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*"Have not I written to thee excellent things
in counsels and knowledge, That I might
make thee know the certainty of the words
of truth; that thou mightest answer the
words of truth to them that send unto thee?"
- Proverbs 22:20-21*

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WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

Born Anew



Jesus said, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.”

The Lord said that a man must be born again from above, in order to see that same kingdom of God which is from above.

The kingdom of God is righteousness, and peace, and joy in the Holy Spirit.

We need to live this new year from an above perspective and vantage point. The higher life beckons you. It is a life full of righteousness, peace and joy: full of God-things.

The Lord went on to say, “Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God.”

We cannot afford to live this new year outside of God’s influences, provisions and protections. God’s kingdom is God’s dome over you. God’s kingdom is God’s climate over your life, irrespective of what happens in the world this year. You need to live from your born again spirit, energised by God’s Spirit. Learn how to do it.

Do not settle for the mundane this year. Go for God’s best, which is a life in His Spirit: the overflowing existence, so saturated with God’s world, superimposed on your own.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 3:5

VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

You Are Not Ordinary



Yesterday we saw the need to live from your born again spirit, energised by God's Spirit. And to learn how to do it. We emphasised the mandate to not settle for the mundane this year but to go for God's best, which is a life in His Spirit.

The life in His Spirit is what you are created and equipped to live. The Lord said, "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born of water and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God. That which is born of the flesh is flesh; and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. Marvel not that I said unto thee, Ye must be born again. The wind bloweth where it listeth, and thou hearest the sound thereof, but canst not tell whence it cometh, and whither it goeth: so is every one that is born of the Spirit."

You are spirit and thereby equipped to live this year in unusual ways, drawing on spiritual resources and abilities. There are superior capabilities and ways in which to engage this year. The Lord mentioned that you, who are born of the Spirit, are like the wind. The wind is a power that is invisible but have the most visible and tangible effects.

God wants you to approach your year in the most unusual ways, in accordance with your spiritual nature. You are not ordinary. Demand from your inner man the unusual. From that invisible 'part' of you, you can have tangible effects on situations, people and the future. This is the year for you to have supernatural effects on everything and everyone.

Are you ready?

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 3:5-8

VERILY, VERILY, I SAY UNTO THEE, EXCEPT A MAN BE BORN OF WATER AND OF THE SPIRIT, HE CANNOT ENTER INTO THE KINGDOM OF GOD. THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE FLESH IS FLESH; AND THAT WHICH IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT IS SPIRIT. MARVEL NOT THAT I SAID UNTO THEE, YE MUST BE BORN AGAIN. THE WIND BLOWETH WHERE IT LISTETH, AND THOU HEAREST THE SOUND THEREOF, BUT CANST NOT TELL WHENCE IT COMETH, AND WHITHER IT GOETH: SO IS EVERY ONE THAT IS BORN OF THE SPIRIT.

Spiritual Drivers



Jesus, our Lord, said, “It is the spirit that quickeneth; the flesh profiteth nothing: the words that I speak unto you, they are spirit, and they are life.”

The GW translation puts His words in this way, “Life is spiritual. Your physical existence doesn’t contribute to that life. The words that I have spoken to you are spiritual. They are life.”

The essence and workings of life is truly spiritual. What seems like natural situations and physical happenings are not truly so. Everything in life has spiritual implications and spiritual drivers. In the business world, the word “driver” is used to describe the factors that influence the outcome of something. For e.g. That which is causing the price of an item to fluctuate.

Few people understand that much of their life’s happenings, decisions and outcomes have strong underlying spiritual drivers. Their lives are driven by spiritual things and whatever natural remedies they would want to apply, will never change things. They need the spiritual to answer the spiritual. Only then are lasting changes effected.

Today, ask the Lord for wisdom and insight to see that life is spiritual and to bring forth spiritual solutions, to answer this year’s assignments or challenges.

Also, take time to meditate on the above quoted scripture verse, whilst praying for revelation on it.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 6:63

IT IS THE SPIRIT THAT QUICKENETH; THE FLESH PROFITETH NOTHING: THE WORDS THAT I SPEAK UNTO YOU, THEY ARE SPIRIT, AND THEY ARE LIFE.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

He is Worth It



The Apostle Paul said, “But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ,”

Paul looked at everything and every one that he once treasured, as damage and he gave it all up for Christ. He made a decision to suffer the loss of everything so that he may win and gain relationship with Christ. To do that, he needed to redefine how he valued and viewed everything. He decided that to him, Christ is treasure and everything else is dung.

What do you treasure outside of Christ? Are you willing to redefine your treasure? Are you ready to surrender it all for the sake of Christ, this year? Winning God’s prize for your life, will cost you.

Are you willing to pay the price?

Some things may have to be devalued to make room for Christ in your heart and life. He is really worth it.

Today, consider how you can imitate Paul’s faith, to pursue the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:7-8

BUT WHAT THINGS WERE GAIN TO ME, THOSE I COUNTED LOSS FOR CHRIST. YEA DOUBTLESS, AND I COUNT ALL THINGS BUT LOSS FOR THE EXCELLENCY OF THE KNOWLEDGE OF CHRIST JESUS MY LORD: FOR WHOM I HAVE SUFFERED THE LOSS OF ALL THINGS, AND DO COUNT THEM BUT DUNG, THAT I MAY WIN CHRIST



SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

What's Your Lust



Previously, we looked at the Apostle Paul's words, "But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord:" And we saw that Paul devalued everything in his life, giving it up for the excellency of knowing Christ Jesus.

How was he able to do that? How could he let go of everything and everyone that he treasured? That answer is in Paul developing one single lust, which consumed him. That lust was a lust to know Jesus in every way possible. He expressed his lust this way, "That I may know him, and the power of his resurrection, and the fellowship of his sufferings..."

Paul yearned to know Jesus deeper and it became his personal pursuit. Active desire is a force that not only motivates but drives the possessed.

Paul's yearning for knowing Jesus deeply took him over. He was willing to pay any price and surrender everything to know Christ because he lusted after Jesus and being with Him eternally.

What you lust after, you will pursue. What is your primary lust? What is your personal pursuit for this year?

To unleash the power of God to aid you, in living this year effectively, make sure that your lust is Jesus, through and through.

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:10-11

THAT I MAY KNOW HIM, AND THE POWER OF HIS RESURRECTION, AND THE FELLOWSHIP OF HIS SUFFERINGS, BEING MADE CONFORMABLE UNTO HIS DEATH; IF BY ANY MEANS I MIGHT ATTAIN UNTO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD.

MONDAY, JANUARY 6

By Chance



The bible says, "...the race is not to the swift, nor the battle to the strong, neither yet bread to the wise, nor yet riches to men of understanding, nor yet favour to men of skill; but time and chance happeneth to them all."

Those in a battle wants to win it. Everyone wants to be sustained and be favoured. And sane people desire to never lack but have an abundance. Now, one would think that the strong win battles, the wise are sustained, men of understanding become rich and if one is good at something, there would be favour. Yet, the bible says that the outcome is truly determine by the oppurtune time and its related opportunity.

In the above quoted passage the word, 'time' refers to oppurtune, seasonable or right time - "kairos" in Greek. The word, 'chance' refers to opportunity. In a truly contested battle, the tide shifts at a certain moment and the skilful strategist seizes that moment. The same applies to every endeavour in life. You have to make the most of every opportunity.

To seize opportunities, you have to be enlightened, alert and positioned to act. This year, let the aforementioned be your operative state. The scripture says, "Look carefully then how you walk! Live purposefully and worthily and accurately, not as the unwise and witless, but as wise (sensible, intelligent people), Making the very most of the time [buying up each opportunity], because the days are evil." (AMPC)

Always live ready to seize your moment. God, at the right moment, is going to bring you many good things by chance (opportunity). Take your chance!

SCRIPTURE READING: ECCLESIASTES 9:11

I RETURNED, AND SAW UNDER THE SUN, THAT THE RACE IS NOT TO THE SWIFT, NOR THE BATTLE TO THE STRONG, NEITHER YET BREAD TO THE WISE, NOR YET RICHES TO MEN OF UNDERSTANDING, NOR YET FAVOUR TO MEN OF SKILL; BUT TIME AND CHANCE HAPPENETH TO THEM ALL.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 7

Investment



Every new year demands an investment. What you invest in any venture will largely determine its yields.

Similarly with this new year. It is a new venture. You have not been this way before.

What kind of dividend payout and capital gain are you expecting out this year? Huge or small? It will be determined by how and what you invest and who you invest in.

Start this year by investing in yourself, personally.

The best self-investment is wisdom. The scripture says, “I wisdom dwell with prudence, and find out knowledge of witty inventions...Riches and honour are with me; yea, durable riches and righteousness. My fruit is better than gold, yea, than fine gold; and my revenue than choice silver.”

God’s word is true. You can take it to the bank: Wisdom will be the highest yielding investment in 2025.

Make this investment, the core of your investment portfolio in 2025. It is time to “buy the truth, and do not sell it, Also wisdom and instruction and understanding.”

If your investment advisor does not advise you this year, to invest in the truth, wisdom, instruction and understanding, they are suspect.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 23:23

BUY THE TRUTH, AND SELL IT NOT; ALSO WISDOM, AND INSTRUCTION, AND UNDERSTANDING.



The Knowledge



God states within scripture that, “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge.”

What a statement! Knowledge is that important. A knowledge deficiency resulted in the destruction of God’s people. Our wellbeing in God is subject to knowledge.

We should also notice that God’s people lacked the knowledge because they rejected the knowledge, when it came. They were shooting down the messengers, sent to them by God. They were also ignoring the lessons being taught. As a result they were lacking the spiritual raw material, required to provoke deliverance, preservation and promotion.

This year, set your heart to increase in the knowledge of the holy. As it is written, “the knowledge of the holy is understanding.” It is a certain type of elevated knowledge: the highest kind.

In the weeks and months to come, God will bring you opportunity to receive ‘the knowledge of the holy.’ Be sure not to reject or neglect it, whether intentionally or unintentionally.

Posture your heart correctly.

SCRIPTURE READING: HOSEA 4:6

MY PEOPLE ARE DESTROYED FOR LACK OF KNOWLEDGE: BECAUSE THOU HAST REJECTED KNOWLEDGE, I WILL ALSO REJECT THEE, THAT THOU SHALT BE NO PRIEST TO ME: SEEING THOU HAST FORGOTTEN THE LAW OF THY GOD, I WILL ALSO FORGET THY CHILDREN.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 9

Called Out



The holy bible records, “Now the LORD had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father’s house, unto a land that I will shew thee:”

Abram was already advanced in years when God, called him. He had been familiar with his country, relatives and father’s house for longer than most people live these days. He was also living a comfortable and affluent life. The man was rooted within his comfort zone. He had no need to get out of the familiar, but God.

God would identify a man like that to call. We are reminded of Jesus and the rich young ruler. The Lord offered Abram a great and supernatural life, which was exceedingly abundantly above all he could have imagined. Yet, God demanded that he moves out of his comfort zone, to begin with.

Many people want God to use them inside of their comfort and familiar zones. This is not possible. God’s plan and purpose for your life is too big for your comfort zone. You have to choose: God or the familiar.

If Abraham chose his familiar, he would not be the father of many nations, as he is today. If Joseph tried to get back to his family and country, he would not have become the regent of the known world at the time. If David adhered to the narratives of his family, he would never have become king of Israel. And what about Jesus?

And now, how about you? It’s 2025.

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 12:1-2

NOW THE LORD HAD SAID UNTO ABRAM, GET THEE OUT OF THY COUNTRY, AND FROM THY KINDRED, AND FROM THY FATHER’S HOUSE, UNTO A LAND THAT I WILL SHEW THEE: AND I WILL MAKE OF THEE A GREAT NATION, AND I WILL BLESS THEE, AND MAKE THY NAME GREAT; AND THOU SHALT BE A BLESSING:



The Lightly Esteemed



The Lord Jesus once educated religious leaders in Israel. These men valued being highly esteemed before people. They thought their value was high because people thought so of them.

They managed their public image carefully and got the people to see them as great.

However, Jesus informed these leaders that God knows their hearts and that which is highly esteemed among men, is an abomination in the sight of God.

These were His words, “...Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.”

God measures men by their hearts and esteems accordingly. Live to be esteemed by God, in the light of His word.

If you know what is being measured, you can manage it.

Manage your heart. Walk with God.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 12:26

IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, LET HIM FOLLOW ME; AND WHERE I AM, THERE SHALL ALSO MY SERVANT BE: IF ANY MAN SERVE ME, HIM WILL MY FATHER HONOUR.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 11

Great Grace



In 2025, you need great grace. The scripture states the manner in which we all received personal salvation, “For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God...”

Grace not only saved us, but also sustains us and enable us to stand. As it is written, “By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.”

Grace makes us what we are and furthermore empowers us, in our movement in life and the work of God. Paul stated, “But by the grace of God I am what I am, and His grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I labored more abundantly than they all — yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

In 2025, you will be a mighty witness for Jesus and it is God, by His grace, that will enable your witness. The book of Acts records the following wonderful happening, “And with great power gave the apostles witness of the resurrection of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.”

The great power was brought by the great grace upon them all. That is you in 2025. You need great grace to walk in great power. Power is required to provide evidence of the Lord’s Living Presence.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 4:33
AND WITH GREAT POWER GAVE THE APOSTLES WITNESS OF THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD JESUS: AND GREAT GRACE WAS UPON THEM ALL.



Already Attained



We said this in previous years, at this time, “You must learn to distinguish between foundational revelation and outdated thinking.”

The new year is the opportunity to learn new things and grow at an even greater rate.

Your appetite to grow and learn will determine how far you go this year. As we mentioned a few days ago, letting go of the familiar is vital for effective journeying with God, into the new.

That said, we have to hold true to the exhortation of the apostle Paul, in which he said, “Hold true to what we have already attain to and to walk and order our lives by that.”

Foundational revelation and victories should be built upon. For example, before we prayed with the spirit, we prayed in our native language. Once we started to pray in other tongues, we did not stop praying in our native tongue. We simply practiced the method of the apostle, “I will pray with the spirit, and I will pray with the understanding also...”

