilt, suffering, and separation from God. In contrast, choosing Christ as our master brings freedom and Joy. We will still sometimes make poor choices and mistakes, but we will no longer be slaves to sin because God will be our new master.

In this period when some teachings tend to encourage sinful lifestyles or tolerance and excuses for sin, we can see from the scriptures that this understanding only returns us to slavery to sin. But when we choose Christ, we have freedom to live lives ordered by righteousness. This is the will of God.

PRAYER

Lord Jesus, help me to be a slave to righteousness and not to sin in Jesus Name!