This year, learn anew to hold true, whilst you are growing and learning rapidly.

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILIPPIANS 3:16

NEVERTHELESS, WHERE TO WE HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED, LET US WALK BY THE SAME RULE, LET US MIND THE SAME THING.



MONDAY, JANUARY 13

Let Not Your Heart Be Troubled



This year will bring greater challenges to the world than last year. This is another temptation unto anxiety.

Troubles trouble men. Troubled men become discouraged, confused, disorientated and afraid. Fearful men are open to the destroyer.

Refuse to be troubled in this year. Keep your heart steady. Troubles will increase for the people that love this world's system.

As Christians, you will not be moved. You trust in God. You lean on God. You stand firm in His reality for you.

Our Lord Jesus said, "Be of good cheer, I have overcome the world."

Little children, let not your heart be moved by coming troubles. For He said, "Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you..." He has given you His peace. Walk in the protection of that peace.

That peace is in His Spirit, The Holy Ghost.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 14:27

PEACE I LEAVE WITH YOU, MY PEACE I GIVE UNTO YOU: NOT AS THE WORLD GIVETH, GIVE I UNTO YOU. LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED, NEITHER LET IT BE AFRAID.



Pray In The Holy Ghost



Praying in the Holy Ghost is the greatest spiritual tool that we have received in the new creation. It is written, “But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost”

The ability to speak the mysteries of God. O, how wonderful! How can you ever be defeated or become confused.

You have a language that transcends the human mind, human knowledge and every limitation of man.

The man who prays in the Holy Ghost has jumped this world’s system, and is operating and traveling in the heavenly realm, with God Himself as guide.

What is greater than that?

Pray in the Holy Ghost and rise like a limitless skyscraper and soar on eagles wings.

Negotiate the winds of God. What are you waiting for?

Let’s Go.

SCRIPTURE READING: JUDE 1:20

BUT YE, BELOVED, BUILDING UP YOURSELVES ON YOUR MOST HOLY FAITH, PRAYING IN THE HOLY GHOST,



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

Sober



Paul told his spiritual son, Titus, to exhort the young men, to be sober minded.

To be drunk is to be under an external influence and is the opposite of being sober. To be sober, is thus to be free from external influence.

Why should young men be sober? John tells us that the mark of a young man or young lion in the spirit, is that he has overcome the evil one, with the strength of the word of God in him.

This is the glory that a young man wears in the Spirit: a spiritual crown or endowment, if you will.

Moreover, Peter teaches us that to overcome the devil, we need to be sober. To what benefit is strength, if we are drunk and unable to focus our strength on the devil, to resist and overcome him?

Thus be sober. You need soberness to beat the devil up.

As it is written, “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour: Whom resist stedfast in the faith...”

SCRIPTURE READING: TITUS 2:6
YOUNG MEN LIKEWISE EXHORT TO BE SOBER MINDED.



Labor



The apostle Paul said, “...by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.”

Paul said that he labored more abundantly than all the other apostles. He traveled a great deal, had very long services and faced a great difficulty, of which the scriptures testify.

The Prophet Elisha, labored so faithfully and fervently under Elijah, the prophet that he was remembered by kings for pouring water on the hands of Elijah. He was the hand wash guy for Elijah. No wonder God would later use Elisha’s hands to perform such extraordinary feats. His labor was not in vain.

Laboring in the Lord is very good. In fact, the scriptures, commands us to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord because we know that our labor is not in vain in the Lord. The AMPC puts it this way, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be firm (steadfast), immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord [always being superior, excelling, doing more than enough in the service of the Lord], knowing and being continually aware that your labor in the Lord is not futile [it is never wasted or to no purpose].”

The Lord will reward us all. Today, commit yourself to the above apostolic command and learn to labor.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 KINGS 3:11

A BUT JEHOSEPHAT SAID, IS THERE NOT HERE A PROPHET OF THE LORD, THAT WE MAY ENQUIRE OF THE LORD BY HIM? AND ONE OF THE KING OF ISRAEL’S SERVANTS ANSWERED AND SAID, HERE IS ELISHA THE SON OF SHAPHAT, WHICH POURED WATER ON THE HANDS OF ELIJAH.



FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

Send Forth His Spirit



God created the heaven and the earth. God is our Prolific Creator. Who is like Him?

Only you! His children made in His likeness. Fashioned after His likeness. Filled with His Spirit. The new creation. The first fruits of His creature.

It is written, “Thou sendest forth thy spirit, they are created: and thou renewest the face of the earth.”

God created the world, by sending forth His Spirit. And He brought renovation to the earth that way.

What is it that you want to create? Is it a business? A product? Or even a new job or promotion?

Do it God’s way. Send forth His Spirit.

You ask “How?” It’s quite simple, Ask the Holy Spirit to brood upon that area of your life. Then, “speak it.” Say, “I create this new product. Now it stands forth!”

Such a command, will release the fountain of spiritual wisdom and favor to enable and sustain your physical progress and forming of your endeavor product.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 104:30

THOU SENDEST FORTH THY SPIRIT, THEY ARE CREATED: AND THOU RENEWEST THE FACE OF THE EARTH.



Again, Listen To Instructions



A spiritual ear is the most important working faculty you need, in your walk with God. How else are you going to hear Him?

Next, you need to hear and obey. The more you obey, the more you will hear. This is the trend throughout scripture.

Following instructions is very important. Samuel told King Saul, “Obedience is better than sacrifice.”

To obey fully, you must hear the instructions clearly. You thus have to listen, carefully or attentively. Therefore God said through the prophet Isaiah, “Incline thine ear.”

The following scripture passage illustrates the importance of following instructions. The Lord interacts with Peter in the following way, “Now when he had left speaking, he said unto Simon, Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught. And Simon answering said unto him, Master, we have toiled all the night, and have taken nothing: nevertheless at thy word I will let down the net. And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes: and their net brake”

Did you see that? Jesus instructs Peter, to let down his nets (plural) for a catch. He answers, “I will let down my net (singular).”

He caught the fish but the single net almost lost him all the catch, when it began to break.

Never risk losing it all by mis-following instructions. Incline your ear and follow the directives fully.

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 5:4-6

NOW WHEN HE HAD LEFT SPEAKING, HE SAID UNTO SIMON, LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP, AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A DRAUGHT. AND SIMON ANSWERING SAID UNTO HIM, MASTER, WE HAVE TOILED ALL THE NIGHT, AND HAVE TAKEN NOTHING: NEVERTHELESS AT THY WORD I WILL LET DOWN THE NET. AND WHEN THEY HAD THIS DONE, THEY INCLOSED A GREAT MULTITUDE OF FISHES: AND THEIR NET BRAKE



SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

The One Who Loves Church



Never drag yourself out of bed to go to church on a Sunday. You are disadvantaging yourself, spiritually.

God would be seeing your disposition. So God forbid! On a Sunday, know that it is the day, that the Lord has made. Rejoice and be glad in it.

The Psalmist said, “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord...Whither the tribes go up, the tribes of the LORD, unto the testimony of Israel, to give thanks unto the name of the LORD. For there are set thrones of judgment, the thrones of the house of David...Because of the house of the LORD our God I will seek thy good.”

Did you read that? He said the tribes of God, go up to give testimony unto the Lord and to give thanks unto His name. David also tells us that there are thrones of judgment there. You want God to intervene in your life?

This Sunday at church, there is a throne to judge for you, so show your excitement and demonstrate your anticipation.

Mount Zion, the Heavenly Jerusalem, awaits your celebration this morning.

Let the heavens, experience your exuberance, for Him!

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 122:1
I WAS GLAD WHEN THEY SAID UNTO ME, LET US GO INTO THE HOUSE OF THE LORD.



Still Heart



The Lord is the One, who makes wars to cease, unto the ends of the earth. Man is from the earth and therefore needs to claim this wonder of God for himself and ask God to make the wars, within to cease.

What happens then? You become still. It is written, “Be still, and know that I am God: I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.” The verse says to “relax and perceive that I am God.”

A still heart is a superior heart, open to discern and perceive God: His voice and His workings

We all need a still heart to be free from anxiety, doubts, frustrations and the like.

Today, ask for a still heart and the wisdom to walk in one. A still heart can hear the still small voice of Jesus.

Elijah had such a still heart on the mountain of the Lord. It is written, “And after the earthquake a fire; but the Lord was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice. And it was so, when Elijah heard it, that he wrapped his face in his mantle, and went out, and stood in the entering in of the cave. And, behold, there came a voice unto him, and said, What doest thou here, Elijah?”

In 2025, your still heart, shall hear His still small voice.

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 46:10

BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD: I WILL BE EXALTED AMONG THE HEATHEN, I WILL BE EXALTED IN THE EARTH.



TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Again, Marvel At The Right Things



If you want to move with God in this life, learn to marvel at the right things!

Many people marvel at nonsense. They are amazed at the wrong things.

Our Lord Jesus, however, marveled at something different. It is written, “And he marvelled because of their unbelief. And he went round about the villages, teaching.”

Jesus marveled, at what is really a spiritual anomaly and neutralizer: unbelief.

Unbelief, kills the move of God. Yes, unbelief is a killer. In His earthly ministry, Jesus openly and aggressively rebuked unbelief in His disciples, the most.

God demands faith and is attracted to it. Unbelief repels the Holy Spirit. Unbelief is not normal for a Christian. It is a spiritual virus which works to weaken the Christian and eventually terminate the victim.

Unbelief is being unpersuaded. It is a message to God, which says, “I find You untrustworthy.” Marvel at unbelief. Never become comfortable with it.

The day you do, you are finished!

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 6:6

AND HE MARVELLED BECAUSE OF THEIR UNBELIEF. AND HE WENT ROUND ABOUT THE VILLAGES, TEACHING.



Persistence Breaks Resistance



There is an old saying, “Persistence breaks resistance.”

Jesus was a strong teacher of persistence.

It was one of the key lessons that He taught the disciples, as reflected in the Gospels.

Jesus taught us to pray and not faint. As it is written, “Man should always pray and not faint.”

He used an example of a desperate man banging on the door of his friend at midnight, until he got out of bed. He further cited a story of a widow hounding a reluctant and resistant judge. The judge eventually caved under persistence.

Jesus Himself was hounded like that by a woman who had a demon possessed daughter. It is called shameless persistence and insistence. The daughter was healed.

It is clear: persistence breaks resistance.

Jesus taught us that. It is a most important lesson for spiritual life here on earth.

Champions overcome through persistence.

Are you a shameless persister and “insister”?

SCRIPTURE READING LUKE 11:8-10

I SAY UNTO YOU, THOUGH HE WILL NOT RISE AND GIVE HIM, BECAUSE HE IS HIS FRIEND, YET BECAUSE OF HIS IMPORTUNITY HE WILL RISE AND GIVE HIM AS MANY AS HE NEEDETH. AND I SAY UNTO YOU, ASK, AND IT SHALL BE GIVEN YOU; SEEK, AND YE SHALL FIND; KNOCK, AND IT SHALL BE OPENED UNTO YOU. FOR EVERY ONE THAT ASKETH RECEIVETH; AND HE THAT SEEKETH FINDETH; AND TO HIM THAT KNOCKETH IT SHALL BE OPENED.



THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Hunger And Thirst



Hunger and thirst are primal forces. These can drive man to do extreme things.

Man naturally needs to breathe, drink and then eat. Solomon said, “People do not despise a thief if he steals to satisfy his hunger when he is starving...” (NIV)

So primal is hunger. Here we are referring to natural hunger to feed the body, so that it can survive. Likewise, the body’s need for water is even more urgent, if it lacks.

Our Lord Jesus, went deeper and described a hunger and thirst that brings a blessedness. He referred to hunger and thirst that makes the possessor of it, blessed. These were His words, “Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.”

The hunger and thirst for righteousness, is one of the soul and God guarantee’s its satisfaction. The psalmist, confirming this said, “For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.”

Many feed their bodies but starve their souls. The psalmist described this perilous condition, “Hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted in them.” He goes on to say, “Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! For he satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with goodness.”

God responds to the soul in its hunger and thirst. How is your soul doing? Is your soul famishing? Or is your soul being satisfied? What is your soul hungry and thirsty for?

Let it hunger and thirst after righteousness.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 5:6

BLESSED ARE THEY WHICH DO HUNGER AND THIRST AFTER RIGHTEOUSNESS: FOR THEY SHALL BE FILLED.



Sow In The Land



Many centuries ago there was a famine in the land where the patriarch Isaac dwelt. Isaac's father, Abraham, experienced a similar famine in his own days.

Abraham, during the previous famine, temporarily went to Egypt and Isaac wanted to do same. However, God told Isaac to stay put. Isaac obeyed God and stayed in the famine stricken land.

It is written, "Then Isaac sowed in that land, and received in the same year an hundredfold: and the Lord blessed him. And the man waxed great, and went forward, and grew until he became very great: For he had possession of flocks, and possession of herds, and great store of servants: and the Philistines envied him."

By faith, he sowed in that land and in the same year reaped an hundred fold. This in the midst of famine.

Such was his dominion, that it is written of him that he became very great to the point that the other businessmen envied him.

Always sow in that land where God directs you to. The land He has given you.

This is wisdom for spiritual and business investments alike.

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 26:12-14

THEN ISAAC SOWED IN THAT LAND, AND RECEIVED IN THE SAME YEAR AN HUNDREDFOLD: AND THE LORD BLESSED HIM. AND THE MAN WAXED GREAT, AND WENT FORWARD, AND GREW UNTIL HE BECAME VERY GREAT: FOR HE HAD POSSESSION OF FLOCKS, AND POSSESSION OF HERDS, AND GREAT STORE OF SERVANTS: AND THE PHILISTINES ENVIED HIM.



SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

He Drives



It is written, “And immediately the Spirit driveth him into the wilderness.”

Jesus was filled with the Spirit at the river Jordan and immediately, the Holy Spirit began to lead Jesus. Jesus followed without hesitation as though being driven by the Spirit.

The infilling of the Spirit can have that effect. The leading is the evidence of the infilling. It should be your daily experience.

This is how Jesus lived, seeing and doing only the will of the Father who sent Him.

Sons of God, are like that. As it is written, “They that are led of the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.” Your evidence of your sonship and infilling, is by being continually led of the Spirit.

Jesus, led of the Spirit, went into the wilderness to fast, pray and encounter the devil’s temptation. As it is written, “Then was Jesus led up of the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted of the devil.”

Where He leads, you must follow.

Can you sense His voice leading you?

So follow Him now.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 1:12
AND IMMEDIATELY THE SPIRIT DRIVETH HIM INTO THE WILDERNESS.



Fresh Grace



The journey demands refreshed grace. David said, “But my horn shalt thou exalt like the horn of an unicorn: I shall be anointed with fresh oil.” Fresh oil comes with fresh grace. Fresh grace, comes with renewed direction and new instructions.

The season demands change. It demands repentance. Repentance will deliver access to fresh grace. As it is written, “Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, when the times of refreshing shall come from the presence of the Lord.”

Do you need God’s intervention, answer or salvation in any matter? Grace is needed. Just as it is written, “...by grace are ye saved...” Grace will bring, elevation to your life.

Do you want to go higher this, season? Then approach the throne of grace with boldness, today.

Fresh grace will be released from the Holy Place. As it is boldly written, “Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.”

Today, is a day for fresh grace, fresh instructions and fresh directions. Are you ready to receive it? God is ready to release it.

Hear His call right now, “Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 4:16

LET US THEREFORE COME BOLDLY UNTO THE THRONE OF GRACE, THAT WE MAY OBTAIN MERCY, AND FIND GRACE TO HELP IN TIME OF NEED.



MONDAY, JANUARY 27

A Higher Life



The Bible says, “The first man is of the earth, earthy; the second man is the Lord from heaven.” The first man was earthy and was equipped to live an earthy life. He was located here on earth and mandated to rule over earthly creatures. This is the earth existence and life that man has gotten accustomed to.

However, Jesus, the second man, was the Lord from heaven. He came to bring us the heavenly existence. Through His endowment, we are now seated with Him in heavenly places, whilst our bodies dwell here on earth.

As a citizen of heaven, we have a heavenly passport. We thus re-imagine this earth existence from a heavenly point of view. We live a heavenly existence within an earthy body. We are no longer earthy.

The heavenly realm gave “birth” to earth. The implication to earth is that it does not give life. It contains life. Such is the earthy existence. As it is written, “The first man Adam was made a living soul...” Adam was a recipient of life and not a giver of the same.

Jesus on the contrary was a giver of life, according as it is written, “...the last Adam was made a quickening spirit.” This explains healing and the resurrection of the dead by His Spirit. You are intended by God to live the life of the last Adam and give life to mankind. You too are a quickening spirit. Let that sink in.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:47-49

THE FIRST MAN IS OF THE EARTH, EARTHY; THE SECOND MAN IS THE LORD FROM HEAVEN. AS IS THE EARTHY, SUCH ARE THEY ALSO THAT ARE EARTHY; AND AS IS THE HEAVENLY, SUCH ARE THEY ALSO THAT ARE HEAVENLY. AND AS WE HAVE BORNE THE IMAGE OF THE EARTHY, WE SHALL ALSO BEAR THE IMAGE OF THE HEAVENLY..



Double Up



It is time to surge. What does surging look like in your calling? In a race it means to accelerate in pace suddenly and sustainably.

There is a scripture that says, “trees whose fruit withereth, without fruit, twice dead, plucked up by the roots.”

We reason thus, if a tree can be “twice dead, plucked up by the roots”, then a tree can be “twice alive, planted double deep by the roots, whose fruit never withers and ever abounds.”

Jesus, in His rebuke to the Jewish leaders, gave the key to doubling up and surging in the Spirit.

His formula was simple: go far and wide.

Today, double up in your spiritual disciplines and activities.

Go further and wider. And keep doing so.

It is time to surge.

Lets double up.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 15:10

THESE ARE SPOTS IN YOUR FEASTS OF CHARITY, WHEN THEY FEAST WITH YOU, FEEDING THEMSELVES WITHOUT FEAR: CLOUDS THEY ARE WITHOUT WATER, CARRIED ABOUT OF WINDS; TREES WHOSE FRUIT WITHERETH, WITHOUT FRUIT, TWICE DEAD, PLUCKED UP BY THE ROOTS;



WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29

Pray Always



Jesus told us that men ought always to pray and not to give up.

It is written, “And he spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray, and not to faint.”

Why? God is looking and rewarding those who earnestly seek Him out.

Without such consistent and persistent action, He will not be pleased.

A prayer life must be consistent and persistent.

It is an expression of faith and of the faith-filled life.

Never relent in prayer.

Build a strong prayer life, resilient in the pursuit of God.

Use this year to form and reform your prayer life.

It's a new season.

It is time to seek the Lord.

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 18:1
AND HE SPAKE A PARABLE UNTO THEM TO THIS END, THAT MEN OUGHT ALWAYS TO PRAY, AND NOT TO FAINT



The Man Who Chose God



As we recount Moses' life story, much is spoken about Moses in the Bible and from our pulpits, concerning Moses.

Moses was clearly a man, chosen by God and preserved by God to deliver Israel, just as God promised Abraham, that He would do.

We often recount Moses' encounter with the burning bush, his wonders in Egypt, his parting of the Red Sea and his encounters with God, etc.

Yet, we often neglect to mention, that before Moses had any encounter with God, he chose God.

It is written, "By faith Moses, when he was come to years, refused to be called the son of Pharaoh's daughter; choosing rather to suffer affliction with the people of God, than to enjoy the pleasures of sin for a season"

His choosing of God, is what ignited his movement, towards his destiny.

Moses chose God, over the pleasures of sin. Will you?

Look, what God did with him. What will He do with you?

We wonder!

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 11:24-25

BY FAITH MOSES, WHEN HE WAS COME TO YEARS, REFUSED TO BE CALLED THE SON OF PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER; CHOOSING RATHER TO SUFFER AFFLICTION WITH THE PEOPLE OF GOD, THAN TO ENJOY THE PLEASURES OF SIN FOR A SEASON;



FRIDAY, JANUARY 31

Teach Me



Have you ever wondered what and where you would have been if you knew nothing?

What a miserable life it would have been, if you could not interpret anything, that your eyes and ears perceive.

Who taught you that a tree is a tree, or that the sun is the sun, or how about men and women, the animals, etc.?

Somebody helped you, as an infant to put a label on all these things. Who taught you to read, write and count?

We all had teachers. Whether our parents, guardians, school teachers or other members of our community. We were all taught the basics to some degree or other. The knowledge that enlightened us, came through some form of teaching.

Knowledge enlightens but who carries that light, to enlighten us? The Teacher carries that light. As it is written, "... he began to teach them many things." All growth starts with hunger. Think about it. It is true.

So you must have a hunger to learn. Your hunger to learn begins to pull knowledge towards you. That knowledge is carried by a teacher.

You must have the humility and boldness to sincerely say to the teacher, "Teach me?" Many are too proud and unenlightened to pull on knowledge in that way.

Don't be counted among the many.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 6:34

AND JESUS, WHEN HE CAME OUT, SAW MUCH PEOPLE, AND WAS MOVED WITH COMPASSION TOWARD THEM, BECAUSE THEY WERE AS SHEEP NOT HAVING A SHEPHERD: AND HE BEGAN TO TEACH THEM MANY THINGS.

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1

The Force of Affection



Man's emotions are very strong. Affection is one of those very strong human emotions.

Affection is a force that can carry or push you towards something or someone. It is a powerful driving force. It sends out a signal to its target and a certain type of a magnetic force starts to kick in. Affection

is like a heat seeking missile, it locks or sets on its target.

The Apostle Paul, by the inspiration of the Holy Spirit, tells us, "Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth." Why? It will cause a reaction within and begin to set you on a path of collision, with the heavenly things. At the same time, it will notify heaven that you are pulling on Christ and will begin to implore or attract heavenly substance to move towards you. Movement and momentum will begin to have its affect on both parties. And your explosive encounter with God's presence and power will be inevitable.

Do you seek a higher walk with God? Then you need to set your affection. You need to put heat on heaven. Be ready to set your heart and gaze on the things above, like never before.

The words of Paul compels us, "If ye then be risen with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ sitteth on the right hand of God. Set your affection on things above, not on things on the earth."

Set your affection today.

SCRIPTURE READING: COLOSSIANS 3:1-2

IF YE THEN BE RISEN WITH CHRIST, SEEK THOSE THINGS WHICH ARE ABOVE, WHERE CHRIST SITTETH ON THE RIGHT HAND OF GOD. SET YOUR AFFECTION ON THINGS ABOVE, NOT ON THINGS ON THE EARTH.



The Teacher



Securing a teacher is one of the greatest investments you can ever make in this life.

The teacher is one of the most potent forces on earth. Teachers and their teachings shape and transform generations. None more than teachers of philosophy and the Word. Such is its potency, that Jesus warned His disciples against the teaching of Herod, the Pharisees and the Sadducees.

The bible warns against the desire to be a teacher of the word of God because their judgment will be stricter and greater. The role is that serious.

Paul told Timothy that elders are worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in the word and its teaching. “Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labor in the word and doctrine the scripture saith, thou shalt not muzzle the ox that treadeth out the corn. And, The laborer is worthy of his reward.”

How are you doing in the honoring department? Will the gift (your teacher) multiply in your life, during 2025 or will you be found not worthy of it?

Seek your teacher. Find your teacher. Keep your teacher.

SCRIPTURE READING: GALATIANS 6:6-8

LET HIM THAT IS TAUGHT IN THE WORD COMMUNICATE UNTO HIM THAT TEACHETH IN ALL GOOD THINGS. BE NOT DECEIVED; GOD IS NOT MOCKED: FOR WHATSOEVER A MAN SOWETH, THAT SHALL HE ALSO REAP. FOR HE THAT SOWETH TO HIS FLESH SHALL OF THE FLESH REAP CORRUPTION; BUT HE THAT SOWETH TO THE SPIRIT SHALL OF THE SPIRIT REAP LIFE EVERLASTING.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Govern It With Your Mouth



Death and life is in the power of your tongue. So is success and failure. It is written, “He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction”

That being so, a good work week is dependent on your own tongue and not your boss, clients or the challenges which rise.

Think about that. It is all within your control. Only you can relinquish control.

How does satan tempt you to do that?

Be watchful for that person who come to prophesy or pronounce a bad upcoming week. People like that would want you to unconsciously agree.

Refuse to partake! There is too much at stake. This year is yours. Now is not the time to start defiling it with a bad day or week.

Keep your tongue and you’ll keep your week from trouble.

Govern it with your mouth.

You are the boss.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 18:20-21

A MAN’S BELLY SHALL BE SATISFIED WITH THE FRUIT OF HIS MOUTH; AND WITH THE INCREASE OF HIS LIPS SHALL HE BE FILLED. DEATH AND LIFE ARE IN THE POWER OF THE TONGUE: AND THEY THAT LOVE IT SHALL EAT THE FRUIT THEREOF.



Self-knowledge



After knowledge of God, self-knowledge is most important for mastery in life.

Most people lack a great deal of self-knowledge. For many, this area of knowledge is one which they are unaware of or care less about. Yet, to be self observant, is among the most enlightening and empowering skills you can possess. Indeed it is one of the primary branches of knowledge.

Jesus said to take the beam out of your own eye, before you attempt to remove the splinter from your brother's. To see the splinter in your brother's eye, requires awareness of your brother. To spot the beam in your own, requires self awareness.

Self-awareness is the beginning of self-knowledge. The more self aware you are, the greater the potential to grow in self-knowledge. If you are aware that you are at your best early in the morning, you will know that you need to do your most important tasks early in the morning. That piece of self-knowledge may vastly increase your daily productivity.

Self-knowledge is even more critical when it comes to mastery in the spiritual. God works with each of His own in accordance with their uniqueness. How you yield to Him determines the extent to which He can use you. Self-knowledge helps you in the process of yielding. Paul told the church that everyone should have a degree of self-knowledge, which makes them aware of how to master their own soul and body.

How is your self-knowledge?

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 4:3

FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION, THAT YE SHOULD ABSTAIN FROM FORNICATION: THAT EVERY ONE OF YOU SHOULD KNOW HOW TO POSSESS HIS VESSEL IN SANCTIFICATION AND HONOUR;



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

He Upbraided



To ‘upbraid’ means to angrily and forcefully tell someone that they should not have done a certain thing and to criticize them for having done it.

The bible tells us that Jesus forcibly and angrily rebuked the cities, where He did most of His mighty works because they did not repent.

To ‘repent’ means to have a complete change of heart and make a total turnaround, and head in the opposite direction.

We should note, that Jesus could in His home town perform no great miracles because of their unbelief. Jesus during His ministry, tied most if not all of His miracles, directly to faith.

That implies that the people of these upbraided cities where most of His mighty works were performed, possessed faith. Faith is an enabler, an activator if you will.

Faith will cause miracles to be performed but the miracles are never God’s ultimate intent. Change is!

Miracles serve a strategic purpose and that purpose is repentance. The kingdom clothes you upon repentance.

Let change be your outcome. Determine to be commended, not upbraided.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 11:20

THEN BEGAN HE TO UPBRAID THE CITIES WHEREIN MOST OF HIS MIGHTY WORKS WERE DONE, BECAUSE THEY REPENTED NOT:



Beyond The Noise



Vision demands that you set your eyes. It is written, “Looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.” Vision demands the skill to look beyond distractions. The world is full of “noise.” You must learn to look through it,

without taking it in.

In our day, powers all over the world have unified in what information (godless noise) the world should be flooded with. God only wants one thing and prophesies it, “For the earth shall be filled with the knowledge of the glory of the Lord, as the waters cover the sea.” That means, no godless noise.

God’s vision is for the knowledge of His glory to fill the earth. The writer of Hebrews tells us that Jesus is the brightness of His glory. He wants the knowledge of Jesus to fill everyone, everything and everywhere.

So what does it mean to look unto Jesus? It in effect means that you look for Jesus’ knowledge about everything, everywhere. For example. Be it economics: what is the knowledge of Jesus about that? Be it scientific: what is the knowledge about it?

Everywhere you turn, look for Jesus. What is His opinion about the matter and where is His presence at?

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 12:2

LOOKING UNTO JESUS THE AUTHOR AND FINISHER OF OUR FAITH; WHO FOR THE JOY THAT WAS SET BEFORE HIM ENDURED THE CROSS, DESPISING THE SHAME, AND IS SET DOWN AT THE RIGHT HAND OF THE THRONE OF GOD.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Faithful Wounds



The scripture says, “Open rebuke is better than secret love. Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful.”

You should learn to value the wounds of your friend. If you do not trust a friend to wound you when it is required, then you do not consider that person a friend.

Friends should have the freedom to wound you, by rebuking you with truth.

Friends are not “yes” men or women. To the contrary they are messengers of truth. And it should be the truth of the Word.

Be careful of the overly complimentary. It is a sign of falsehood and akin to the beguiler.

The truth is in Jesus and all rebuke should bring you closer to Jesus. Value open rebuke, even if it hurts.

Godly sorrow produces a spiritual cleansing, which in turn will bring a tangible nearness to God.

There you have it. Not all wounds are bad for you. There are indeed the faithful kind.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 27:5-6

OPEN REBUKE IS BETTER THAN SECRET LOVE. FAITHFUL ARE THE WOUNDS OF A FRIEND; BUT THE KISSES OF AN ENEMY ARE DECEITFUL.



The Fruitful Heart



Jesus said that there is a type of heart that bears fruit, after the God-kind. This type of heart is rare, as it brings forth good fruit.

He also said that this type of a heart is appointed by God, to bear much fruit and fruit that would remain.

What type of a heart is this? A heart that hears the word of God and keeps it. Jesus said this type of a heart is honest and good and produce with patience.

The word “honest” here is the Greek word “kalos” which means beautiful, excellent, precious, genuine, admirable and worthy. The word “good” here , is the Greek word, “agathos” which means of good constitution, agreeable, joyful, happy, honorable and upright.

This type of a heart is best described by what it is not and does not do. The honest and good heart does not lack understanding, is not offended by tribulation and persecution, does not fall away through temptation, is not carried away by the cares of this world and the deceitfulness of success and riches, and never lacks perseverance.

Do you have a heart of the good kind?

A heart after the God-kind?

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 8:15

BUT THAT ON THE GOOD GROUND ARE THEY, WHICH IN AN HONEST AND GOOD HEART, HAVING HEARD THE WORD, KEEP IT, AND BRING FORTH FRUIT WITH PATIENCE.



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

Speaking



The song writer coined some simple yet profound words, “Quiet Christians, die quietly.” Think about it.

You became a Christian because you were the opposite of quiet. As it is written, “But what saith it? The word is nigh thee, even in thy mouth, and in thy heart: that is, the word of faith, which we preach; That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.”

The word of faith was in your mouth and you were transported unto salvation thereby. If you were quiet salvation would have been beyond your reach. Yet because you believed in your heart, you bold to said, “Jesus Christ is my Lord.” The way you entered salvation is the way you flourish in it: with the heart you believe and with the mouth you confess.

This is called the spirit of faith, “We having the same spirit of faith, according as it is written, I believed, and therefore have I spoken; we also believe, and therefore speak.”

The just walk by faith, by believing with the heart and speaking with the mouth. God’s grace and power works for and through them, that believe with the heart and speak with the mouth. You need that kind of working in your life, every day.

So this Sunday, don’t be quiet. Quiet Christians, die quietly. Be speaking. As it is written, “for he hath said...So that we may boldly say...”

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:13

WE HAVING THE SAME SPIRIT OF FAITH, ACCORDING AS IT IS WRITTEN, I BELIEVED, AND THEREFORE HAVE I SPOKEN; WE ALSO BELIEVE, AND THEREFORE SPEAK.



Working For God



Every Christian should work for God.
Many work for money.

Others work for a brighter future.
Others work for self-fulfillment or self-esteem. Some work just to keep busy.

How many actually work for God?

We are not talking about being a pastor or a preacher.

We talking about the motive, the motivation, the way the effects and the quality of the output.

Are these in, with and for God?

Work is the means of how the energy, supplied by God, is expressed creatively and productively, for His glory.

All work should be unto God. As it is written, “From Him are all things and for Him are all things.”

Peter said, “That we must show forth God’s “arete.” This means God’s excellence, virtues, moral excellencies and goodness.

This week, in all your work, show God’s “arete.”

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 PETER 2:9

BUT YE ARE A CHOSEN GENERATION, A ROYAL PRIESTHOOD, AN HOLY NATION, A PECULIAR PEOPLE; THAT YE SHOULD SHEW FORTH THE PRAISES OF HIM WHO HATH CALLED YOU OUT OF DARKNESS INTO HIS MARVELLOUS LIGHT;



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Carried Along



If you have lived long enough you will know that it is easy to get carried away with certain things.

Maybe your favorite team won the match or your favorite song was playing. And you found yourself being carried away in the moment.

Maybe some friends have a certain idea or plans and by their persuasion or the peer pressure, you can get carried away. It happens quickly.

There is another type of carrying, that the Bible talks about though, which happens even more quickly to the spiritual person. It is called, “carried along.” The scripture says that Holy men of God spoke as they were, “carried along” by the Holy Ghost.

That is a holy carrying that comes by the wind of the Spirit, from within. Holy men of God speak or utter as they are “carried along” by the Holy Spirit. This is a supernatural moving which occurs in an instant.

No planning, No contemplation. No intent. Just a sudden wind of God, carrying them along.

You too: Don’t be carried away. Speak as you are “carried along” by the Holy Spirit.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 PETER 1:21

FOR THE PROPHECY CAME NOT IN OLD TIME BY THE WILL OF MAN: BUT HOLY MEN OF GOD SPAKE AS THEY WERE MOVED BY THE HOLY GHOST



You Have Overcome



No matter what happens in the world, stay steady. Stay away from “they say” for “they say” is just hearsay.

Stick to the “He says.”

As it written, “...yea, let God be true, but every man a liar...” So no matter what happens in the world, stay steady. Jesus said, “These things I have spoken unto you, that in me ye might have peace. In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.”

He has overcome this turbulent world system for you. Now you are manifesting that overcoming, “Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world.”

You have overcome everything the world can throw at you: greater is the Holy Spirit in you than the spirit of confusion, calamity and fear out there. You have overcome them.

Do not allow the pundits to pull you under into an ocean of confusion and despair. Trust God. As it is written, “Sanctify the LORD of hosts himself; and let him be your fear, and let him be your dread. And he shall be for a sanctuary.”

You are not going under. You are going over. You have overcome. Do you believe that?

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 JOHN 4:4-6

YE ARE OF GOD, LITTLE CHILDREN, AND HAVE OVERCOME THEM: BECAUSE GREATER IS HE THAT IS IN YOU, THAN HE THAT IS IN THE WORLD. THEY ARE OF THE WORLD: THEREFORE SPEAK THEY OF THE WORLD, AND THE WORLD HEARETH THEM. WE ARE OF GOD: HE THAT KNOWETH GOD HEARETH US; HE THAT IS NOT OF GOD HEARETH NOT US. HEREBY KNOW WE THE SPIRIT OF TRUTH, AND THE SPIRIT OF ERROR.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Stay The Course



Staying the course in life, over the long run is difficult. There are many adversities and some times adversaries. The fall of man in the garden defaulted life to that.

Sailors, airplane pilots and other types of navigators would tell you, that they often encounter contrary conditions, which threatens their movement towards their destination. They have to make conscious decisions and take decisive actions to stay on course. The terrain can be rough. You have to be clear on your predetermined destination and must before departure, plot your course or route to get there.

In advance driver training, they train candidates on how to regain control of a vehicle, that is spinning out of control. The key advice point is to, whilst staying calm, focus your eyes on where you want to go and not on the nose of the out of control vehicle. If you focus your eyes on your original destination, your hands will do the rest with the steering wheel.

The above applies also to the every day journey of life. You have to be convinced of your destination and have the outline of your course. And then stay on course by staying focused, irrespective of what seems to be spiraling out of control.

Be assured that deeper revelation of God and His word will turn you into a more experienced life-navigator: Soon nothing will be able to unnerve you because you trust fully, relying totally on God and the immutability of His word.

Stay the course. Focus on Jesus.

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 TIMOTHY 4:7-8

I HAVE FOUGHT A GOOD FIGHT, I HAVE FINISHED MY COURSE, I HAVE KEPT THE FAITH: HENCEFORTH THERE IS LAID UP FOR ME A CROWN OF RIGHTEOUSNESS, WHICH THE LORD, THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE, SHALL GIVE ME AT THAT DAY: AND NOT TO ME ONLY, BUT UNTO ALL THEM ALSO THAT LOVE HIS APPEARING.



Dark Lover versus Light Lover



Jesus, in an elaboration to Nicodemus, stated that among men there were dark lovers and light lovers.

He specifically said, “And this is the condemnation, that light is come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil.”

The dark lovers were so because what they were doing evil acts and loving it.

He went on to elaborate, “For every one that doeth evil hateth the light, neither cometh to the light, lest his deeds should be reprov'd. But he that doeth truth cometh to the light, that his deeds may be made manifest, that they are wrought in God.”

The Lord explained that those who love truth are light lovers. They do what they do in the light. They know that the light will expose the nature of their deeds and that these were being done in God.

Dark lovers shy from the truth because it sheds light. Herein is the power of darkness. Darkness can only persist where truth is absent. Truth will eventually work out darkness. The word of God is truth and the truth is in Jesus, just as the scriptures testify. Jesus is the Truth. The more of the truth in you, the brighter you shine and the “lighter” your life.

Decide that, this year, you will be a light lover rather than a dark lover. Never shy from the truth. His Word is Truth.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 3:19-21

AND THIS IS THE CONDEMNATION, THAT LIGHT IS COME INTO THE WORLD, AND MEN LOVED DARKNESS RATHER THAN LIGHT, BECAUSE THEIR DEEDS WERE EVIL. FOR EVERY ONE THAT DOETH EVIL HATETH THE LIGHT, NEITHER COMETH TO THE LIGHT, LEST HIS DEEDS SHOULD BE REPROVED. BUT HE THAT DOETH TRUTH COMETH TO THE LIGHT, THAT HIS DEEDS MAY BE MADE MANIFEST, THAT THEY ARE WROUGHT IN GOD.



SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Spiritual Fervency



Every Christian should be on fire for God.

This is only possible by being on fire with God.

Spiritual fervency is the product of being aglow and burning with the Spirit.

Therefore on the day of Pentecost, tongues of fire appeared on the disciples.

This Holy Ghost fire propelled them into spreading the Gospel, loving Jesus and dominating the devil.

Pure Christianity is not possible without this holy fire.

It affects desire, thoughts, words and actions.

God who is a consuming fire, consumes everything that hinders Him in such a Christian.

The product: A pure heart, which see's Him.

This weekend, may His fire locate you and set you ablaze.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 12:11
NOT SLOTHFUL IN BUSINESS; FERVENT IN SPIRIT; SERVING THE LORD;



Encounter God Today



Encounter God today. Make an inward determination that you will experience the voice and presence of God, ministering to your heart.

The place of encounter is the place of the sanctuary. David knew the power of God in the sanctuary when he said, “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 see thy power and thy glory, so as I have seen thee in the sanctuary.”

When Christians gather, there the Lord is in the midst of them, as He said, “For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.”

And again it is written that Lord Himself said, “...I will declare thy name unto my brethren, in the midst of the church will I sing praise unto thee.” Our Lord Jesus stand in the midst of His church and sings.

Today, may that be your living reality.

Like the woman with the issue of blood said within herself, so say within yourself, “I will encounter God today.”

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 63:1-3

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 SEE THY POWER AND THY GLORY, SO AS I HAVE SEEN THEE IN THE SANCTUARY. BECAUSE THY LOVINGKINDNESS IS BETTER THAN LIFE, MY LIPS SHALL PRAISE THEE.



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 17

Without Rebuke



We are lights in a dark world. Jesus said, “Ye are the light of the world.”

Wherever you are in the marketplace, know that you are there to be a light that illuminates that world.

It is written, “If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”

We wish to exhort you in the area of Christian conduct with the words of St. Paul, “Do all things without murmurings and disputings: That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of a crooked and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world”

Don’t argue and fight physically. Respond with good.

This is wisdom and provokes God to step into the matter.

Let God handle it.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 12:18-21

IF IT BE POSSIBLE, AS MUCH AS LIETH IN YOU, LIVE PEACEABLY WITH ALL MEN. DEARLY BELOVED, AVENGE NOT YOURSELVES, BUT RATHER GIVE PLACE UNTO WRATH: FOR IT IS WRITTEN, VENGEANCE IS MINE; I WILL REPAY, SAITH THE LORD. THEREFORE IF THINE ENEMY HUNGER, FEED HIM; IF HE THIRST, GIVE HIM DRINK: FOR IN SO DOING THOU SHALT HEAP COALS OF FIRE ON HIS HEAD. BE NOT OVERCOME OF EVIL, BUT OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD.



Build Your City



The word of God states that a city is overthrown by the mouth of the wicked. It is not guns, bullets, drugs, gangsters or maladministration that tears down cities. It is the mouths of wicked people.

The Lord Jesus said, that evil things proceed from the hearts of evil people. Words spoken into the spiritual atmosphere around the city, eventually determines the events and outcome of that city. Death and life is in the power of the tongue.

What is ailing your city? It is as a result of the cumulative or effect of negative words. When men join voices concerning their city, they shift the spiritual climate.

The media is often used by the prince of the power of the air, to spread fear and despair across the airwaves.

However, the scripture also states that words of blessing by the upright builds and exalts the city.

From today, use your words to build the city that you live in.

As it prospers, so will you.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 11:11

BY THE BLESSING OF THE UPRIGHT THE CITY IS EXALTED: BUT IT IS OVERTHROWN BY THE MOUTH OF THE WICKED.



WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19

Hold Your Peace



In the face of foolish people, one can many times be tempted to speak but to give in to that urge, would be foolishness in itself.

Wisdom knows how to control the tongue against all pressure not to.

Jesus found Himself before a face of a very foolish man but gave him no answer. As it is written, “Then he questioned with him in many words; but he answered him nothing. And the chief priests and scribes stood and vehemently accused him. And Herod with his men of war set him at nought, and mocked him, and arrayed him in a gorgeous robe, and sent him again to Pilate.” Herod tried hard to provoke the Lord but He answered not a word.

Do not fear evil and foolish men. Answer them not a word. The Holy God is by your side and will defend you against such foolishness. At the end, God will speak and darkness will flee.

Moses told the people of God not to fear but to stand still and see God at work. God does not speak for those who can speak for themselves.

Learn to provoke the living God, to come to your aid: Hold your peace!

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 23:9-11

THEN HE QUESTIONED WITH HIM IN MANY WORDS; BUT HE ANSWERED HIM NOTHING. AND THE CHIEF PRIESTS AND SCRIBES STOOD AND VEHEMENTLY ACCUSED HIM. AND HEROD WITH HIS MEN OF WAR SET HIM AT NOUGHT, AND MOCKED HIM, AND ARRAYED HIM IN A GORGEOUS ROBE, AND SENT HIM AGAIN TO PILATE.



Yea, Yea



Jesus said, “Let your communication be, Yea,yea, Nay, nay.”

It is written, “But let your communication be, Yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil.”

In other words, communicate with certainty not mere promise of surety.

Speak with precision.

Speak without doubt.

Speak with conviction.

Commit to action by speaking with unction.

Refuse to be double minded. Let your yea be yea.

He that doubts is damned. It is written, “And he that doubteth is damned if he eat, because he eateth not of faith: for whatsoever is not of faith is sin.”

So let go of that damned, doubt.

Communicate in the Yea, Yea.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 5:37

BUT LET YOUR COMMUNICATION BE, YEA, YEA; NAY, NAY: FOR WHATSOEVER IS MORE THAN THESE COMETH OF EVIL.



FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Turning Hopeless Situations



As Christians we have to learn how to turn hopeless situations around.

The Lord sent His servant, the prophet Isaiah, to tell Hezekiah to set His house in order for he is about to die. Hezekiah did not argue with the prophet but turned his face to the wall and engaged the God of the prophet. He gave God strong reasons why he should live and not die.

The Lord was persuaded and before the prophet Isaiah could leave the courts of the palace, he received instruction from the Lord to turn back and deliver a new word of fifteen more years.

The prayer of Hezekiah fascinates us. It is so short, yet so potent. What a mystery!

Spiritual champions are able to change spiritual matters like this. Bringing forth spiritual utterances and arguments that provokes the Holy Lord, to act for them. Today, begin to pray like a spiritual champion with the help of the Holy Spirit.

Every dire and confusing situation will change as you enter the Throne Room on your knees. And of that we are certain, for the eyes of the Lord is on the righteous and His ears open to their prayers: their effectual fervent prayer will without fail avail much.

Now go ahead and pray!

SCRIPTURE READING: JAMES 5:16

CONFESS YOUR FAULTS ONE TO ANOTHER, AND PRAY ONE FOR ANOTHER, THAT YE MAY BE HEALED. THE EFFECTUAL FERVENT PRAYER OF A RIGHTEOUS MAN AVAILETH MUCH.



Not Out of Emotion



The scripture says to be angry and sin not.

Emotions are powerful and move the entire human being. Emotions can bypass the human reasoning structure. Many a destiny have been altered irreversibly, by unbridled emotions. How many people have lost careers or even made enemies by speaking in err, fueled by spur of the moment emotions?

The story was told of someone doing an apprenticeship, who out of emotion, once told their boss to do the work themselves if they are not satisfied by how it is being done. The boss reacted by asking the person to leave the company, with immediate effect. The person was never allowed back into another apprenticeship anywhere else. And did not fulfill their dream. Imagine spending all your life dreaming and studying to enter a certain field, then needlessly cutting yourself off from it. How many people have found themselves there?

The scripture tells us that the wrath of man does not produce the righteousness of God. Righteousness is one of the key ingredients that enables a triumphant life, aided by God. The scepter of the Lord's kingdom is a scepter of righteousness.

Never inhibit yourself from moving in righteousness. Unbridled emotion is surely a way to that kind of inhibition.

Be angry and sin not. Give the devil no place. Do not speak out of emotions.

Release faith fueled speech. Its called holy utterance.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:26-27

BE YE ANGRY, AND SIN NOT: LET NOT THE SUN GO DOWN UPON YOUR WRATH: NEITHER GIVE PLACE TO THE DEVIL..



SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

Though None Go With Me



We live in a society where right and wrong is judged by how many supports the view.

Popularity seems to equal correctness. Even Christians determine truth by how many supports it. They convince themselves: “Many people believe and do this, so this must be God.” or “I am comfortable here so this must be where God wants me.” However, the Lord Jesus said that, “wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many are they that enter in thereby”. This view is radically counter culture.

It is never wise to gauge the will of God by popularity, ease, comfort, a lack of pressure or lack of resistance. It was the multitude that cried “Crucify Him!” when Jesus was before Pilate. You see God is not in popularity. God is for the truth.

In fact, the Lord said, “For narrow is the gate, and straitened the way, that leadeth unto life, and few are they that find it.” Don’t be afraid to stand alone. Fear not to contradict the crowd. As it is written, “If God be for us, who can be against us?” God and you: a majority.

Sadhu Sundar Singh, the great general of God, knew and lived this truth. His life epitomised the narrow gate and straitened way. He went alone. He suffered many things for the gospel of Jesus Christ and was used mightily by Jesus.

The old hymn, “I have decided to follow Jesus.” Said to have been composed by Sundar, from the words belonging to an Indian martyr from Assam, is worthy of all acceptance.

We encourage you today, to make the words of that hymn your own.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 7:13-14

ENTER YE IN AT THE STRAIT GATE: FOR WIDE IS THE GATE, AND BROAD IS THE WAY, THAT LEADETH TO DESTRUCTION, AND MANY THERE BE WHICH GO IN THEREAT: BECAUSE STRAIT IS THE GATE, AND NARROW IS THE WAY, WHICH LEADETH UNTO LIFE, AND FEW THERE BE THAT FIND IT.



Go For The Ways



It is written, “He made known his ways unto Moses, his acts unto the children of Israel.”

You would agree that the performer of the miracles is better than the recipients.

In other words, the one used by God will learn something about moving with God and working miracles.

We are reminded of the following passage, “Now therefore, I pray thee, if I have found grace in thy sight, shew me now thy way, that I may know thee, that I may find grace in thy sight: and consider that this nation is thy people.”

God made His ways known to Moses. Why? Moses prayed, “Show me now thy way that I may know thee.” No wonder God said of Moses, “Who the Lord knew face to face.” Moses got to know God by getting to know His ways.

King David read this and cried, “Shew me thy ways, O Lord; teach me thy paths.”

Like Moses and David who went for God’s ways, so must you, in order to maintain prosperity and destiny.

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 33:13

NOW THEREFORE, I PRAY THEE, IF I HAVE FOUND GRACE IN THY SIGHT, SHEW ME NOW THY WAY, THAT I MAY KNOW THEE, THAT I MAY FIND GRACE IN THY SIGHT: AND CONSIDER THAT THIS NATION IS THY PEOPLE.



TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Vitalization



There is a supernatural vitalization that emanates from the spiritual world. Few are aware of this secret. And few experientially know this secret source of energy.

The bible describes this act of supernatural vitalization, by using the Greek word, “zōopoieō”, which means to make alive, produce life, bear living young, give increase of physical life, by spiritual power and invigoration.

The key to being forever young is “zōopoieō” or the quickening. The Spirit can and does give life to the dying cells of the physical body. The spirit is a superior life form to the physical.

The fleshly body, although having been made alive, cannot make you young again. Only the Spirit can make you, young again.

In fact, the scripture says that the Holy Spirit dwells in the body, to influence it with new strength and vitality. Your body will be as alive, as the very body of Christ is because you are!

So today, learn to pray in and with the Spirit to experience that “zōopoieō”.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 8:11

BUT IF THE SPIRIT OF HIM THAT RAISED UP JESUS FROM THE DEAD DWELL IN YOU, HE THAT RAISED UP CHRIST FROM THE DEAD SHALL ALSO QUICKEN YOUR MORTAL BODIES BY HIS SPIRIT THAT DWELLETH IN YOU



Your Perspective



A perspective can be defined as, ‘a particular attitude toward or way of regarding something; a point of view.’

Healthy perspectives aid happy living. When our perspective on something is muddy, our decision making becomes deficient. This creates ample opportunity for unnecessary frustrations and saps our energies. Clear and accurate perspectives are vital for energised living.

We must ensure that we keep a God-perspective across the three time dimensions, in which our lives exist. The Lord ministered to us, that one should always hold the following perspectives in life:

1. When you examine the past: Know always that our acts of faith unto and in the Lord is not in vain. The living Father is not unjust, blind nor encumbered. Our acts of faith and faithfulness will yet be rewarded.
2. When you survey the present: Stay in Faith in Christ Jesus, nothing wavering, nothing doubting. Faith is our only bridge to the ever flowing, ever increasing grace of God.
3. When you plan the future, remember: Dependence is Everything. Depend on His Wisdom. Depend on His Ways. Depend on His Word. Depend on His Person.

Today, make a decision to always hold the Lord central in your attitude towards everything.

Always set your heart upon Jesus. He never disappoints.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 3:5-6

TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL THINE HEART; AND LEAN NOT UNTO THINE OWN UNDERSTANDING. IN ALL THY WAYS ACKNOWLEDGE HIM, AND HE SHALL DIRECT THY PATHS.



THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

The Principle of Acknowledging



We want to touch briefly on the biblical principle of “acknowledging.”

The bible says that God wants all men to come to the “acknowledging of the truth.”

All this time that the church is waiting for the coming of Christ again, is dependent on the principle of “acknowledging.”

We are told to pray so that we can lead a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty because God wants all men, to come to the knowledge of the truth, through you.

And that can only happen, if you operate in the spiritual principle of acknowledging.

Acknowledging what you carry on the inside of you in God, makes your sharing (or distribution) of your faith, effective and fruitful.

As you acknowledge, they will acknowledge and say, “Surely God is in you of a truth. Can I also have Him? Can you help me?”

Acknowledge.

SCRIPTURE READING: PHILEMON 1:6

THAT THE COMMUNICATION OF THY FAITH MAY BECOME EFFECTUAL BY THE ACKNOWLEDGING OF EVERY GOOD THING WHICH IS IN YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.



Seek Me



David said, “When thou saidst, Seek ye my face; my heart said unto thee, Thy face, Lord, will I seek.”

God is a rewarder of them who earnestly seek Him. It is called faith: faith worthy of report.

Jesus wondered if He would find this kind of faith on earth, when He returns.

God spoke through the prophet Jeremiah, “And ye shall seek me, and find me, when ye shall search for me with all your heart. And I will be found of you, saith the Lord: and I will turn away your captivity, and I will gather you from all the nations, and from all the places whither I have driven you, saith the Lord; and I will bring you again into the place whence I caused you to be carried away captive”

Will you seek Him with all your heart?

Men should always pray and not faint - persistent and resistant.

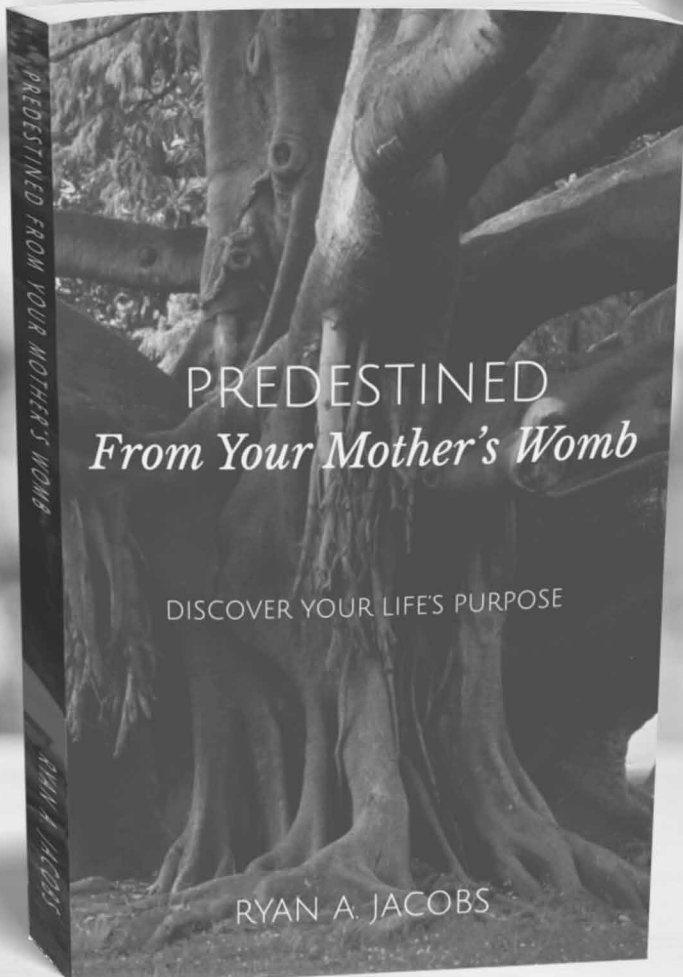
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SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 105:4
SEEK THE LORD, AND HIS STRENGTH: SEEK HIS FACE EVERMORE.

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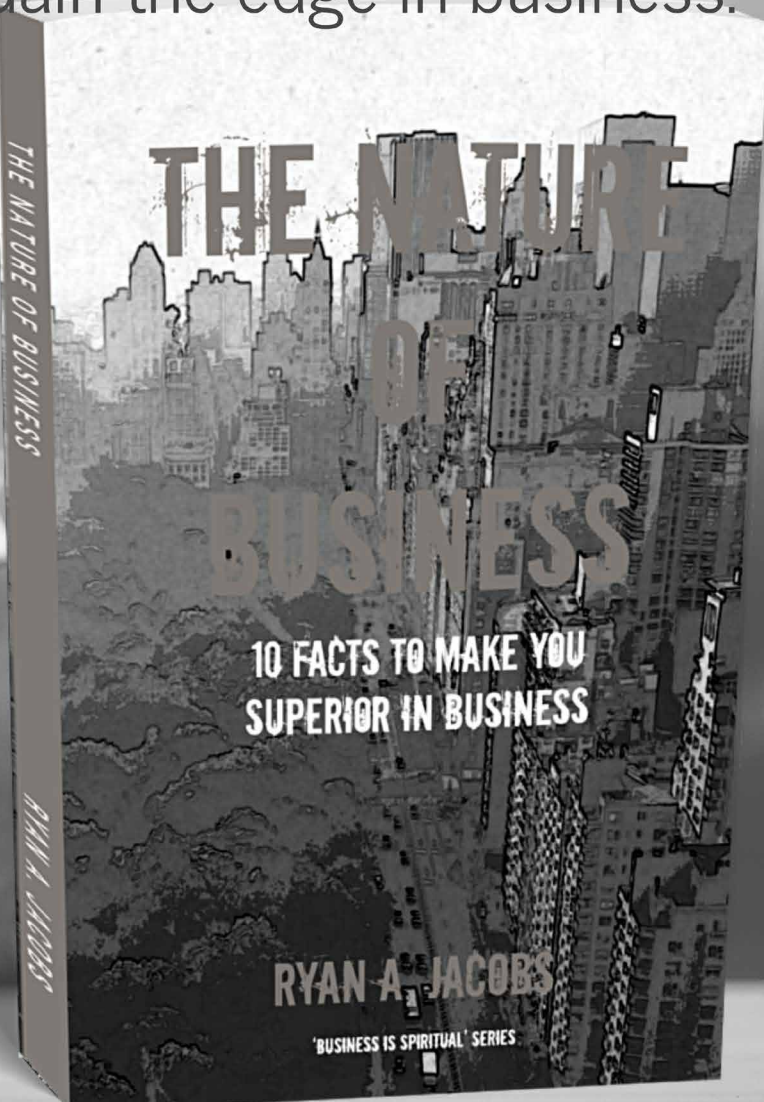


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SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Spiritual Timing



Every day is not the same. All days and moments are not equal. They are not identical twins.

In fact the scripture says, “To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven.”

All of God’s purposes for your life has its own time.

You must discover your purpose along with its time.

Purpose without knowing it’s time is just frustration.

Knowing spiritual timing is vital and empowering.

Wise people understand and know that purpose manifests within time, and therefore they spiritually discern the time as it relates to purpose. It is written, “Whoso keepeth the commandment shall feel no evil thing: and a wise man’s heart discerneth both time and judgment. Because to every purpose there is time and judgment, therefore the misery of man is great upon him.”

Today, ask and find the grace to discern the timing around your life, so that you can redeem or capture it.

SCRIPTURE READING: ECCLESIASTES 8:5-6

WHOSO KEEPETH THE COMMANDMENT SHALL FEEL NO EVIL THING: AND A WISE MAN’S HEART DISCERNETH BOTH TIME AND JUDGMENT. BECAUSE TO EVERY PURPOSE THERE IS TIME AND JUDGMENT, THEREFORE THE MISERY OF MAN IS GREAT UPON HIM.



God's Time Is Best



A certain man of God was famed for the saying, "God's time is best."

Indeed it must be true. Is not God the maker of all things truly beautiful? Think about the earth, the galaxy, the animals and man. In the same vein the scripture says, "He hath made every thing beautiful in his time."

Things were made beautiful in His time. In moving with God on the earth, knowing His time is vital. It is written, "...when the fulness of the time was come, God sent forth his Son, made of a woman..." Jesus came into the earth at a specific time, determined by God.

God calls at a certain time and then sends at a certain time. Time may lapse in between. That period in between, is for "the making." Consider Jesus in the calling and sending of His apostles. Jesus called His disciples to follow Him for "the making." The bible says, "And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men. And they straightway left their nets, and followed him."

Then more than three years later: the death, burial and resurrection completed, Jesus sends them into the world. These were His words, "Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature." The scripture then records, "And they went forth, and preached every where, the Lord working with them, and confirming the word with signs following. Amen."

They went everywhere after the sending. They went in His time and therefore He was there, working with them.

There is The Calling, The Making and The Sending. In God's mission for you, where are you at? Locate yourself. Beauty is always located in His time. God's time is best.

SCRIPTURE READING: ECCLESIASTES 3:1

TO EVERY THING THERE IS A SEASON, AND A TIME TO EVERY PURPOSE UNDER THE HEAVEN:



MONDAY, MARCH 3

Hear Right



It is very important that we pay careful attention to the instruction of God.

To help us God says in the book of Isaiah, “Incline your ear.” In other words, He is saying, “Lean your ear into me so that you don’t miss the details.”

It is so easy to miss it, if we don’t incline our ear. The gospel of Luke shows us an example of missing the details: Jesus tells Peter “Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets (plural) for a drought “

Peter answers, “At Thy word I will let down the net” (singular). Peter partially heard the instruction.

The bible says, “And when they had this done, they inclosed a great multitude of fishes and their net (singular) broke.” Jesus intended the great multitude of fish for nets and not a net.

Peter almost lost the miracle and had to call for help from other boats.

May this be a lesson to all of us that a harvest can be lost, if we miss the details.

SCRIPTURE READING: LUKE 5:4-7

A NOW WHEN HE HAD LEFT SPEAKING, HE SAID UNTO SIMON, LAUNCH OUT INTO THE DEEP, AND LET DOWN YOUR NETS FOR A DRAUGHT. AND SIMON ANSWERING SAID UNTO HIM, MASTER, WE HAVE TOILED ALL THE NIGHT, AND HAVE TAKEN NOTHING: NEVERTHELESS AT THY WORD I WILL LET DOWN THE NET. AND WHEN THEY HAD THIS DONE, THEY INCLOSED A GREAT MULTITUDE OF FISHES: AND THEIR NET BRAKE. AND THEY BECKONED UNTO THEIR PARTNERS, WHICH WERE IN THE OTHER SHIP, THAT THEY SHOULD COME AND HELP THEM. AND THEY CAME, AND FILLED BOTH THE SHIPS, SO THAT THEY BEGAN TO SINK.

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Be Not Afraid



Jesus said to a man, “Be not afraid.” It is written, “As soon as Jesus heard the word that was spoken, he saith unto the ruler of the synagogue, Be not afraid, only believe.”

He said to His disciples, “Be not afraid.”

He said to Paul, “Be not afraid.”

These words were the most common salutation by angels to the men they appeared to.

You see being afraid weakens heaven’s manifestation in your life.

Fear cuts you off from hearing and receiving from God.

God cannot move with fearful men. Therefore He told “Joshua, “Be thou strong and courageous.”

He emboldens all His vessels before He uses them.

What do you desire God to do in your life?

Be not afraid.

SCRIPTURE READING: MARK 5:36

AS SOON AS JESUS HEARD THE WORD THAT WAS SPOKEN, HE SAITH UNTO THE RULER OF THE SYNAGOGUE, BE NOT AFRAID, ONLY BELIEVE.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 5

The Magnets



Faith and Fear are both spiritual forces: one positive, the other negative. Faith liberates. Fear ensnares.

Consider Job, who feared that he would lose his children to their sin. Every time his sons and daughters would have a party, he would spend the next day interceding

for their sin.

This fear aided satan to strike his children whilst they were partying and most likely sinning against God. Job had no time to intercede. Later, he confessed that his greatest fear had come on him.

What if Job instead taught his children the fear of the Lord, since their childhood? Then he could have had the faith that his children feared God because they had been taught the fear of the Lord.

The woman with the issue of blood did not fear death, she focused on Jesus and energized by her faith, pressed with all her might to release the power of God, contained in His garment.

Both faith and fear are magnetic and attract the object of their focus.

Today, chose your magnet wisely.

SCRIPTURE READING: JOB 3:25
FOR THE THING WHICH I GREATLY FEARED IS COME UPON ME, AND THAT WHICH I WAS AFRAID OF IS COME UNTO ME.



Contrary to Hope



Anyone can hope when things look hopeful and probable.

Hope is the earnest expectation of a favorable outcome!

Anybody can expect a favorable outcome if things look favorable.

However, the bible says that Abraham believed in hope when all hope was lost. In other words, the probability of a favorable outcome was 0%. As it is written, “Who against hope believed in hope, that he might become the father of many nations, according to that which was spoken, So shall thy seed be.”

Now that kind of believing and expectation caused him to become the father of faith. God was so moved that He called the man His righteous friend.

Abraham surveyed the credibility of God and counted God worthy of all trust.

The man was fully persuaded that God could and would of a certainty do everything for him.

Today, imitate Abraham by believing God, no matter how the odds look.

SCRIPTURE READING: ROMANS 4:18

WHO AGAINST HOPE BELIEVED IN HOPE, THAT HE MIGHT BECOME THE FATHER OF MANY NATIONS, ACCORDING TO THAT WHICH WAS SPOKEN, SO SHALL THY SEED BE.



FRIDAY, MARCH 7

Let It Grow



The Lord Jesus likened the word of God to a seed. A seed carries within it many trees.

Growth is in the seed. One weed and seed can overgrow a garden and stage a vicious take over if left undetected.

Similarly, the word of God if left unchecked. It is written, “So mightily grew the word of God and prevailed.” How could this be?

Paul was left unchecked, the word of God got out of hand and spread throughout Asia, until every single person in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus. It is written, “And this continued by the space of two years; so that all they which dwelt in Asia heard the word of the Lord Jesus, both Jews and Greeks.”

Such is the ability of the word of God. It grows by itself.

Allow the word of God to spread uninhibited in your heart and life.

Do not curb or stifle its growth. Just let go.

Nobody but you can stop the word of God in your life. Don't.

SCRIPTURE READING: ACTS 12:24
BUT THE WORD OF GOD GREW AND MULTIPLIED.



Live For The Right Moments



What are you living for? Have you cast your eyes long?

Jesus told us of a moment that all His servants will appear before Him to give an account unto Him. As it is written, “So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God”

Oh what a day it will be to see Him as He is! We are looking forward to that day.

We too want to hear those famous, much longed for words, “Well done, good and faithful servant...” Oh how we long for those words. At the end it is only words that matters (to us).

What are you living for?

Which words will He speak to you?

It will be determined by how you lived for Him, here on earth.

Be masterful in your stewardship.

Start today.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 25:21

HIS LORD SAID UNTO HIM, WELL DONE, THOU GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT: THOU HAST BEEN FAITHFUL OVER A FEW THINGS, I WILL MAKE THEE RULER OVER MANY THINGS: ENTER THOU INTO THE JOY OF THY LORD.



SUNDAY, MARCH 9

Understand Your Assignment



Understanding, appreciating and accepting our assignment is vital in living a fulfilled life.

It is imperative that you discover God's assignment for your life – spare no cost.

One life for Jesus is all you have. Do not waste it, invest it.

And that assignment makes you are a carrier of the good news of Jesus Christ and His divine Presence.

You, through that assignment, have a special place within the plan and mission of God on the earth.

Through you, God's kingdom will be manifested to your generation.

All God-given assignments are noble, worthy and holy, albeit different. As the scripture says, "...unto every one of us is given grace according to the measure of the gift of Christ."

Lets, rejoice in what God has given and run with it!

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:7

BUT UNTO EVERY ONE OF US IS GIVEN GRACE ACCORDING TO THE MEASURE OF THE GIFT OF CHRIST.



Move Like A Lion



Solomon, the wise, described the lion as one of the four, which are comely in going.

The lion moves in a certain way. The Lord likened His focus and resolve to that of a lion. Isaiah said, “For thus hath the Lord spoken unto me, Like as the lion and the young lion roaring on his prey, when a multitude of shepherds is called forth against him, he will not be afraid of their voice, nor abase himself for the noise of them: so shall the Lord of hosts come down to fight for mount Zion, and for the hill thereof.”

Jesus is called the Lion of the tribe of Judah!

Why move like a lion? A lion is bold in his movement. He moves with confidence, pace and certainty. The scripture says, “The wicked flee when no man pursueth: but the righteous are bold as a lion.” Righteousness is lion-like in nature and expression.

Peter tells us that even the devil tries to imitate the lion’s ways. We have news for you: know that you are more lion-like than the devil. He is no lion because he flees when you resist him, steadfast in the faith. You don’t flee.

Solomon said about the lion, “A lion...turneth not away for any.” From now on, be comely in your going. Walk with holy boldness. Be focused, certain and rhythm-ed in all you do.

Move like a lion. Let your roar be heard and felt. Go well.

SCRIPTURE READING: PROVERBS 30:29-30

THERE BE THREE THINGS WHICH GO WELL YEA, FOUR ARE COMELY IN GOING: A LION WHICH IS STRONGEST AMONG BEASTS, AND TURNETH NOT AWAY FOR ANY;



TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Break The Cycle of Reasoning



The apostle Paul in the epistle to the Ephesians prayed that the spiritual eyes of the Christians be flooded with light.

In the same letter he recorded that their vain reasoning was cutting them off from the God-kind of life, effectively shutting their spiritual eyes.

As it is written, “This I say therefore, and testify in the Lord, that ye henceforth walk not as other Gentiles walk, in the vanity of their mind, having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart”

They were thus trapped in cycles of despair and darkness.

You have to break out of unconscious dark reasonings. Maybe you inherited the same from your forefathers or from wrong teaching.

Its time to transition away from the reasonings that blinds your heart.

Today, start by asking the Holy Spirit to point out hindering reasoning in your life.

SCRIPTURE READING: EPHESIANS 4:17-18

THIS I SAY THEREFORE, AND TESTIFY IN THE LORD, THAT YE HENCEFORTH WALK NOT AS OTHER GENTILES WALK, IN THE VANITY OF THEIR MIND, HAVING THE UNDERSTANDING DARKENED, BEING ALIENATED FROM THE LIFE OF GOD THROUGH THE IGNORANCE THAT IS IN THEM, BECAUSE OF THE BLINDNESS OF THEIR HEART:



May The Lines Fall



King David, in his surveying of the goodness of God towards him, said, “The lines are fallen unto me in pleasant places; yea, I have a goodly heritage.”

David discovered that he had been favored. When all the adjudications had been made, his portion turned out to be the good one. He obtained the most pleasant share of the inheritance.

Imagine your portion of the inheritance is determined by a lucky draw or the rolling of the dice. The odds of a favorable portion would be impossible to predict. Yet David, when he saw his portion versus the others, realized God had intervened and given him the most favorable portion.

Our prayer is that this year, you too will discover that you got the most favorable outcome, irrespective of the odds.

No matter the area in life, whether it be a business tender, a job application, a salary increase, an actual inheritance or anything else: May you defy all expectations and come out on top.

You too will exclaim, “The lines have fallen unto me in pleasant places!”

SCRIPTURE READING: PSALM 16:6

THE LINES ARE FALLEN UNTO ME IN PLEASANT PLACES; YEA, I HAVE A GOODLY HERITAGE.



THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Pearl Of Great Price



Jesus spoke of pearls and the pearl of great price. These were His words, “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like unto a merchant man, seeking goodly pearls: Who, when he had found one pearl of great price, went and sold all that he had, and bought it.”

He likened the kingdom of heaven to a man seeking and collecting valuable pearls, until he one day found the pearl of great price. To purchase the pearl which had such a great price, he had to sell all his other pearls.

What are you willing to pay, to walk in the deep things of the kingdom of heaven? The realms of God is of great price. There are no discounts and no specials. The price remains the same throughout the ages.

The things of God will cost you everything. Jesus said, “If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me. For whosoever will save his life shall lose it: but whosoever will lose his life for my sake, the same shall save it.”

Peter and his friends paid that price. The scripture records Peter’s words to the Lord Jesus, “Then answered Peter and said unto him, Behold, we have forsaken all, and followed thee...”

What price are you willing to pay, to follow Jesus all the way? Are you willing to pay that much? After all, it is called the pearl of great price.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 13:45-46

AGAIN, THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN IS LIKE UNTO A MERCHANT MAN, SEEKING GOODLY PEARLS: WHO, WHEN HE HAD FOUND ONE PEARL OF GREAT PRICE, WENT AND SOLD ALL THAT HE HAD, AND BOUGHT IT.



Decide To Obtain



The bible says “Hope deferred makes the spirit sick.” A sick spirit is a hopeless spirit, which has lost the coordinates to its destination. Such a life is like an engine-less and anchorless ship being tossed at sea.

It is important to have your hope anchored into that which is certain i.e. a sure thing. Nothing, is as sure and certain as the promises of God are. All the promises of God are “Yea”. God watches over His word to perform it.

All the word of God demands is that you be persuaded by the promises of God. And that you possess actionable confidence in it and display such.

This is called faith. To “muster” such faith you must decide to actually obtain the promise indeed.

You must settle for nothing less. Many have settled on the idea of having a promise from God. This is not enough. You must act with God, until you see the promise fulfilled. Elijah prayed seven times, acting each time until the rain came.

Decide today to be an obtainer of the promise, not merely a recipient of one.

Faith-filled action and perseverance will be required.

SCRIPTURE READING: DANIEL 11:32

AND SUCH AS DO WICKEDLY AGAINST THE COVENANT SHALL HE CORRUPT BY FLATTERIES: BUT THE PEOPLE THAT DO KNOW THEIR GOD SHALL BE STRONG, AND DO EXPLOITS



SATURDAY, MARCH 15

The Secret of The Darkroom



Today's topic is a major spiritual truth. It is the meat of the mature and not meant for spiritual babes.

This has been one of those open secrets of our lives. A realm that few can truly understand and settle into. Let us attempt to express it, in a simplified way: If you are to receive major breakthroughs from God, you have to understand that the greatest miracles of your life are sensitive to [external] light and develop best in secret. It is in darkness that we were first introduced to the Spirit of God and it was out of darkness that He commanded light.

It is written in Luke 1:24, "Now after those days his wife Elizabeth conceived; and she hid herself five months..." Most people would have gone to tell everyone. Elizabeth, however knew that the seed of every precious miracle needs a darkroom: the secret place, where He is. He Who is in secret, sees in secret and rewards in the open.

As acclaimed photographers do, learn today, how and when to put your darkroom "in use". The birth of your miracle depends on it.

Just as the dark grave gave birth to the resurrected Christ, so your darkroom will give birth to your miracle.

Negatives will become Positives!

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 KINGS 4:4-7

AND WHEN THOU ART COME IN, THOU SHALT SHUT THE DOOR UPON THEE AND UPON THY SONS, AND SHALT POUR OUT INTO ALL THOSE VESSELS, AND THOU SHALT SET ASIDE THAT WHICH IS FULL. SO SHE WENT FROM HIM, AND SHUT THE DOOR UPON HER AND UPON HER SONS, WHO BROUGHT THE VESSELS TO HER; AND SHE POUED OUT. 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. THEN SHE CAME AND TOLD THE MAN OF GOD. AND HE SAID, GO, SELL THE OIL, AND PAY THY DEBT, AND LIVE THOU AND THY CHILDREN OF THE REST.

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A Prisoner of Hope



Joseph, as a young man, received dreams of grandeur and ruler ship. History testifies that he shared those dreams with his brothers. It provoked the jealousy in them and they sold him into slavery.

For many long years he suffered. Imagine how many times Joseph must have wondered why he found himself in a foreign land, as a prisoner. Yet Joseph was a “prisoner of hope” as the Prophet Zechariah would term it. In that prison there were other prisoners. However, Joseph was a prisoner with a difference. He was a prisoner with a prophetic dream and therefore a spiritual destiny, instigated and propagated by God.

Although still a prisoner, he became ruler over all the others. He was not the boss-man because he was cute or clever, but because the Lord was with him and gave him favor. He made everything Joseph did to prosper in his hand.

Why was the Lord with him? Joseph was a carrier of a God instigated and propagated destiny. He was a prisoner of hope. It does not matter what is happening in your place of employ or industry, you carry a God-instigated and propagated destiny. You may feel like a prisoner but you are a prisoner of hope. God sent you there and will deliver you to into your greater destiny.

Watch out, things are about to change! That “prison” is going to miss you being there.

SCRIPTURE READING: GENESIS 40:21-23

BUT THE LORD WAS WITH JOSEPH, AND SHEWED HIM MERCY, AND GAVE HIM FAVOUR IN THE SIGHT OF THE KEEPER OF THE PRISON. AND THE KEEPER OF THE PRISON COMMITTED TO JOSEPH'S HAND ALL THE PRISONERS THAT WERE IN THE PRISON; AND WHATSOEVER THEY DID THERE, HE WAS THE DOER OF IT. THE KEEPER OF THE PRISON LOOKED NOT TO ANY THING THAT WAS UNDER HIS HAND; BECAUSE THE LORD WAS WITH HIM, AND THAT WHICH HE DID, THE LORD MADE IT TO PROSPER



MONDAY, MARCH 17

The Way of The Heathen



The Holy Spirit, speaking to the children of Israel, through Jeremiah said, “Thus saith the Lord, Learn not the way of the heathen...”

There is a certain way called by God, “the way of the heathen.” God told Isaiah with a strong hand, “walk not in the way of this people.”

Not all ways are good. The scripture, says, “the way of the wicked will perish” and again, “There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death.”

No wonder David cried, “Teach me thy way, O Lord” and Moses, “Shew me now thy way, that I may know thee.”

You see, the world has their own way. In that way they “stumble at what they know not what.” And eventually they perish.

We do not wish to walk in the way of the heathen and therefore do not mirror their beliefs and behaviors.

We imitate Moses and God makes known unto us His ways, as He did to Moses.

Avoid the way of the heathen: it is death. God’s ways are life and thus exceedingly better.

SCRIPTURE READING: JEREMIAH 10:2

THUS SAITH THE LORD, LEARN NOT THE WAY OF THE HEATHEN, AND BE NOT DISMAYED AT THE SIGNS OF HEAVEN; FOR THE HEATHEN ARE DISMAYED AT THEM.



Low Heart, High Life



The high heart is the low life and the low(-ly) heart is the high life. In other words, humility brings exaltation. As it is written, “Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord, and he shall lift you up.”

David, knew what God delights in. He said, “For thou desirest not sacrifice; else would I give it: thou delightest not in burnt offering.

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and a contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.”

Humility brings you into the higher quality of life: a life in the very throne room of God; the mountain top life; living from God’s advantage point.

Many talk and cry out for revival, yet do not understand that it is very close. There is a lifestyle of “revival” and it is just a shift away. Shifting to contriteness will translate your spirit’s consciousness to heaven and your earth life to revival.

Begin to humble yourself today. For example, there are those whom you see yourself higher than or equal to you and are reluctant to learn from them. Your teachableness ends when their name comes to mind.

It is time to set your pride aside. In fact, kill it. And go sit at the feet of someone else and learn. You may just find that it is the place of your open heaven, just like Ezekiel discovered.

Humility is the dimension of revival.

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 57:15

FOR THUS SAITH THE HIGH AND LOFTY ONE THAT INHABITETH ETERNITY, WHOSE NAME IS HOLY; I DWELL IN THE HIGH AND HOLY PLACE, WITH HIM ALSO THAT IS OF A CONTRITE AND HUMBLE SPIRIT, TO REVIVE THE SPIRIT OF THE HUMBLE, AND TO REVIVE THE HEART OF THE CONTRITE ONES.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Don't Devalue



To the hard hearted, familiarity aids in devaluing precious things.

The apostle Paul gave a command, “Despise not prophesying.” Prophesying is utterance by God, the Holy Spirit.

Who would despise such a thing? Only people familiar with God dare to do that.

The more man sees the power of God move, the more unmoved they become. Somehow the mind deceives the spirit that they have figured God out and are no longer impressed by Him.

We exhort you, not to devalue prophesying in your mind. It is a weapon of warfare and a light in a dark place. It may be the only light that God will give you, to come out of an adverse situation.

Do not become offended, if the fulfillment of your prophecy seems delayed. It is not God. It is you.

You lack wisdom.

Ask God for wisdom and soon the prophecy will come to pass and you will reap the harvest.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:20
DESPISE NOT PROPHESYINGS.



The Anchor Holds



Things don't seem to be as certain as they use to be. We are living in a day where the expert's opinion changes almost daily. And here we are referring to the same expert! This is testament to the instability of the times or rather to man's response to this age, that we are living in and its happenings.

With the volatility of outlook and circumstances, comes anxiety and stress. And the constant fear mongering, masquerading as expert projections, is not helping either.

What we need in this hour is an anchor. The soul of man needs to be anchored to something unchangeable and predictable.

We, as Christians, have such an anchor! And that anchor is the word of God. God's word is unchangeable, and the outcome sure and predictable. We can be certain that God's word will produce the same kind of good results, every single time. In fact, the worlds are upheld by the same word of His power.

You see, the anchor holds and nothing can shake it. We can hope and trust in His unfailing promises and realities. What are you trusting in? What is your expectation for tomorrow based on?

Let it be the word of God and its sure unchangeableness.

SCRIPTURE READING: HEBREWS 6:17-20

WHEREIN GOD, WILLING MORE ABUNDANTLY TO SHEW UNTO THE HEIRS OF PROMISE THE IMMUTABILITY OF HIS COUNSEL, CONFIRMED IT BY AN OATH: THAT BY TWO IMMUTABLE THINGS, IN WHICH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR GOD TO LIE, WE MIGHT HAVE A STRONG CONSOLATION, WHO HAVE FLED FOR REFUGE TO LAY HOLD UPON THE HOPE SET BEFORE US: WHICH HOPE WE HAVE AS AN ANCHOR OF THE SOUL, BOTH SURE AND STEDFAST, AND WHICH ENTERETH INTO THAT WITHIN THE VEIL; WHITHER THE FORERUNNER IS FOR US ENTERED, EVEN JESUS, MADE AN HIGH PRIEST FOR EVER AFTER THE ORDER OF MELCHISEDEC.



FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Where Error Comes From



Jesus said that men err, lose their way and become lost because of ignorance. They don't know. Ignorance produces a haphazard life.

However, the kind of error Jesus was referring to, was produced by ignorance of two things: Ignorance of the scriptures and ignorance of the power of God.

Jesus seeing the people lost, first sent His disciples to preach and display His power. This provided an immediate, howbeit a temporary, relieve. His disciples found it to be true. Then Jesus provided the people with the other half of the solution, teaching them many things.

What kind of things? The scriptures. It was scriptures, He came to live out and teach, as long as He was on the earth.

Destroying the ignorance of the scriptures was so important that He spent a whole day, after His resurrection to teach two disciples on the road to Emmaus, the scriptures.

The scriptures contain knowledge and wisdom about many things, especially about the Godhead.

Stop erring. Know the scriptures.

SCRIPTURE READING: MATTHEW 22:29

JESUS ANSWERED AND SAID UNTO THEM, YE DO ERR, NOT KNOWING THE SCRIPTURES, NOR THE POWER OF GOD.



Remember, Fear Is A Deal Breaker



God is only with the fearless. Therefore the salutation of every heavenly visitor to man is always “Don’t be afraid.”

God sent Moses to deliver His people out of Egypt and unto the land promised to Abraham.

Moses demonstration was so emphatic that it brought Egypt to its knees. Culminating in the destruction of Pharaoh’s military in the Red Sea.

However, the Red Sea was not the better way into the promised land. The children of Israel found themselves at the Red Sea because God knew the better route, was through Philistine country. God was concerned that the children of Israel would rather return to slavery than fight the Philistines.

It is written, “And it came to pass, when Pharaoh had let the people go, that God led them not through the way of the land of the Philistines, although that was near; for God said, Lest peradventure the people repent when they see war, and they return to Egypt:”

God’s people was at risk of fearing, cutting themselves off from the power of God, so God gave them a plan B. It thus took them forty years to reach their promise, instead of a few days.

Never let this be your fate. Be prepared to fight for your promise. Do not take detours.

Shun fear. Expedite your destiny.

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 13:17

AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN PHARAOH HAD LET THE PEOPLE GO, THAT GOD LED THEM NOT THROUGH THE WAY OF THE LAND OF THE PHILISTINES, ALTHOUGH THAT WAS NEAR; FOR GOD SAID, LEST PERADVENTURE THE PEOPLE REPENT WHEN THEY SEE WAR, AND THEY RETURN TO EGYPT:



SUNDAY, MARCH 23

The Yoke Bearer



The scripture says, “It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord. It is good for a man that he bear the yoke in his youth. He sitteth alone and keepeth silence, because he hath borne it upon him.”

Nehemiah was such a man, who bore the burden for God’s people and the city that he grew up in. The bible tells us that Nehemiah was in captivity as the servant to a foreign king, when he heard of the extent of devastation that Jerusalem was experiencing.

He was so provoked that he began to fast and pray. He tells us so in his own words, “And they said unto me, The remnant that are left of the captivity there in the province are in great affliction and reproach: the wall of Jerusalem also is broken down, and the gates thereof are burned with fire. And it came to pass, when I heard these words, that I sat down and wept, and mourned certain days, and fasted, and prayed before the God of heaven, And said, I beseech thee, O Lord God of heaven, the great and terrible God, that keepeth covenant and mercy for them that love him and observe his commandments:”

Your city or company may have experienced economic devastation due to the forced lock downs. What are you going to do about it?

It is high time that you respond spiritually by taking up the yoke, as did Nehemiah.

SCRIPTURE READING: NEHEMIAH 1:4

AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN I HEARD THESE WORDS, THAT I SAT DOWN AND WEPT, AND MOURNED CERTAIN DAYS, AND FASTED, AND PRAYED BEFORE THE GOD OF HEAVEN.



Grow In Grace



Through the years we have spoken, preached and taught about grace a whole lot.

Grace is very important for the Christian life. In fact, the scripture says that by grace were we saved. Our needs are met at the throne of grace and we are instructed to go there to find grace in time of need. Furthermore, we need grace, mixed with reverence and godly

fear to serve God acceptably.

The Apostle Peter wrote and instructed the church to grow in grace. These were his words, “Ye therefore, beloved, seeing ye know these things before, beware lest ye also, being led away with the error of the wicked, fall from your own steadfastness. But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever.”

He was saying to the church that they live in perilous times, with unsettling things taking place, just as the scriptures prophesied. Therefore, those with like precious faith should avoid being led away with error and falling from their steadfastness as a result. They were then instructed to grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

You need to grow in grace. In fact, you can grow in grace so rapidly by having grace multiplied unto you, through the knowledge of God and our Lord Jesus. Remember, Paul admitted that his abilities as an apostle were the outworking of special grace given to him.

Imagine you growing in grace by multiplication. Exponential increase in grace is available to you this month. To reach for it, you need to set your heart and face on growing in the revelation knowledge of God, in the same month. Will you do it?

SCRIPTURE READING: 2 PETER 1:2

SIMON PETER, A SERVANT AND AN APOSTLE OF JESUS CHRIST, TO THEM THAT HAVE OBTAINED LIKE PRECIOUS FAITH WITH US THROUGH THE RIGHTEOUSNESS OF GOD AND OUR SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST: GRACE AND PEACE BE MULTIPLIED UNTO YOU THROUGH THE KNOWLEDGE OF GOD, AND OF JESUS OUR LORD,



TUESDAY, MARCH 25

Keep Watch, To Hold Forth



The Apostle Paul told his spiritual son Timothy, “Keep a close watch on yourself and on the teaching.” (ESV)

In other words, he was to pay close attention to himself and be conscientious at living. This included internal chatter, heartfelt beliefs and sentiments. Paul was telling Timothy that the key to saving or preserving oneself, is in taking heed to oneself.

He further urged Timothy to also keep a close watch on what he (Timothy) was communicating to others, regarding his own success. This would determine what others latched on to and imitate. For example, if he said, “I am here today because of my speaking skills.” Others would strive to emulate his success by investing in their speaking skills, which beyond impressing man, is useless. If he on the other hand, cited intimacy with Jesus, others would pursue the same.

We are commanded by scripture to hold forth the Word of Life. This is the mandate of every Christian. However, without us taking heed to ourselves and the word working within us, we will not be any good at holding forth the Word of Life.

Conscientiousness at living the Word of Life within, enables the prolific holding forth of the same without.

Today, allow your salvation to work within so that it can abundantly work out through you.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 TIMOTHY 4:16

TAKE HEED UNTO THYSELF, AND UNTO THE DOCTRINE; CONTINUE IN THEM: FOR IN DOING THIS THOU SHALT BOTH SAVE THYSELF, AND THEM THAT HEAR THEE.



Always Seek God First



Many go to God. Many seek counsel of God.

However, many do not go to God and seek of God first. God through the prophet Isaiah called that rebellion. It is recorded, “Woe to the rebellious children, saith the Lord, that take counsel, but not of me; and that cover with a covering, but not of my spirit, that they may add sin to sin: That walk to go down into Egypt, and have not asked at my mouth; to strengthen themselves in the strength of Pharaoh, and to trust in the shadow of Egypt...”

Rebellion is witchcraft. Rebellion opens the rebel to a spirit of witchcraft. The person can then be misled, manipulated and eventually be destroyed.

Always seek God first. Ask counsel from the Holy Spirit first. As prophetic strategists and spiritual leaders, it has been our experience that some seek counsel from us last, after having consulted everybody else from their friends to strangers. That is a foolish error because the spirit of counsel will not speak freely, if He has been left as a last resort.

Seek God first.

SCRIPTURE READING: ISAIAH 30:1-3

WOE TO THE REBELLIOUS CHILDREN, SAITH THE LORD, THAT TAKE COUNSEL, BUT NOT OF ME; AND THAT COVER WITH A COVERING, BUT NOT OF MY SPIRIT, THAT THEY MAY ADD SIN TO SIN: THAT WALK TO GO DOWN INTO EGYPT, AND HAVE NOT ASKED AT MY MOUTH; TO STRENGTHEN THEMSELVES IN THE STRENGTH OF PHARAOH, AND TO TRUST IN THE SHADOW OF EGYPT! THEREFORE SHALL THE STRENGTH OF PHARAOH BE YOUR SHAME, AND THE TRUST IN THE SHADOW OF EGYPT YOUR CONFUSION.



THURSDAY, MARCH 27

At The Higher Altitude



The book of Exodus records a battle that took place between Israel and Amalek.

On the battle field, Joshua was the commander. He led a fierce battle, which Israel won. However, God did not attribute the victory to Joshua but to Moses. The scripture shows whilst Joshua was the commander, he was not the chief.

The Prophet Moses was actually on top of the mountain, with his hands lifted up. The scripture says, that the tide of the battle was being dictated by Moses' hands: When Moses' hands was raised up high, Joshua was winning and when Moses' hands got weary and lowered, Joshua began to lose.

Moses, being a man, got weary from holding up his hands. However, the team around Moses saw what was happening and rushed to hold up the hands of Moses.

Joshua was unaware of what was happening on the mountain top. He was consumed by the heat of the battle. Little did he know at the time, that the mystery surrounding the sudden upswing and downswing in the tide of the battle had little to do with him and his army. The battle and its outcome was being determined by what was happening at a higher altitude.

Have you thought about it:? Which of your victories depend on someone else higher up in the spirit, and the proactiveness, serving and diligence of the team surrounding him or her?

May God enlighten your understanding.

SCRIPTURE READING: EXODUS 17:11-13

AND IT CAME TO PASS, WHEN MOSES HELD UP HIS HAND, THAT ISRAEL PREVAILED: AND WHEN HE LET DOWN HIS HAND, AMALEK PREVAILED. BUT MOSES HANDS WERE HEAVY; AND THEY TOOK A STONE, AND PUT IT UNDER HIM, AND HE SAT THEREON; AND AARON AND HUR STAYED UP HIS HANDS, THE ONE ON THE ONE SIDE, AND THE OTHER ON THE OTHER SIDE; AND HIS HANDS WERE STEADY UNTIL THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN. AND JOSHUA DISCOMFITED AMALEK AND HIS PEOPLE WITH THE EDGE OF THE SWORD



Where Dwellest Thou?



Being followed by John's disciples, Jesus turned around and asked them, "What seek ye?" They answered, "Rabbi, (which is to say, being interpreted, Master,) where dwellest thou?" He in turn answered, "Come and see."

The disciples of John hit the nail on the head with their question, "Rabbi, where dwellest thou?" They desired to locate Jesus' dwelling place. They understood the significance of the dwelling place. Their teacher John, the prophet, taught them very well. The scripture said about John himself, "And the child grew, and waxed strong in spirit, and was in the deserts till the day of his shewing unto Israel." John dwelt in the deserts until his showing and the word of the Lord came unto him there.

You will encounter God in your dwelling place. David said, "One thing have I desired of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life..." What was David's motive? He said, "...to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to enquire in his temple." David knew that his dwelling place mattered. He knew there were benefits in dwelling, in his desired dwelling place. He confessed, "For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall he hide me; he shall set me up upon a rock."

So important is the dwelling place, that Jesus said to his disciples, "In my Father's house there are many dwelling places...I go to prepare a place for you." And let us not forget Moses who also said, "He that dwelleth in the secret place of the most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty."

Where you dwell and with whom you dwell is paramount. Where dwellest thou?

SCRIPTURE READING: JOHN 1:35-39

AGAIN THE NEXT DAY AFTER JOHN STOOD, AND TWO OF HIS DISCIPLES; AND LOOKING UPON JESUS AS HE WALKED, HE SAITH, BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD! AND THE TWO DISCIPLES HEARD HIM SPEAK, AND THEY FOLLOWED JESUS. THEN JESUS TURNED, AND SAW THEM FOLLOWING, AND SAITH UNTO THEM, WHAT SEEK YE? THEY SAID UNTO HIM, RABBI, [WHICH IS TO SAY, BEING INTERPRETED, MASTER,] WHERE DWELLEST THOU? HE SAITH UNTO THEM, COME AND SEE. THEY CAME AND SAW WHERE HE DWELT, AND ABODE WITH HIM THAT DAY: FOR IT WAS ABOUT THE TENTH HOUR.



SATURDAY, MARCH 29

Our Motives



The scripture says that God is a discerner of the thoughts of our hearts and its motives, “For the Word of God is living and powerful and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the dividing asunder of soul and spirit, and of the joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of

the heart.”

The “why” of our hearts is very important to God. He is not merely concerned with our deeds but the motives behind them.

If we are to receive reward from God, we have to get our motives in the right space. Jesus indicated that He would reward us on the basis of our motives.

This is what our Lord said, “For whosoever shall give you a cup of water to drink in my name, because ye belong to Christ, verily I say unto you, he shall not lose his reward.”

The “because” of the aforementioned good deed is most important. Our motives must be pure for our reward to be secure.

Think about it: why do you do the things you do? Your motives count most.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 2:4

BUT AS WE WERE ALLOWED OF GOD TO BE PUT IN TRUST WITH THE GOSPEL, EVEN SO WE SPEAK; NOT AS PLEASING MEN, BUT GOD, WHICH TRIETH OUR HEARTS



Worship Jesus



The apostle John said, “And I saw in the right hand of him that sat on the throne a book written within and on the backside, sealed with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, Who is worthy to open the book, and to loose the seals thereof? And no man in heaven, nor in earth, neither under the earth, was able to open the book, neither to look thereon. And I wept much, because no man was found worthy to open and to read the book, neither to look thereon. And one of the elders saith unto me, Weep not: behold, the Lion of the tribe of Juda, the Root of David, hath prevailed to open the book, and to loose the seven seals thereof.”

None was found worthy in all the worlds, in all the times and among all men, except Jesus. He earned the right to unveil and unleash the eons.

That same Jesus is our Redeemer, as it is written, “And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth.”

This Sunday, worship Jesus. Sing unto Him a new song, for He alone is worthy. Obey Jesus for His word is true.

He said, “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.”

SCRIPTURE READING: REVELATION 5:14

AND THE FOUR BEASTS SAID, AMEN. AND THE FOUR AND TWENTY ELDERS FELL DOWN AND WORSHIPPED HIM THAT LIVETH FOR EVER AND EVER.



MONDAY, MARCH 31

Gratefulness



The Cambridge Dictionary defines gratefulness as ‘showing or expressing thanks, especially to another person.’ The Oxford Dictionary says its, ‘Feeling or showing an appreciation for something done or received.’ The expressing and showing of thanks is a vital spiritual component of prayer and was extensively taught, practiced and encouraged by Jesus and His Apostles. We do not have

the space here to reference the vast number of scriptures talking about thanksgiving.

Few stories, if any, illustrate the difference between the grateful and the ungrateful like the story of the ten lepers whom Jesus healed. These ten men cried out to Jesus to have mercy on them. He told them to go and show themselves to the priests and as they went they were healed. However, only one of them turned back, to go and glorify God and give Jesus thanks. Jesus marveled that the other nine did not join him and enquired about their whereabouts. The one grateful man was rewarded for his gratefulness and had all his missing limbs restored to him. Well, the ungrateful nine, we never heard of them again.

The apostle Paul indicated that ungratefulness would be a sign of the last days and more specifically of perilous times. One could conclude that the ungrateful are, ‘Exposed to imminent risk of disaster or ruin’ which is the definition for “perilous.”

Never be ungrateful in life. Be grateful even in the little things and boldly express your gratitude. The ungrateful live broken lives, missing essential connections, always having a sense of ‘something is missing.’ God makes the grateful whole.

SCRIPTURE READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:18

IN EVERY THING GIVE THANKS: FOR THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD IN CHRIST JESUS CONCERNING YOU..

DECIDE

Prayer of Salvation

We trust you have been blessed by this devotional. We invite you to make Jesus Christ the Lord of your life by praying this:

“O Lord God, I come to You in the Name of Jesus Christ. Your Word says, “...whosoever shall call on the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21).

I confess that I am a sinner, in need of Your forgiveness. I therefore renounce all forms of wickedness that I have been a part of and ask you to forgive me for all my sin. I ask Jesus Christ, the Son of God, to come into my life and to become Lord and Ruler of my life. I receive eternal life into my spirit. I am Yours forever. According to the bible in Romans 10:9, “That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised Him from the dead, thou shalt be saved, “I declare that I am now saved; I am born again from above by God’s Spirit; I am a child of the Most High God! I now have Christ dwelling in me! I now walk in the consciousness of my new life in Jesus Christ. Praise the Lord!”

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